

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 436E-7 and Chapter 91, notice is hereby given that the Board of Acupuncture (“Board”) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the King Kalakaua Conference Room, 1st Floor, King Kalakaua Building, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 335 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, and virtually via Zoom, to hear all persons interested in the proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) Chapter 16-72, pertaining to Acupuncture Practitioners.

Please visit our Board of Acupuncture meeting schedule website – https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/acupuncture/meeting_schedule/— where you will find the necessary information to access the public hearing virtually.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to: (1) clarify definitions; (2) expand the authorized practice of acupuncture; (3) amend the formal education and training requirements and clarify the use of titles; (4) clarify the documents that are required for licensure; (5) require applicants to pass all exams administered by the National Certification Commission of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, or its successor testing agency, necessary to obtain a Diplomate of Oriental Medicine or its equivalent as determined by the Board; (6) require licensees to submit cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification upon renewal; (7) amend public health and sanitation requirements; and (8) clarify how licensed acupuncturists may advertise.

All interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, at the time of hearing. All persons wishing to submit written testimony are requested to submit 10 copies of their written testimony by November 13, 2024, to DCCA-PVL, Attn: Board of Acupuncture, P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, HI 96801 or email to acupuncture@dcca.hawaii.gov.

A copy of the proposed rules will be mailed to any person who requests a copy upon receipt of \$7.03 for the copy and postage. Please submit your request to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address noted above or contact the Board’s office by email.

Copies may be picked up at the following address between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, 335 Merchant Street, Room 329, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The cost of a copy, \$3.60, is due and payable at the time of pick up.

Further, the proposed rules may be reviewed in person free of charge at the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address and hours of operation printed above. In addition, the full text of the proposed rules is available and can be downloaded free of charge from the web site of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs:

<https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/har/proposed/>

Individuals who require special needs accommodations are invited to call Risé Doi at (808) 586-2696 at least four (4) working days prior to the hearing.

Deborah McMenemy, Chair
Hawaii State Board of Acupuncture

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