



**GOVERNMENT OF
THE VIRGINS ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1303 HOSPITAL GROUND, STE. 10 – ST THOMAS, VI 00802**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

**(340) 718-1311 XT 3647 STX
(340) 774-7477 XT 5694 STT**

To Whom It May Concern:

We received your request for information regarding **Chiropractic** licensure in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Enclosed are an application and the requirements for licensure. Please fill out the application and submit with all the required documentation to the Board.

Your interest is appreciated. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call the Office of Professional Licensure and Health Planning at (340)774-7477 XT 5694 (STT) or (340)718-1311 XT 3647 (STX.)

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Masiello, DC
Chairperson, V.I. Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Enclosures

REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Applications for examination shall be sent to the V.I. Board of Chiropractic Examiners, c/o Department of Health, 1303 Hospital Ground, Suite 10, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The applicant shall submit with the following documentation for licensure:

1. V.I. Board of Chiropractic Examiners license application;
2. A recent, dated passport size photograph, autographed across the back.
3. Fee in the amount of **\$145.00** made payable to "Government of the Virgin Islands;"
4. Chronological account of all time spent between the date of graduation from your chiropractic school and time of this application;
5. Be a graduate of an accredited four-year resident school of chiropractic approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education as recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Board. Copy of degree must be furnished;
6. In addition to graduation from an equivalent Doctor of Chiropractic program, Foreign graduates must also complete the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC) exam;
7. Must furnish a certified official transcript from Chiropractic college;
8. Must submit National Board of Chiropractic Examiners official transcript of **scores** (Parts I, II, III & IV). SPEC exam accepted in lieu of NBCE Part IV for licensed applicants who graduated from an approved Doctor of Chiropractic program prior to 1995;
9. Be twenty-one (21) years of age or over. **Copy** of birth certificate or similar evidence is required;
10. Be of good moral character as shown by at least **THREE** original (3) currently dated letters of favorable character reference from Doctors of Chiropractic;
11. **Notarized** Affidavit attesting to non-addiction to intemperate use of alcoholic stimulants and/or narcotic drugs;
12. If previously licensed in another jurisdiction, applicant must provide a license verification letter from state board(s), proof of professional standing in all state(s) he/she is licensed to practice. **Copy** of license must be furnished;
13. Chiropractic Information Network/Board Action Databank (CIN-BAD) BACKGROUND CHECK CONDUCTED ON ALL APPLICANTS;

EXAMINATION:

The V.I. Board of Chiropractic Examiners will give a practical examination to all qualified applicants in accordance with the provisions of the Virgin Islands Code. ***THERE IS NO RECIPROCITY WITH OTHER STATES.*** All applicants are required to take a closed book jurisprudence exam based on the VI Chiropractic Practice Act (enclosed).

Application for licensure **must** be submitted to the Board **Two (2)** months prior to the date of the examination. Upon review and acceptance by the Board, the applicant will be notified.

NO PRACTICE IS PERMITTED WITHOUT A VALID VIRGIN ISLANDS LICENSE!



BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS FOR THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE *Filing Deadline - Two (2) Months Before Examination Date (2ND WEEK IN JUNE, NOVEMBER)*

E-Mail _____
Print Name _____ Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Birth date ____/____/____ Birthplace _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Citizen of _____ (If you were not born in the United States, your own **original certificate of or of Declaration of Intention or of Derivative Citizenship must** be submitted. Original documents will be returned by certified mail).

High School _____ Location _____
College _____ Location _____
Professional School _____ Location _____
Date graduated ____/____/____ Degree received _____
mm/dd/yyyy

If employed, give name and address of employer _____

Has any State rejected your application or revoked your professional license? (Yes or No) _____
(If "Yes" attach explanation)

Have you ever been convicted of any crime or unprofessional conduct? (Yes or No) _____
(If "Yes" attach explanation)

Time of examination requested (give month/year - June/November) _____

Place of Examination ST. THOMAS

AFFIDAVIT

STAPLE PHOTOGRAPH ON
TOP EDGE SECURELY IN
THIS SPACE

SIGN AND DATE ACROSS THE
BACK

Note: Any false or misleading information in or in connection with any application may be cause for debarment on the ground of lack of good moral character.

State of _____)
County or City of _____) ss

The undersigned, being duly sworn deposes and says that he/she is the person who executed this application; that the statements herein contained are true in every respect; that he/she has never been convicted of a crime; that he/she has never been expelled from any professional society; that he/she has not suppressed any information that might affect this application; that he/she will conform to the ethical standards of conduct in his/her profession; and that he/she has read and understands this affidavit.

*A crime would include either a felony or a misdemeanor.

(Signature of Applicant)

Date of photograph

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____

Notary Public

Commissioner of Deeds

My Commission expires on _____ / _____ / 20____

PERSONAL SIGNATURE OF PERSONS RECOMMENDING APPLICANT

This certifies that I have been personally acquainted with the applicant since the year(s) indicated opposite my name; that I believe him/her to be of a good moral character and worthy of licensure in the U.S. Virgin Islands; and that any reservations I may have about the applicant I agree to send by certified mail in a confidential letter to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

<u>Please Print Name</u>	<u>Personal Signature</u>	<u>P.O. Address (Including street & city)</u>	<u>Known Since</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

(Signatures are required by not fewer than three citizens unrelated to applicant who must be licensed in the profession for which an applicant wishes to be examined or who are members of the faculty of an accredited Doctor of Chiropractic Program.

**Return Application to: V.I. Board of Chiropractic Examiners
c/o Department of Health
1303 Hospital Ground, Suite 10
St. Thomas, V.I. 00802**



VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION OF THE FORM AND MAIL TO EACH STATE BOARD IN WHICH HE/SHE ARE NOW OR HAVE EVER BEEN LICENSED TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC. IF NEEDED, YOU MAY MAKE ADDITIONAL OF THIS PAGE.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am being considered for Chiropractic licensure in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands. The V.I. Board of Chiropractic Examiners requires that this form be completed by each state in which, I am now or have ever been licensed to practice my profession. Enclosed is my authorization for release of information. **Please forward this form directly to: VI Board of Chiropractic Examiners, c/o Department of Health, 1300 Hospital Ground, Suite 10, St Thomas, VI 00802**

Applicant's Signature

Name: _____

Address: _____

My License No. in your State: _____

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE STATE BOARD AND RETURNED DIRECTLY TO THE VI BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS.

State/Territory of: _____

Full Name of Licensee: _____

License No.: _____ Issuance Date: _____

Is license current and in good standing? ____ If NO, furnish details. _____

Has any disciplinary action ever been taken against the above named Chiropractor? ____ If YES, furnish details.

Comments, if any: _____

BOARD SEAL

Signed: _____

Title: _____

State Board: _____

Date: _____



AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

In order for the Virgin Islands Board of Chiropractic Examiners to assess and verify my educational background and professional qualifications, I hereby authorize the Board to:

- Make inquiries concerning such information about me to my employers (past and present), institution(s) or organization(s), my references, all governmental agencies and instrumentalities (local, state, federal or foreign);
- authorize the release of such information and copies of related records and documents to the Virgin Islands Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- authorize the Board to disclose to such person, employers, institutions, organizations, references, governmental agencies and instrumentalities identifying and other information about me sufficient to enable the Board to make such inquiries;
- release from liability all those who provide information to the Virgin Islands Board of Chiropractic Examiners in good faith and without malice in response to such inquiries.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____ 20____,

Notary Public

My Commission expire

OVERRIDDEN

DATE: 09/27/2013

ACT NO. 7510 VETOED

JUL 18 2013

BILL NO. 30-0037

GOVERNOR

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2013

An Act amending Virgin Islands Code title 3, chapter 23, section 415, and title 27, chapter 1, subchapter X, relating to the practice of chiropractic medicine

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, section 415, subsection (b) is amended in paragraph (7) by striking "two physicians, two doctors of chiropractic" and inserting "four chiropractic physicians" who have held a license to practice chiropractic in the Territory at least three years and by striking all of the language after the phrase, "neither a physician nor a" and inserting "chiropractic physician" all of whom must be bona fide residents of the Virgin Islands.

(A) The public member of the Board must not be in any manner connected with, or have an interest in, any college or school of chiropractic or any person practicing any form of healing or treatment of bodily or mental ailments.

(B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C), a Board member may not receive compensation as an agent or employee of or a contractor for an insurance company.

(C) Subparagraph (B) does not prevent a Board member who is a licensed chiropractic physician from receiving compensation from an insurance company for patient care, as provided for in a patient's insurance policy.

SECTION 2. Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter X is amended in the following instances:

(1) Section 167a is amended by striking all of the language after "subchapter" and inserting new language that reads as follows:

"(1) 'Practice of chiropractic' means the diagnosis and treatment of human ailments, as taught by a school or college of chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, recognized by the United States Department of Education, including:

(A) The detection and correction of structural and functional imbalance, nerve interference, distortion, misalignment and subluxations in the human body and their effects for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health;

(B) All appropriate physiotherapy procedures and other appropriate treatment to restore and maintain the nervous, muscular or skeletal systems and the general health of the human body by manual or instrument correction;

(C) The taking of case histories, examining and evaluating the patient, ordering or performing laboratory and other diagnostic tests, as needed, diagnosing the condition and then treating, managing, co-managing or referring to other specialists, as warranted; and

(D) The performance of health promotion and wellness procedures and services, including exercise, nutrition, weight loss, stress reduction, and education and counseling on general health matters, in accordance with the standards and practices of the Council on Chiropractic Education, recognized by the United States Department of Education."

(2) Section 167d is amended in paragraph (2) by striking "chiropractors" and inserting "chiropractic physicians", by designating the existing language as subsection (f) and by adding subsections (a) through (e) to read as follows:

"(a) As used in this subchapter, "Board" means the Virgin Islands Board of Chiropractic Examiners established under 3 V.I.C. §415 (b) (7) and authorized to operate under this subchapter.

(b) Members of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall serve a term of four years and may be reappointed. Upon the conclusion of the term of any member of the Board, the member shall continue to serve until a new member has been appointed and confirmed. Members of the Board may be removed by the Governor only for cause.

(c) A quorum consists of three of the Board's members. A majority of those present shall decide on all matters before the Board. Members of the Board may participate in meetings by video conference to minimize the need for inter-island travel, and the Board shall use video conferencing whenever practical. However, this subsection may not be construed to permit any violation of 1 V.I.C. §254.

(d) Each member is entitled to receive \$75 for each day or part of a day spent in the attendance of official meetings of the Board, plus actual travel expenses when the member travels from the island of the member's residence to attend an official meeting.

(e) A Board member who acts within the authority of the Board is personally immune from civil liability with respect to all actions the Board member takes in good faith pursuant to this subchapter."

(3) Section 167e is amended as follows:

(A) in paragraph (4) after "Science" by inserting, "Bachelor of Arts"; after "degree", by inserting "with the required subjects for admission and graduation, and the awarding of a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree"; and after "Department of Education," by inserting "and the Board"; and

(B) by striking paragraphs (5) and (6) in their entirety.

(4) Section 167f is amended in subsection (b) by striking all of the language after "75%" and adding new language that reads as follows: "in the subjects on which the candidates were examined, but may not attain a grade lower than 65% in any subject".

(5) Section 167g is amended in the second sentence after "reexamination" by inserting "of any part with a grade lower than 65%".

(6) Section 167i is amended:

(A) in subsection (a) by striking "annually" and inserting "biennially" and by striking "\$100" and inserting "\$200" and completion of such continuing education courses as the Board through regulations shall require; and

(B) in subsection (b) after "drunkenness," by inserting "un-prescribed or".

(7) Section 167j is amended:

(A) in subsection (a), inserting "and imaging" after every occurrence of "x-ray", in paragraph (1), by striking "shall not be used for therapeutic purposes, but", and by striking paragraph (2) in its entirety;

(B) in subsection (b) by striking "chiropractors" and inserting "chiropractic physician's" and by inserting "and imaging after x-ray";

(C) in subsection (c) by striking "Chiropractors shall retain for a period of five years" and inserting "Chiropractic physicians shall comply with territorial and federal laws in retaining" and by striking the words, "x-ray films" and inserting in their place "x-rays and imaging", by inserting "all" after "make", by striking the words, "films and", and by inserting after every other occurrence of the word, "x-ray" or "x-rays" in subsection (c), the words, "and imaging"; and

(D) in subsection (d) by striking "chiropractor" and inserting "chiropractic physician's"; and after "government" by adding "and approved by the Board, and after "x-rays" by inserting "or imaging".

(8) Section 167k is amended:

(A) after "appendicitis" by striking "or diabetes";

(B) after "fractures" by striking "or", and inserting a semicolon (;), and the phrase, "to reduce", and after "dislocations" by inserting "except in an emergency";

(C) after "involving" by striking "chemical or biological means" and inserting "prescription pharmaceuticals";

(D) after "means" by striking "or to utilize therapeutic devices except electrical devices approved by the Board as being essential to the practice of chiropractic"; and

(E) by striking the last sentence in the section; designating the remaining sentence as subsection (a) and adding subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

"(b) Nothing in this section may be construed as restricting a licensed chiropractic physician from performing scholastic, sports, routine or other physical examinations, ordering or performing standard medical, laboratory or radiological or imaging procedures, as a means to assist in arriving at a diagnosis of the patient's condition, or the utilizing of procedures, structural supports, devices, electric or otherwise, for the purpose of the chiropractic treatment, making an appropriate referral or recommending nutritional, herbal, homeopathic, enzyme or other non-prescription pharmacological supplements or preparations.

(c) A licensed chiropractic physician may render health care services, without undue restrictions, as any other physician under the Virgin Islands workers compensation law".

(9) Section 1671 is amended:

(A) after "Doctor" by inserting, "Doctor of Chiropractic,"

(B) after "abbreviation" by inserting "D.C.,"

(C) after the phrase, "unless the", by striking "chiropractor" and inserting "chiropractic physician"; and

(D) after the phrase, "designation of", by inserting "Chiropractic Physician," "Doctor of Chiropractic, or".

SECTION 3. The Governor shall make appointments to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners consistent with the membership composition established in 3 V.I.C. §415(b)(7), as amended by section 1 of this Act, no later than 30 days after enactment of this Act members serving on the Board on the effective date of this section shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and confirmed.

SECTION 4. The Board of Chiropractic Examiners, no later than 180 days after the appointment of all the Board members pursuant to section 3, shall establish and promulgate regulations pursuant to title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, subchapter X, section 167d, as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. The Board of Chiropractic Examiners no later than 365 days after appointment of all the Board members pursuant to section 3, shall promulgate regulations relating to the continuing education requirements established under 27 V.I.C. §167i, as added by section 2(6) of this Act. The Board may also approve and accept appropriate, continuing medical education courses offered by or at the Hospitals.

SECTION 6. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect 90 days after enactment.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on June 28, 2013.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 8th Day of July, A.D., 2013.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn-Michael Malone".

Shawn-Michael Malone
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janette Millin Young".

Janette Millin Young
Legislative Secretary