STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
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Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-169

Rule Number: Acp 300

1. **Agency:** Board of Acupuncture Licensing

   Agency Address: 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

3. **Federal Authority:**

4. **Action(s):** Repeal, Adopt, Readopt, Readopt w/Amendment

5. **Short Title:** License Requirements, Applications, and Fees

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:**

   The Board of Acupuncture Licensing (Board) is seeking to readopt with amendment, adopt, readopt, and repeal various sections of the Acp 300 chapter to streamline application processes, repeal outdated processes, and improve readability of the rules.

   Specifically, the Board is seeking to adopt the Universal Application for Initial License and remove its previous forms. The Board is seeking to clarify what good professional character is in Acp 302.01. The Board is seeking to align all Acp rules with current statutory framework. The Board is proposing to repeal intern requirements. The Board is proposing to repeal Acp 306.01 relative to fees as the OPLC now has fee setting authority.

   These rules do not implement a statute for the first time.

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

Individuals who are governed by the acupuncture rules.

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

RULE	SPECIFIC STATE STATUTE THE RULE IMPLEMENTS
Acp 301.01	RSA 328-G:7, I
Acp 301.02 (repeal)	
Acp 301.02 (formerly Acp 301.03)	RSA 328-G:7, V; RSA 328-G:9, II
Acp 302.01	RSA 328-G:9, I, II
Acp 302.02	RSA 328-G:9, II
Acp 302.03	RSA 328-G:9, II; RSA 328-G:7, I
Acp 302.04	RSA 328-G:7
Acp 302.05 (repeal)	
Acp 302.05	RSA 328-G:9, II; RSA 328-G:7
Acp 303.01	RSA 328-G:9, II(g); RSA 328-G:7, VI
Acp 304.01	RSA 328-G:7, XI
Acp 304.02	RSA 328-G:7, X
Acp 304.03	RSA 328-G:7, X
Acp 305.01	RSA 328-G:9; RSA 328-G:7, XIII
Acp 306.01 (repeal)	
Acp 306.01 (formerly Acp 307.01)	RSA 328-G:1, II(b); RSA 328-G:9, I & VIII

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, October 2, 2026

_ **Fax**
X **Email** oplc-rules@oplc.nh.gov
_ **Other**

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**
Date: Friday, September 25, 2026
Time: 9:15 AM
Place: 7 Eagle Square Concord NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

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

FIS #: 26:149, dated: Friday, October 2, 2026

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

When compared to the existing rules, the proposed rules will increase costs to state citizens. Not applicable to the various rules being repealed, or Acp 302.05, which is a new rule.

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 provisions referenced in repealed Acp 306 and proposed Acp 301.01(c) rules are applicable to Plc 1002.02, relative to application processing and licensing fees for the professions regulated by the Board of Acupuncture Licensing.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

There is an increase in costs for applicants as proposed Acp 301.01(d) requires an applicant to obtain a NH criminal background check. The cost for the background check is $25. None to political subdivisions.

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 this rule. 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 expenditure, and therefore, do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.