

RECIPROCITY APPLICATION INFORMATION Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Information for Military Spouses:

Temporary License: If you have an active Alcohol and Drug Counseling license in another state and you are a military spouse, you may be issued a temporary license pending completion of the permanent license requirements. A temporary license specifically for military spouses is available under Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-129.01 and is issued for a period not to exceed 1-year. Please review the following documents required to obtain a temporary license and those listed for a permanent license to determine which process is right for you.

To apply for this temporary license, you need to be a resident of Nebraska and submit the following:

- The attached application
- A copy of your military dependent identification card identifying you as the spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces
- A copy of your spouse's military orders reflecting an active-duty assignment in Nebraska
- A copy of your alcohol and drug counseling license from another state or jurisdiction
- A copy of the statutes, rules, and regulations governing your license which indicate standards that are similar to Nebraska's alcohol and drug counseling licensing requirements.
- License application Fee (unless you qualified for a fee waiver).

Information Relating to Military Education, Training, or Service:

If you have completed education, training, or service that you believe <u>is substantially similar</u> to the education or training required for this credential while you were a member of the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state, you may submit such evidence with your application for review.

LICENSE FEE WAIVER:

If you meet one of the following waiver options, your license fee is waived:

- 1. Young Worker: You are under the age of 26.
- Low-Income Individual: You are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program such as the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, OR your household adjusted gross income is below 130% of the federal income poverty guideline.
 - If you live in Nebraska and are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, no further documentation is required to be submitted.
 - If you live in a state other than Nebraska and are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, submit a copy of a document showing current enrollment.
 - If your household adjusted gross income is at 130% of the Federal Income Poverty Guideline or below, click this link to see
 the current income guidelines https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/documents/LowIncomeFeeWaiverTable.pdf. To be eligible for
 this waiver, you must submit a copy of your most recent tax return.
- 3. <u>Military Family:</u> You are an active duty service member in the armed services of the United States, a military spouse, honorably discharged veteran of the armed services of the United States, spouse of such honorably discharged veteran, and un-remarried surviving spouses of deceased service members of the armed services of the United States. To be eligible for this waiver, you must submit a copy of your ID card, discharge paperwork, or similar document that shows you are a military family member as described above.

MILITARY: To view licensing services available to members of the military and their spouses, visit our website at https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Professions-and-Occupations.aspx

PERMANENT LICENSE IN NEBRASKA - REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

IC&RC Applicants:

LADC licensure via reciprocity is available to those who hold a valid verified reciprocal level credential from a member jurisdiction of the IC&RC/OADA, Inc. or it's successor. (For additional information regarding member jurisdictions view the following web site https://internationalcredentialing.org/reciprocity)

- Hold a valid reciprocal level credential from a member jurisdiction of the IC&RC/AODA, Inc. or its successor. The member jurisdiction
 and the Department must currently hold membership in the IC&RC/AODA, Inc. or its successor for a reciprocity request to be
 considered.
- 2. Must be at least 19 years old, of good character and lawfully present in the U.S.
- 3. Have signed an attestation indicating that you have read and agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics for alcohol and drug counselor licensure and the Grounds for Discipline for alcohol and drug counselor licensure as set out in 172 NAC 15.

Non-IC&RC applicants:

- Holds a license or certification that is current in another jurisdiction that authorizes the applicant to provide alcohol and drug counseling:
- 2. Has at least two hundred seventy hours of alcohol and drug counseling education;
- 3. Has at least three years of full-time alcohol and drug counseling practice following initial licensure or certification in the other jurisdiction; and
- 4. Has passed an alcohol and drug counseling examination.
- 5. Must be at least 19 years old, of good character and lawfully present in the U.S.
- 6. Have signed an attestation indicating that you have read and agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics for alcohol and drug counselor licensure and the Grounds for Discipline for alcohol and drug counselor licensure as set out in 172 NAC 15.

(Checklist of Required Documents: Use the following checklist to help organize your application; you must submit:
1.	Other State License Information:
	IC&RC applicants: You must request documentation from the IC&RC/AODA, Inc. member jurisdiction that you hold a valid reciprocal alcohol and drug credential in that jurisdiction and you are entitled to its endorsement.
	Non-IC&RC applicants: You must contact the state(s) in which you hold a current alcohol and drug counseling license and submit a certification of that license.
	<u>All applicants:</u> You must contact the states in which you are licensed or have held a license in any profession and request the State Office submit a certification of your license to our office.
	Disciplinary Action: If you have had any disciplinary actions taken against your credential(s), you must submit a copy of the disciplinary action(s), including charges and disposition.
2.	☐ US Citizenship/Lawful Presence (must be at least 19 years old):
	 U.S. Citizen, a PHOTOCOPY of one of the following: □ Birth Certificate (Hospital issued keepsake birth certificates cannot be accepted). □ U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired). □ Certificate of Naturalization. □ Other documents that show U.S. Citizenship.
	A Driver's License is NOT acceptable.
	NOT a U.S. Citizen, a PHOTOCOPY of one of the following: Green Card, otherwise known as a Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), both front and back of the card; Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) AND an unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired US visa; or Employment Authorization Card AND An approved deferred action status (DACA); A pending application for asylum in the United States; A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States; or A pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent Residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States.
	NOTE: Documents (other than those for U.S. Citizenship) are verified by our office through the Department of Homeland Security.

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3. Conviction Information: If you have EVER received a ticket from law enforcement or animal control, check the court system to see if the ticket is on your record as a misdemeanor or felony conviction. Speeding tickets are not misdemeanors or felonies. You are required to list ALL convictions (regardless of when they occurred) on the application; you are NOT required to list infractions, diversions or dismissals. Misdemeanor and felony convictions can either be processed through traffic or criminal court, so when you check with the county court/district court, you should ask for both traffic and criminal court misdemeanor/felony convictions.

If you have convictions, you must submit:

- (i) A copy of the court record related to all misdemeanor and felony convictions, that includes the statement of charges and final disposition, if the conviction(s) occurred in a state other than Nebraska;
- (ii) An explanation of the events leading to the conviction (what, when, where, why) and a summary of actions that the applicant has taken to address the behaviors or actions related to the conviction; and
- (iii) A letter from the applicant's probation officer addressing the terms and current status of the probation, if the applicant is currently on probation.

If you had an alcohol and drug evaluation and/or completed treatment, to assist the Board and Department in review of any drug and/or alcohol conviction(s), the treatment provider must submit all evaluations/discharge summaries directly to the Department.

The following provides **SOME** examples of convictions; this is **NOT** a complete list

- MIP/ Tobacco Use by Minor
- DUI / DWI / Open Container
- Controlled Substance
- Shoplifting / Theft / Burglary
- Unauthorized use of a Financial Transaction
- Disturbing the Peace
- Assault / Prostitution
- Disorderly Conduct / Disorderly House
- Fail to Appear in Court

- Driving under Suspension / Revocation
- License Vehicle without Liability Insurance
- False Information or Reporting
- Reckless Driving / Leave the Scene of an Accident
- Operator not Carrying License
- Unlawful Display of Plates/Renewal tabs
- Park Rule Violation / Curfew Violation
- Dog at Large / Fail to Vaccinate Animal
- Littering / Fireworks / Bad Check

NOTE: If you have <u>any criminal charges or license disciplinary actions pending that result in a conviction or license discipline</u>, you are required to report such action to the Investigative Unit within 30 days of the conviction or disciplinary action. Reporting forms can be obtained at the following website: https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Investigations.aspx or by phone 402-471-0175.

4. License Fee. See the license application for a listing of fees.

Pay by check/money order (your cancelled check is your proof of receipt); debit or credit card is not accepted.

Application Review: All applications are reviewed in date order received.

- If your application <u>is missing information</u>, you will be contacted **by e-mail** within approximately 10 days; the e-mail will list the information that is required to compete your application. You have 90 days to complete your application; if not completed within this 90 days, your application will be closed and all documents destroyed. A new application will then be required.
- If your application is complete, you will receive by e-mail your license number.

Records Retention Schedule: When your license is issued, your application and documents will be kept by the Department for 5 years; then all documents will be destroyed. We encourage you to keep a copy of your application for your records.



DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FEE:

Licensure Unit P.O. Box 94986, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4986 <u>Dhhs.licensure2117@nebraska.gov</u> 402-471-2117

RECIPROCITY ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR (LADC) Application

Mail this application to the address listed above.

You must complete all sections of this application

	Fee Waiver: If ck only one waive		et one of t	he followii	ng fee wai	vers, your	initial lice	nse fee <u>is</u>	waived.				
	Young Worker:	I am und	ler 26 yea	rs old.									
	Low-income Individual:												
	☐ I am enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, including, but not limited to, the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, OR												
	☐ My household	adjusted	d gross inc	ome is be	low 130%	of the fed	leral incon	ne poverty	guideline	٠.			
	Military Family: I am an active duty service member in the armed services of the United States, a military spouse, honorably discharged veteran of the armed services of the United States, spouse of such honorably discharged veteran, and un-remarried surviving spouses of deceased service members of the armed services of the United States.												
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1	First:	You must print your Legal Name below First: Middle:						Last Name:					
	List any other names, you are or have ever been known as (AKA), including maiden name and your last name on your birth certificate												
2	Address:	Street/PO/Route:											
		City:					State or Country: Zip:						
3	Social Security Number (SSN):												
4 If you ARE NOT a U.S. Citizen, list your Alien Registration # or I-94 #:			□ A#	#: □ I-9	94 #								
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5	Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):		Place of Birth (City/State or COUNTRY):						
6	Phone #:		Additional Phone #: (optional)*						
	E-Mail Address:								
7	Have you ever been denie take a license examination State?		No	☐ If yes, explain	:				
8		u the spouse of an active du tes Armed Forces who has in Nebraska?		Yes ☐ No ☐ If checked yes and you must include all docum					
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1	Have you <u>EVER</u> been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?	Туре с	of Cri	me	Date of Action	Name of Court Taking Action			
	Yes □ No □								
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LICENSE INFORMATION: The following questions relate to a license that you currently hold or have held to provide health related services (such as nursing, EMT, counselor, etc.) in a state **other** than Nebraska.

You must contact that state and request a verification of your license or send a copy of your license from their electronic look-up site (do not send a copy of your license).

2	Do you hold or have you held a license in any other state(s)?	If yes, what state(s)?	What type of license?				
	Yes □ No □						
	If YES, has your license ever been denied, refused renewal, limited, suspended, revoked or had other disciplinary measures taken against it?	Type of Action	Date of Action	Name of State Taking Action			
	Yes □ No □						

IC&RC APPLICANTS

If you are applying based on an IC&RC member jurisdiction, you must request documentation from the IC&RC/AODA, Inc. member jurisdiction that you hold a valid reciprocal credential in that jurisdiction and is entitled to its endorsement.

SECTION C: NON-IC&RC APPLICANTS If you <u>DO NOT</u> hold a valid verified reciprocal level credential from a member jurisdiction of the IC&RC/OADA, Inc., complete this section.								
1	Education: Did you complete at least 270 hours of alcohounseling education? Include an official copy of the education.	Yes □	l No □					
If you	mation Relating to Military Education, Training, or Service have completed education, training, or service that you believe were a member of the military, you may submit such every	eve is substantially simil			for this credential			
2	Examination: Have you passed an alcohol and drug could line an official copy of the examination results.	Yes □ No □						
3	Practice: Do you have at least 3 years of full-time alcohol practice following issuance of your license in the other state.		Yes □ No □					
Name	e of Practice	State	Date Began	Date Ended				

SECTION D. DRACTICE DRIOD TO LICENSE							
SECTION D: PRACTICE PRIOR TO LICENSE If you practice in Nebraska without a Nebraska license, you are subject to assessment of an Administrative Penalty of \$10 per day up to \$1,000, or other action as provided in the statutes and regulations.							
Yes No Have you practiced Alcohol and Drug Counseling in Nebraska without out a license before submitting the application?							
Number of days: If yes, what are the actual number of days you practiced in							
Nebraska without a license and what is the business name, location and telephone number of the practice:	Name of Business:						
	City:	Telephone #:					
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SECTION E: ATTESTATION							
For the purpose of meeting Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4-108 through 4-114	and 38-129 (<i>check</i>	k ONE of the boxes below):					
I attest that:							
☐ I am a citizen of the United States.							
☐ I am <u>NOT</u> a citizen of the United States. I am a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or a non-immigrant lawfully present in the United States, with documentation such as a permanent resident card, I-94 document, asylum, etc.							
☐ I am NOT a citizen of the United States. I have an unexpidocumentation listed under the Federal REAL ID act, such as		• ,					
$\hfill \square$ I am $\underline{\bf NOT}$ a citizen of the United States, a nonimmigrant, Immigration and Nationality Act.	nor a qualified a	lien under the Federal					
I further attest that:							
 I have read the application or have had the application read to me; I am of good character and all statements on this application are true and complete; and I have read and agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics for alcohol and drug counselor licensure and the Grounds for Discipline for alcohol and drug counselor licensure found in 172 NAC 15 here: https://rules.nebraska.gov/rule?agencyId=37&titleId=101 							
Print Name:							
Signature: Date:							