



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
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CONCORD, NH 03301

## Rulemaking Notice Form

**Notice Number:** 2026-47

**Rule Number:** Acp 400

1. **Agency:** Board of Acupuncture Licensing  
c/o Office of Professional Licensure and Certification  
7 Eagle Square  
Concord, NH 03301
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 328-G:7, III
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Repeal, Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** License Renewal and Continuing Education
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

Chapter Acp 400 governs license renewal, continuing education requirements, and disciplinary sanctions for licensed acupuncturists.

The proposed rules readopt Chapter Acp 400 with amendment to:

- Align renewal procedures with standardized Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) processes under Plc 308 (renewals) and Plc 1002 (fees);
- Replace the former board-specific renewal form with the OPLC Universal Application for License Renewal and associated addendum;
- Clarify continuing education requirements, including the 30-hour biennial requirement, allowable professional development activities, carryover limits, waiver procedures, and course approval standards;

- Update references to National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and its successor organization;
- Repeal obsolete or duplicative provisions related to renewal filing dates, denial standards, and continuing education deficiency procedures;
- Modernize disciplinary provisions to conform to RSA 310 and OPLC enforcement procedures, including incorporation of Plc 206 (adjudicative proceedings) and Plc 311 (sanction standards and reciprocal discipline); and
- Repeal outdated immediate suspension and voluntary surrender provisions that are now governed under RSA 541-A and Plc rules.

This rule does not implement a state statute for the first time

**6.(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

The rule affects licensed acupuncturists and applicants for license renewal in New Hampshire. It also affects continuing education providers seeking board approval of courses. The rule does not affect the general public directly, political subdivisions, or other professions, except to the extent that it clarifies disciplinary procedures applicable to licensed acupuncturists.

**6.(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

<b>RULE</b>	<b>SPECIFIC STATE STATUTE THE RULE IMPLEMENTS</b>
Acp 401.01 (former Acp 401.02)	RSA 310:4, II(c); RSA 310:8; RSA 328-G:9, IX & X; RSA 328-G:7, III
Acp 401.03 – Acp 401.05 (repeal)	
Acp 402.01	RSA 328-G:9, X; RSA 328-G:7, III
Acp 402.02 (repeal)	
Acp 402.02 (former Acp 402.03)	RSA 328-G:9, X; RSA 328-G:7, III
Acp 402.03 (former Acp 402.04)	RSA 328-G:9, X; RSA 328-G:7, III
Acp 402.04 (former Acp 402.05)	RSA 328-G:9, X; RSA 328-G:7, III
Acp 402.06 (repeal)	
Acp 403.01	RSA 310:4, II(d); RSA 310:12; RSA 541-A:30, III
Acp 403.02	RSA 310:12
Acp 402.03 (repeal)	
Acp 402.04 (repeal)	
Acp 403.03 (former Acp 403.05)	RSA 310:12

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

Friday, April 17, 2026

- Fax
- Email [Oplc-rules@oplc.nh.gov](mailto:Oplc-rules@oplc.nh.gov)
- Other

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**

**Date:** Friday, April 10, 2026

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Place:**

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification  
7 Eagle Square  
Concord, NH 03301

**Electronic Access, if applicable:** N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

FIS #: 26:032, dated: 2026-02-17

**1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to the various rules being repealed.

**2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

**3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

The fee provision referenced in Acp 401.01 rule is applicable to Plc 1002.02, relative to application processing and licensing fees for the professions regulated by the Board of Acupuncture Licensing.

Additionally, the fines referenced in Acp 403.01-403.02 rules are applicable to RSA 310:12, I(e), relative to administrative fines.

**A. To State general or State special funds:**

None.

**B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

None.

**C. To independently owned businesses:**

None.

**11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

There are no costs associated with these rules, and these rules do not apply to political subdivisions. These rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures, and so does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.