

The Cost of Arizona Licensure

The first year...

The first year you are licensed by Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners, expect your licensure to cost between \$1200 and \$1500 that first year. The breakdown is as follows:

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| Initial application fee | \$400 | Initial application fee | \$400 |
| License issuance fee* | \$180 | License issuance fee* | \$180 |
| 20 CME hours | \$340 | 20 CME hours | 0 |
| Renewal for next 2 years | \$636 | Renewal for next 2 years | \$636 |
| TOTAL | \$1556 | TOTAL | \$1216 |

License application fee: This is the fee you pay to the Board when you submit your application. It does not include any fees you may have to pay for Verifications of Licensures from other states, Verification of graduation from your College of Osteopathic Medicine, or for transcripts of your COMLEX or USMLE scores. It does not include any travel costs or attorney fees you may incur if you need to appear before the Board, should your application be contested. It does not include the fees for any mental, physical, psychological or competency evaluations the Board may require in order to decide your fitness to practice.

License Issuance fee: If your application is approved, the next step is Requesting Issuance of your new license. The License Issuance fee is prorated by the month you request issuance, \$15 per month left in the calendar year, so your fee may be less than the total fee shown in the table. For example, if your license is issued in April, the fee will be \$135 (\$15 for each of the 9 months remaining in the calendar year).

CME hours: During the first year (or partial year) you have your AZ license, you are required to attend 20 hours of CME. There is no proration of the hourly requirement by month you are issued your license. The cost in the table is an estimate, based on the typical fees charged by the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association for an hour of Category 1-A CME at one of its conferences (\$17 an hour). Remember that AZ requires at least 12 hours each year be in Category 1-A activities (approved by AOA); a maximum of 8 hours of Category 1 (approved by ACCME or AMA) can be applied to the 20 hours. If you are licensed in another state, you may use CME you attended in that state. If you are a post grad (intern, resident, or fellow) and this will be your first license, you may use your PG training as a substitute for the CME for this first year ONLY.

Renewal fee: Your new AZ license is valid until December 31 of the year it was issued. At that time, to maintain your license you will have to renew it and report your 20 CME hours. The renewal fee is \$636.

Subsequent years...

After the renewal at the end of your first year of licensure, you will renew your AZ license every two years. The cost of your AZ License in subsequent years breaks down as follows:

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| Every two years.... | |
| 40 hours of CME | \$680 |
| Renewal fee to Board | \$636 |
| TOTAL | \$1316 |

Of course, the cost of CME is subject to market conditions, and you may have additional CME requirements for your AOA membership, or your Specialty Board certification(s). The Board may raise or lower the renewal fee based its financial needs. The Board sets the renewal fee each year at its January meeting.