

# Licensing Task Force

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## Healthcare Subcommittee

### HEALTHCARE LICENSEE DATA REQUESTS

At the Healthcare Subcommittee's organizational meeting on February 13, 2026, the committee discussed several topics that may be potential administrative barriers for healthcare licensees, including:

- licensing costs
- time to licensure

The following pages are organized by licensing board or program and contain data relevant to the topics above. For each healthcare license, the data shows:

- the current number of licenses
- the cost of a license application
- for each FY2025 and FY2026
- the number of license applications
- the mean days to process an application
- the median days to process an application
- the minimum days to process an application, and
- the maximum days to process an application.

License types marked with (\*) require a background check.



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# Board of Allied Health Care Professionals

**Note:** The Boards of Clinical Laboratory Science Practitioners, Radiologic Technologists, and Respiratory Care Practitioners have consolidated to into the Board of Allied Health Care Professionals, effective 1/1/26.

## Clinical Laboratory Science Practitioners

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Clinical Laboratory Scientist	882	100	98	29	15	3	292	66	19	13	5	133
Clinical Laboratory Specialist	48	100	2	12	12	10	13	5	16	17	14	18
Clinical Laboratory Technician	228	100	34	18	12	5	97	38	21	13	7	113

## Radiologic Technologists

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Limited Permit Holder	188	100	72	95	82	32	239	11	80	70	56	122
Radiologic Technologist	2056	100	301	19	10	2	361	157	14	10	4	90

## Respiratory Care Practitioners

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Respiratory Care Practitioner	982	50	149	17	7	0	246	90	8	5	0	90



# Board of Alternative Health Care

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of License (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Acupuncturist	179	125	7	80	46	8	213	4	24	22	15	36
Direct Entry Midwife	47	500	7	43	37	17	95	3	32	27	15	53
Midwife Apprentice	29	200	6	36	45	12	52	3	54	36	4	121
Naturopathic Physician	158	500	5	66	52	4	164	2	26	26	15	36



# Board of Behavioral Health

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of License (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Addiction Counselor Licensure Candidate*	206	250	116	78	55	5	359	35	47	37	1	159
Baccalaureate Social Worker Candidate*	3	200	2	31	31	29	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Certified Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist Certification*	0	125	78	59	41	6	350	46	55	45	10	147
Clinical Social Worker Licensure Candidate*	429	200	161	49	33	0	335	58	4	28	1	162
Licensed Addiction Counselor*	879	250	79	74	50	3	371	29	60	48	3	209
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker*	3	200	9	38	22	7	137	1	174	174	174	174
Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor*	2403	200	260	55	36	1	372	144	38	34	1	162
Licensed Clinical Social Worker*	2049	200	269	58	34	1	336	132	39	33	2	132
Licensed Masters Social Worker*	82	200	30	72	42	19	253	9	49	45	27	103
Marriage Family Therapist*	299	200	42	84	55	5	360	22	42	28	5	129
Marriage and Family Therapist Licensure Candidate*	19	200	3	9	7	5	14	7	37	31	8	90
Master Social Worker Candidate*	21	200	13	70	43	19	273	4	80	65	30	161
Professional Counselor Licensure Candidate*	431	200	189	50	41	1	234	72	34	28	2	140



# Board of Chiropractors

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of License (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Chiropractor	547	300	32	37	18	5	172	18	22	13	3	96
Impairment Evaluator	53	250										



# Board of Dentistry

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of License (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Dental Hygienist	1138	185	67	40	33	3	148	29	18	15	1	72
Dental Hygienist Non-Resident Volunteer			3	13	13	7	19	3	19	16	11	30
Dental Hygienist Volunteer			2	13	13	7	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dentist	978	185	56	44	27	5	389	19	28	18	1	117
Dentist Non-Resident Volunteer			1	58	58	58	58	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dentist Volunteer			1	14	14	14	14	1	23	23	23	23
Denturist	24	185	1	11	11	11	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA



# Board of Massage Therapy

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Massage Therapist	2082	140	176	62	36	0	407	86	37	29	0	215



# Board of Medical Examiners

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Advanced EMT		55	60	16	14	2	76	49	10	9	2	38
Dietitian (new in 2026)	0	75										
Emergency Medical Responder		35	51	14	12	1	62	17	15	9	4	70
Emergency Medical Technician		20	961	17	13	0	289	520	12	9	1	171
Nutritionist	1536	75	636	19	20	0	98	302	8	7	1	75
Paramedic		75	351	17	13	0	279	185	13	9	0	161
Physician	3811	375	735	41	26	3	376	368	32	20	2	178
Physician Assistant	1611	375	229	24	14	3	209	135	29	17	1	160
Physician Compact	8891	375	1013	0	0	0	0	728	0	0	0	2
Physician Occasional Case Exemption			8	8	0	0	32	3	0	0	0	0
Podiatrist	73	375	2	33	33	27	38	1	16	16	16	16
Resident Physician	159	75	89	24	19	3	123	25	16	12	7	49



# Board of Nursing

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse*	4852	75	789	47	31	1	377	544	41	34	1	221
Licensed Practical Nurse*	2223	100	116	89	69	6	399	54	49	45	3	125
Medication Aide I* (no longer offered)	19	25										
Medication Aide II*	192	25	41	46	34	6	196	8	33	24	7	90
Registered Nurse*	27,505	100	3197	132	101	0	486	1049	66	52	2	230



# Board of Nursing Home Administrators

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Nursing Home Administrator	450	225	137	114	98	8	375	35	71	71	14	126



# Board of Optometry

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Optometrist	322	175	29	30	20	1	187	3	21	24	13	25



# Board of Pharmacy

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Certified Pharmacy Technician	1801	35	200	103	9	0	550	55	16	10	2	192
Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	79	25										
Community Pharmacy	247	150	6	74	38	24	253	8	43	37	27	75
Dangerous Drug Researcher	16	100	2	16	16	8	23	1	24	24	24	24
Institutional Pharmacy	92	150	1	14	14	14	14	1	21	21	21	21
Limited-Service Pharmacy	22	45	2	53	53	43	62	6	54	56	30	65
Mail Order Pharmacy	1011	240	187	52	22	3	362	116	29	20	3	182
Medical Practitioner Dispenser Registration	119	240	32	40	28	1	307	12	40	45	7	70
Outpatient Surgical Center	37	45	6	41	41	22	60	2	32	32	20	43
Pharmacist	2482	130	108	107	85	2	374	30	64	57	26	135
Pharmacist Intern	304	50	61	18	14	1	64	36	17	18	3	36
Veterinary Retail Facility Pharmacy License	11	150	6	17	18	3	29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wholesale Drug Distributor	1840	240	286	35	14	2	363	162	26	15	3	154
Veterinary Retail Facility Pharmacy License	11	150	6	17	18	3	29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wholesale Drug Distributor	1840	240	286	35	14	2	363	162	26	15	3	154



# Board of Physical, Rehabilitative, and Developmental Health Care Professionals

**Note:** The Boards of Athletic Trainers, Occupational Therapy Practice, Physical Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists have consolidated to into the Physical, Rehabilitative, and Developmental Health Care Professionals Board, effective 1/1/26.

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max

## Athletic Trainers

Athletic Trainer	189	175	23	21	14	7	82	15	15	10	6	52
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## Occupational Therapy Practice

Occupational Therapist	802	190	98	24	8	0	344	67	13	7	0	123
Occupational Therapy Assistant	116	190	15	12	9	3	50	12	7	6	0	26
Resident Physician	159	75	89	24	19	3	123	25	16	12	7	49

## Physical Therapy

Physical Therapist*	1825	100	110	49	33	6	254	67	42	34	6	125
Physical Therapist Assistant*	426	100	38	70	61	14	202	15	40	31	0	107

## Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Audiologist	135	150	16	63	11	4	525	9	13	12	7	19
Audiologist Assistant	18	50	11	19	8	3	129	5	13	14	7	15
Limited Speech-Language Pathologist	41	25	27	31	21	7	159	15	24	17	7	135
Speech-Language Pathologist	794	150	86	14	9	3	153	42	21	11	4	129
Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	77	50	62	16	9	2	215	13	16	14	7	26
Speech-Language Pathologist Audiologist	7	150	1	6	6	6	6	1	10	10	10	10



# Board of Psychologists

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Assistant Behavioral Analyst*	5	338	1	71	71	71	71	12	29	23	14	54
Behavioral Analyst*	108	450	19	47	36	11	175	12	29	23	14	54
Psychologist	390	250	35	58	48	14	214	12	57	39	19	203



# Board of Veterinary Medicine

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Certified Euthanasia Technician	6	150	10	22	5	2	132	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Embryo Transfer Technician	9	100										
Euthanasia Technician	39	80										
Veterinarian	1350	200	109	50	34	1	371	17	34	29	1	109
Veterinarian Technician	294	150	37	48	28	1	300	17	32	21	2	110
Veterinary Dispensing Technician	42	35	42	5	0	0	82	3	3	0	0	8



# Genetic Counselor Program

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Genetic Counselor		500	43	13	5	0	91	24	13	5	1	72
Genetic Counselor Provisional			2	2	2	1	3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA



# Hearing Aid Dispenser Program

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Hearing Aid Dispenser		300	19	103	8	0	398	7	3	3	0	8
Hearing Aid Dispenser Trainee		600										



# Pediatric Complex Care Assistant Program

License Type	Number of Licenses	Cost of Licensure (Application)	FY 2025					FY 2026				
			# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max	# of Lic.	Mean Days	Median Days	Min	Max
Pediatric Complex Care Assistant		25	7	8	2	2	33	21	24	16	1	111