

# Licensing Reform Task Force Barriers Subcommittee

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## NATIONAL CERTIFYING ENTITIES

At the Barriers Subcommittee's organizational meeting on March 6, 2026, the committee requested information on national certifying entities.

The following is a listing of boards and programs that have access to national certifying entities and includes details on the services the entity provides.



Montana Department of  
**LABOR & INDUSTRY**

# Board of Allied Health Care

## American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)<sup>1</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Clinical Laboratory Scientists
- Clinical Laboratory Specialists
- Clinical Laboratory Technicians

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - The Board of Certification may revoke credentials for unethical behavior, fraud, or violation of the Credential Holder Code of Conduct, such as sharing exam questions.
  - Revocation is rare but can occur following investigation, which may also result in a permanent ban from future examinations.
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## American Medical Technologists (AMT)<sup>2</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Clinical Laboratory Scientists
- Clinical Laboratory Technicians

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Has a disciplinary process to uphold the standards of practice and ethical behavior for all members and certificates.
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## American Association of Bioanalysts Board of Registry (AAB ABOR)<sup>3</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Clinical Laboratory Scientists

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Sanctions (denies, revokes, or suspends) certifications if a holder fails to meet professional standards, such as conviction of a felony, professional misconduct, or falsifying application information.
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## American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (AMBGG)<sup>4</sup>

## American Board of Clinical Chemistry (ABCC)<sup>5</sup>

- Montana does not use
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## American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)<sup>6</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Radiologic Technologists

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
- Disciplines certifications for violations of its Standards of Ethics, including fraud, unprofessional conduct, or failure to meet continuing education requirements.
- Sanctions range from reprimands and Suspensions to permanent revocation of credentials.

<sup>1</sup>[ascp.org](http://ascp.org)

<sup>4</sup>[abmagg.org](http://abmagg.org)

<sup>2</sup>[americanmedtech.org](http://americanmedtech.org)

<sup>5</sup>[abclinchem.org](http://abclinchem.org)

<sup>3</sup>[aab.org](http://aab.org)

<sup>6</sup>[arrt.org](http://arrt.org)

## National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC)<sup>7</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Respiratory Care Practitioners

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Shows if applicant is certified to practice as a respiratory care provider and if the license is still valid.
  - Does not discipline but does report discipline.
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## Board of Architects

### National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)<sup>8</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Architect

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Disciplines but only the NCARB certification and usually in response to a licensing board action.
  - Investigates misuse or misrepresentation of certificate.
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### Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB)<sup>9</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Architect
- Landscape Architect

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Does not discipline but will report issues if another state reports.
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## Board of Behavioral Health

### The Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)<sup>10</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Addiction Counselor  
Licensure Candidate
- Licensed Addiction Counselor

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Disciplines, however, does not report issues.
  - Regulates exams, which are sent directly from the entity.
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### National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)<sup>11</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Professional Counselor  
Licensure Candidate
- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
- Disciplines, however, does not report issues.
- Regulates exams, which are accessed through a secure login.

<sup>7</sup>[nbrc.org](http://nbrc.org)

<sup>9</sup>[clarb.org](http://clarb.org)

<sup>8</sup>[ncarb.org](http://ncarb.org)

<sup>10</sup>[naadac.org](http://naadac.org)

# Crane Program

## National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO)<sup>12</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Crane Operator

### DETAILS:

- Optional in Montana
  - Does not discipline or revoke certification.
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## Crane Institute Certification (CIC)<sup>13</sup>

## Operating Engineers Certification Program (OECF)<sup>14</sup>

## National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)<sup>15</sup>

## Electrical Industry Certifications Association (EICA)<sup>16</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Crane Operator

### DETAILS:

- Optional in Montana
  - All these entities discipline, suspend, and revoke certifications.
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# Board of Dentistry

## National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)<sup>17</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Dentist

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Shows detailed actions and other discipline issues that the applicant has accrued since they have been practicing.
  - Entity defers any discipline to the state, but tracks infractions and outcome.
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# Doula Program

## National Doula Certification Board (NDCB)<sup>18</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Doula

### DETAILS:

- Complaint process in place
  - Suspension/withdrawal of certificate
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<sup>11</sup>[nbcc.org](http://nbcc.org)

<sup>15</sup>[nccer.org](http://nccer.org)

<sup>12</sup>[nccco.org](http://nccco.org)

<sup>16</sup>[eica-us.org](http://eica-us.org)

<sup>13</sup>[cic.org](http://cic.org)

<sup>17</sup>[npdb-hrsa.org](http://npdb-hrsa.org)

<sup>14</sup>[oecp.org](http://oecp.org)

<sup>18</sup>[doulaboard.org](http://doulaboard.org)

# State Electrical Board

## National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA)<sup>19</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Master Electrician
- Journeyman Electrician
- Residential Electrician

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Verifies license and exam score
  - May indicate license discipline, but its not consistent (there is no standard discipline statement).
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# Elevator Program

## American National Standards Institute (ANSI)<sup>20</sup>

## American Society of Mechanical Engineers (AMSE)<sup>21</sup>

## National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities (NAESA)<sup>22</sup>

### DETAILS:

- Requires 1 of 3 of the options
  - ANSI and ASME do not discipline
  - NAESA disciplines/suspends/revokes certification
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# Emergency Care Program

## National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (MREMT)<sup>23</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Paramedic

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Does not discipline but there is a reported discipline on the individual license.
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<sup>19</sup>[nerastates.org](http://nerastates.org)

<sup>20</sup>[ansi.org](http://ansi.org)

<sup>21</sup>[asme.org](http://asme.org)

<sup>22</sup>[naesai.org](http://naesai.org)

<sup>23</sup>[nremt.org](http://nremt.org)

# Fire Protection Program

National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET)<sup>24</sup>

Electronic Security Association National Training School (ESA)<sup>25</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Fire Alarm Installer
- Fire Extinguishing Systems
- Special Agent Fire Suppression

## DETAILS:

- Optional in Montana
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# Board of Funeral Services

National Board Examination of the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards (The Conference)<sup>26</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Mortician

## DETAILS:

- Disciplines but does not report issues.
  - Regulates exams through a secure login on its website
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# Genetic Counselor Program

American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC)<sup>27</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Genetic Counselor

## DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Disciplines, cancels, suspends, denies, and revokes certifications.
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# Board of Massage Therapy

Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)<sup>28</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Massage Therapist

## DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Does not discipline but will report issues with exam results that are sent to the licensing division.
  - Supplies MBLEX exam scores to state boards.
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<sup>24</sup>[nicet.org](http://nicet.org)

<sup>27</sup>[abgc.net](http://abgc.net)

<sup>25</sup>[esaweb.org](http://esaweb.org)

<sup>28</sup>[fsmtb.org](http://fsmtb.org)

<sup>26</sup>[theconferenceonline.org](http://theconferenceonline.org)

# Board of Medical Examiners

## National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)<sup>29</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Physician Assistant

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
- Shows certification once a PA has passed a required test
- May issue a range of disciplinary sanctions.

*The sanctions of censure and permanent or non-permanent revocation of board certification or eligibility for certification are called “reportable” because they are reported by NCCPA to the Federation of State Medical Boards for entry into its Board Action Data Bank, any state licensing authority with which a PA holds or have held a license to practice as a PA, the federal government, and any other interested third party.*

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## Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)<sup>30</sup>

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Shows any state licenses, whether active or not, that the applicant holds
  - Does not discipline but keeps track of any discipline actions that have been incurred by the applicant and license holder
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## National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)<sup>31</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Physicians

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Shows detailed actions and other discipline issues that the applicant has accrued
  - Defer discipline to the state, but track infractions and outcome
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## American Osteopathic Association (AOA)<sup>32</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Osteopathic Physicians

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Shows any state licenses, whether active or not, that the applicant holds
  - Does not discipline but keeps track of any discipline actions that have been incurred by the applicant and license holder
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## Commission on Dietetic Registration<sup>33</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Nutritionist

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
- Does not discipline

<sup>29</sup>[nccpa.net](http://nccpa.net)

<sup>31</sup>[npdb.org](http://npdb.org)

<sup>30</sup>[fsmb.org](http://fsmb.org)

<sup>32</sup>[certification.osteopathic.org](http://certification.osteopathic.org)

<sup>33</sup>[npdb.org](http://npdb.org)

# Board of Nursing

## National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)<sup>34</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Nurse

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Does not discipline
  - Used to verify NCLEX exam results and make applicants eligible for the NCLEX exam
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## National Nurse Licensure System (NURSYS)<sup>35</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Nurse

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Does not discipline but will report issues if another state reports them to NURSYS when verifying a license
  - Used to verify a license and discipline in other states
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## Pediatric Nurse Certification Board (PNCB), National Certification Corporation (NCC)<sup>36</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Used to verify applicant's certification - sent to us directly
  - Have a mechanism to receive complaints and discipline accordingly
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## TruMerit (CGFNS)<sup>37</sup>

## Josef Sinley and Associates (JSA)<sup>38</sup>

## International Education Evaluations (IEE)<sup>39</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Nurse

### DETAILS:

- Do not discipline
  - Used to verify international education and verifications
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## American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB)<sup>40</sup>

## American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)<sup>41</sup>

## American Midwifery Certification Board (AMBC)<sup>42</sup>

## American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)<sup>43</sup>

## National Board of Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetist (NBCRNA)<sup>44</sup>

<sup>34</sup>[ncsbn.org](http://ncsbn.org)

<sup>36</sup>[pncb.org](http://pncb.org)

<sup>38</sup>[jsinley.org](http://jsinley.org)

<sup>40</sup>[aanpcert.org](http://aanpcert.org)

<sup>42</sup>[amcbmidwife.org](http://amcbmidwife.org)

<sup>44</sup>[nbcrna.com](http://nbcrna.com)

<sup>35</sup>[nursys.com](http://nursys.com)

<sup>37</sup>[trumerit.org](http://trumerit.org)

<sup>39</sup>[jee-usa.com](http://jee-usa.com)

<sup>41</sup>[aacn.org](http://aacn.org)

<sup>43</sup>[nursingworld.org](http://nursingworld.org)

# Board of Optometry

## National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO)<sup>45</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Optometrist

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Disciplines but does not report issues
  - Regulates exams with access through a secure login on its website
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## National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)<sup>46</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Optometrist

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Shows detailed actions and other discipline issues that the applicant has accrued
  - Defer discipline to the state, but track infractions and outcome
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# Board of Pharmacy

## Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)<sup>47</sup>

## National Healthcareer Association (ExCPT)<sup>48</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Pharmacy Technician

### DETAILS:

- 1 of the 2 options is required
  - PTCB disciplines
  - ExCPT disciplines if exam security is compromised
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<sup>45</sup>[optometry.org](http://optometry.org)

<sup>47</sup>[ptcb.org](http://ptcb.org)

<sup>46</sup>[npdb.hrsa.gov](http://npdb.hrsa.gov)

<sup>48</sup>[nhanow.com](http://nhanow.com)

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

American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA)<sup>49</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Audiologists
- Speech Pathologists

## DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
- Disciplines its members and certificate holders (CCC-A, CCC-SLP) for violations of its Code of Ethics

*The ASHA Board of Ethics can impose sanctions including reprimands, censure, suspension, or revocation of certification, and publishes those decisions*

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## Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers<sup>50</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Athletic Trainer

### DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Issues discipline to certified Athletic Trainers and applicants who violate the BOC standards of practice.
  - BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee investigates and can impose sanctions such as public censure, suspension, or revocation of certification.
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## Private Security Program

National Rifle Association (NRA)<sup>51</sup>

### DETAILS:

- Firearm training
  - Disciplines, and may result in revocation of NRA training credentials
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## Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)<sup>52</sup>

### OCCUPATIONS:

- Engineer in Training
- Land Surveyor Intern
- Land Surveyor
- Professional Engineer

### DETAILS:

- Doesn't discipline but will report issues if another state reports them when verifying a license.
- Transfers records related to licensing containing exams, education, references, experience, and license verifications.

<sup>49</sup>[asha.org](http://asha.org)

<sup>51</sup>[nrainstructors.org](http://nrainstructors.org)

<sup>50</sup>[bocatc.org](http://bocatc.org)

<sup>52</sup>[ncees.org](http://ncees.org)

# Board of Public Accountants

National Association of State Board of Accountancy (NASBA)<sup>53</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Certified Public Accountant

## DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Doesn't discipline but will report issues if another state reports them when verifying a license.
  - Manages records related to licensing containing exams, education, references, experience, and sends to us directly.
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# Board of Real Estate Appraisers

The Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC)<sup>54</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Real Estate Appraisers - TPG, TPL, TPR, RAG, RAR, RAL, and AMC

## DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
  - Doesn't discipline but tracks the state discipline on the licensee.
  - Use for license verification.
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# Board of Veterinary Medicine

American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)<sup>55</sup>

## OCCUPATIONS:

- Veterinarian
- Veterinarian Technician

## DETAILS:

- Required in Montana
- Doesn't discipline but will report it on the AAVSB packets that are sent if other states report action to them.
- Transfers vet records to state board such as verifications, exams, and education.

<sup>53</sup>[nasba.org](http://nasba.org)

<sup>54</sup>[asc.gov](http://asc.gov)

<sup>55</sup>[aavsb.org](http://aavsb.org)