

653—17.2(148E) Definitions. The definitions stated in Iowa Code section 148E.1 apply to this chapter, in addition to those listed below.

“*Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine*” or “*ACAOM*” means the United States-based accreditation commission that certifies acupuncture and oriental medicine training programs and colleges.

“*Acupuncture needle*” means a solid-core instrument including but not limited to acupuncture needles, dermal needles, intradermal needles, press tacks, plum blossom needles, prismatic needles, and disposable lancets.

“*Acupuncture point*” means a specific anatomical location on the human body that serves as the treatment site for the use of acupuncture.

“*Applicant*” means a person not otherwise authorized to practice acupuncture under Iowa Code section 148E.3 who applies to the board for a license.

“*Ashi acupuncture point*” means an acupuncture point that is located according to tenderness upon palpation. An ashi acupuncture point is also known as a trigger point.

“*Committee*” means the licensure committee of the board with oversight responsibility for administration of the licensure of acupuncturists.

“*Department*” means the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

“*Disclosure sheet*” means the written information licensed acupuncturists must provide to patients on initial contact.

“*Disposable needles*” means presterilized needles that are discarded after initial use pursuant to Iowa Code section 148E.5.

“*License*” means a license issued by the board pursuant to Iowa Code section 148E.2.

“*Licensee*” means a person holding a license to practice acupuncture issued by the board pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148E.

“*National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine*” or “*NCCAOM*” means the United States-based commission that validates entry-level competency in the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine through professional certification.

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