



Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

July 2026

1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will these regulations do?

12 AAC 02.108. Acupuncturists

The proposed changes will decrease the following fees for acupuncturists: initial license fee, biennial license renewal fee. Both of these fees are being decreased from \$325 to \$250.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

\$250 initial license fee and \$250 for renewal. The renewal reduction will go into effect for the 2028 renewal period.

3. How are the estimated costs determined?

AS 08.01.065 requires *all costs* of regulating the profession to be borne by its licensees. The proposed fees are based on known and anticipated costs.

4. When will the regulations and new fees be effective?

As the 2026 renewal cycle is so soon, the new fees will not go into effect until after the 2026 renewal cycle to ensure that all licensees are paying the same amount.

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Department for consideration. The Department may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in whole. After Department action, the adopted regulations go to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulations take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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