

**653—17.3(147,148E) Eligibility for licensure.**

**17.3(1) *Eligibility requirements.*** To be licensed to practice acupuncture by the board, a person shall meet all of the following requirements:

- a.* Fulfill all the application requirements as specified in rule 653—17.4(147,148E).
- b.* Hold current active status as a diplomate in NCCAOM or, after June 1, 2004, hold current active status as a diplomate in acupuncture or oriental medicine from NCCAOM.
- c.* Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the English language to understand and be understood by patients and board and committee members.
  - (1) An applicant who passed the NCCAOM written and practical examination components in English may be presumed to have sufficient proficiency in English.
  - (2) An applicant who passed NCCAOM written or practical examination components in a language other than English shall pass the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examinations administered by the Educational Testing Service.
- d.* Successfully complete a three-year postsecondary training program or acupuncture college program that is accredited by, in candidacy for accreditation by, or that meets the standards of the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.
- e.* Successfully complete a course in clean needle technique approved by the NCCAOM.
- f.* The applicant's license is not denied by the board due to the commission of a disqualifying offense, as provided in 653—subrule 9.3(3).

**17.3(2) *Waiver prohibited.*** Provisions of this rule are not subject to waiver pursuant to 653—Chapter 3 or any other provision of law.

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