



# OPENING DOORS II

## OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM IN OHIO AFTER SENATE BILL 255

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Ohio continues to wrestle with its byzantine, bureaucratic, and frequently arbitrary system of occupational licensing requirements that burden workers, job seekers, households, and employers. As The Buckeye Institute has demonstrated, excessive occupational training requirements make it harder for workers to find jobs and remain employed, reducing job growth in some fields by 20 percent.<sup>1</sup> Licensing burdens fall heavily on middle-aged, low-income workers, and those without a college degree, discouraging them from moving into licensed occupations.<sup>2</sup> Imposing regulatory burdens, “permission-slip” policies, high licensing fees, and other obstructions to employment as Ohio’s economy recovers from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic makes less sense now than it did before the pandemic.

In 2018, embracing The Buckeye Institute’s recommendation, the Ohio General Assembly enacted the most significant occupational licensing reform legislation in the country.<sup>3</sup> Senate Bill 255 requires Ohio licensing boards to justify their existence and the specific financial and regulatory burdens they impose on licensees. A sunset provision in the law grants every state board or licensing agency a term of six years, after which the General Assembly must proactively review and reauthorize them.

In *Opening Doors I*, The Buckeye Institute reviewed the occupational licenses scheduled for review by the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee, and recommended how to eliminate and reform

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<sup>1</sup> Tom Lampman, *Forbidden to Succeed: How Licensure Laws Hold Ohioans Back*, The Buckeye Institute, November 18, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Orphe Pierre Divounguy, Ph.D., Bryce Hill, and Greg R. Lawson, *Still Forbidden to Succeed: The Negative Effects of Occupational Licensing on Ohio’s Workforce*, The Buckeye Institute, December 18, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> *Search Results of Senate Bill 255*, BuckeyeInstitute.org (Last searched September 15, 2021).

licensing regulations, fees, and education requirements that make Ohio less competitive than neighboring states.<sup>4</sup> Upon conducting its statutorily required review, the General Assembly reduced some significant licensing burdens and eliminated an onerous, unnecessary rule requiring some professionally licensed workers to hold a separate license issued by the Ohio Department of Education.<sup>5</sup> As the State and Local Government Committee begins its second regulatory licensing review, The Buckeye Institute’s *Opening Doors II* now recommends eliminating 40 license or certification requirements (Table 1), and modifying another 23 requirements (Table 2) to align them with requirements imposed in neighboring states—Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.<sup>6</sup>

**Table 1: Licenses Ohio Can Eliminate**

License	Licensing Body
Chemical dependency counselor assistant certificate	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board
Prevention specialist assistant certificate	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board
Gambling disorder endorsement	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board
Fireworks exhibitor assistant registration	State Fire Marshal
Underground storage tank systems installer – trainer’s certification	State Fire Marshal
Temporary licensed professional clinical counselor	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
Temporary independent social worker	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
Temporary independent marriage and family therapist	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
Registered nurse instructor certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities
Adult services worker certificate	County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Adult services supervisor certificate	County board of developmental disabilities
Service and support administrator certificate	County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Service and support administration supervisor certificate	Service and Support Administration Supervisor Certificate
Superintendent of county developmental disabilities board certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities
Developmental specialist certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities
Early intervention supervisor certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities

<sup>4</sup> Andrew J. Kidd, PhD, Greg R. Lawson, and James B. Woodward, PhD, *Opening Doors: Occupational Licensing Reform in Ohio After Senate Bill 255*, The Buckeye Institute, December 5, 2019.

<sup>5</sup> *House Bill 442 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly*, Legislature.Ohio.Gov (Last visited September 15, 2021).

<sup>6</sup> For most licenses under review see, *Occupational Regulation: A Guide to State Laws on the Practice of Regulated Occupations*, LSC.Ohio.gov (Last visited September 15, 2021). Although occupational licenses regulated by the Board of Building Standards are being reviewed during the current General Assembly, the relevant Legislative Service Review was unavailable as this brief went to press. An amended brief will be published as needed.

Level one investigative agent certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities
Level two investigative agent certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities
Teledentistry permit	State Dental Board
Hazard recognition officer certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services
Assistant fire instructor certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services
Livewire instructor certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services
Dialysis technician certificate	Board of Nursing
Dialysis technician intern certificate	Board of Nursing
Medication aide certificate	Board of Nursing
Home medical equipment provider certificate of registration	State Board of Pharmacy
Orthotist's license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Prosthetist's license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Orthotist and prosthetist's license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Pedorthist's license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Temporary orthotist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Temporary prosthetist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Temporary orthotist and prosthetist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
Speech-language pathology student permit	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board
Audiology aide	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board
Spectacle dispensing optician certificate of licensure	State Vision Professionals Board
Contact lens dispensing optician certificate of licensure	State Vision Professionals Board
Spectacle-contact lens dispensing optician certificate of licensure	State Vision Professionals Board
Ocularist license	State Vision Professionals Board
Optical dispensing apprentice registration	State Vision Professionals Board

*Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant Certificate (CDCA)*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this regulation. To alleviate public safety concerns, amend the statute to clarify that an assistant must operate under the direction of a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

*Prevention Specialist Assistant Certificate (OCPSA)*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this regulation. To alleviate public safety concerns, amend the statute to clarify that an assistant must operate under the direction of a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

*Gambling Disorder Endorsement*

Eliminate. Most states utilize a private certification from the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB),<sup>7</sup> which sufficiently ensures adequate training.

*Fireworks Exhibitor Assistant Registration*

Eliminate. West Virginia is the only neighboring state that requires this registration. To alleviate public safety concerns, amend the statute to clarify that any exhibitor must follow appropriate local safety ordinances.

*Underground Storage Tank Systems Installer – Trainer’s Certification*

Eliminate. Most neighboring states do not require this certification.

*Temporary Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor*

Eliminate. The board does not issue temporary licenses due to the statutory and regulatory endorsement provisions that allow the board to address issues with out-of-state license applications that do not conform to Ohio standards.

*Temporary Independent Social Worker*

Eliminate. The board does not issue temporary licenses due to the statutory and regulatory endorsement provisions that allow the board to address issues with out-of-state license applications that do not conform to Ohio standards.

*Temporary Independent Marriage and Family Therapist*

Eliminate. The board does not issue temporary licenses due to the statutory and regulatory endorsement provisions that allow the board to address issues with out-of-state license applications that do not conform to Ohio standards.

*Registered Nurse Instructor Certificate*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Adult Services Worker Certificate*

Eliminate. No certificates will be issued after 2024 pursuant to planned Medicaid change.

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<sup>7</sup> See [About](#), IGCCB.org (Last visited October 13, 2021).

*Adult Services Supervisor Certificate*

Eliminate. No certificates will be issued after 2024 pursuant to planned Medicaid change.

*Service and Support Administrator Certificate*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Service and Support Administration Supervisor Certificate*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Superintendent of County Developmental Disabilities Board Certificate*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Developmental Specialist Certificate*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that individuals must be licensed in their respective field.

*Early Intervention Supervisor Certificate*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that individuals must be licensed in their respective field.

*Level One Investigative Agent Certificate*

Eliminate. Pennsylvania is the only neighboring state with this requirement.

*Level Two Investigative Agent Certificate*

Eliminate. Pennsylvania is the only neighboring state with this requirement.

*Teledentistry Permit*

Eliminate. Kentucky is the only neighboring state with this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that any dentist engaging in teledentistry must be licensed and in good standing with relevant state dental boards or licensing entities.

*Hazard Recognition Officer Certification*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that relevant local requirements are not pre-empted.

*Assistant Fire Instructor Certificate*

Eliminate. Only Michigan has this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that anyone assisting such instruction must act under the supervision of a certified fire instructor.

*Livefire Instructor Certificate*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that anyone assisting such instruction must act under the supervision of a certified fire instructor or be privately certified.

*Dialysis Technician Certificate*

Eliminate. Most neighboring states do not have this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that anyone performing dialysis must meet federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services qualifications and training requirements for dialysis technicians and dialysis facilities.

*Dialysis Technician Intern Certificate*

Eliminate. Most neighboring states do not have this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that anyone performing dialysis must meet federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services qualifications and training requirements for dialysis technicians and dialysis facilities.

*Medication Aide Certificate*

Eliminate. Indiana is the only neighboring state with this requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that anyone administering medication in a nursing home, assisted living facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities must work under the direction of a registered nurse.

*Home Medical Equipment Provider Certificate of Registration*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Orthotist's License*

Eliminate. Only 15 states nationwide license this occupation and only two more require certifications. An alternative to state licensure would be private certification through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics, or Board of Certification/Accreditation.<sup>8</sup>

*Prosthetist's License*

Eliminate. Only 15 states nationwide license this occupation and only two more require certifications. An alternative to state licensure would be private certification through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics, or Board of Certification/Accreditation.

*Orthotist and Prosthetist's License*

Eliminate. Only 15 states nationwide license this occupation and only two more require certifications. An alternative to state licensure would be private certification through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics, or Board of Certification/Accreditation.

*Pedorthist's License*

Eliminate. Only 11 states nationwide license this occupation and only one more requires certifications. An alternative to state licensure would be private certification through the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics, or Board of Certification/Accreditation.

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<sup>8</sup> See **About ABC**, ABCOP.org (Last visited October 8, 2021) and **About Us**, BOCUSA.org (Last visited October 8, 2021).

*Temporary Orthotist License*

Eliminate. Convert the full occupational license to a private certification requirement.

*Temporary Prosthetist License*

Eliminate. Convert the full occupational license to a private certification requirement.

*Temporary Orthotist and Prosthetist License*

Eliminate. Convert the full occupational license to a private certification requirement.

*Speech-Language Pathology Student Permit*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Audiology Aide*

Eliminate. Pennsylvania and West Virginia are the only neighboring states with a similar requirement. Amend the statute to clarify that anyone acting in this capacity should work under the supervision of a licensed audiologist.

*Spectacle Dispensing Optician Certificate of Licensure*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Contact Lens Dispensing Optician Certificate of Licensure*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement.

*Spectacle-Contact Lens Dispensing Optician Certificate of Licensure*

Eliminate. Kentucky is the only neighboring state with this requirement.

*Ocularist License*

Eliminate. No neighboring state has this requirement. Private certifications are available through the National Examining Board of Ocularists.<sup>9</sup>

*Optical Dispensing Apprentice Registration*

Eliminate. Kentucky is the only neighboring state with this requirement.

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<sup>9</sup> See **About Us**, NEBOBOARD.org (Last visited October 8, 2021).

**Table 2: Licenses Ohio Can Revise**

<b>License</b>	<b>Licensing Body</b>
Registration as fund-raising counsel	Attorney General
Chiropractic license	State Chiropractic Board
Acupuncture certificate (for licensed chiropractors)	State Chiropractic Board
Dentist license	State Dental Board
Dental hygienist license	State Dental Board
Firefighter certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services
Veterinary license	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board
Embalmer license	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Embalmer apprentice card	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Funeral director license	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Funeral director apprentice card	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Combined funeral director/embalmer license	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Combined funeral director/embalmer apprenticeship card	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Limited lines license – portable electronics	Department of Insurance
Reinsurance intermediary broker license	Department of Insurance
Reinsurance intermediary manager license	Department of Insurance
Pharmacist license	State Board of Pharmacy
Pharmacy intern license	State Board of Pharmacy
Registration as a registered pharmacy technician	State Board of Pharmacy
Registration as a certified pharmacy technician	State Board of Pharmacy
Home medical equipment provider license	State Board of Pharmacy
Psychologist’s license	State Board of Psychology
School psychologist’s license	State Board of Psychology

*Registration as Fund-Raising Counsel*

Modify to align requirements and fees with neighboring states. Pennsylvania is the only neighboring state with a higher renewal fee. Michigan and West Virginia require \$10,000 bonds. Ohio requires \$25,000 bonds.

*Chiropractic License*

Modify to align requirements and fees with neighboring states. Kentucky is the only neighboring state with a higher initial license fee. Ohio’s \$500 renewal fee is higher than fees in every neighboring state.



*Acupuncture Certificate (for Licensed Chiropractors)*

Modify to align requirements with neighboring states. As suggested by the State Chiropractic Board, reduce the number of required education hours. And reduce or eliminate required continuing education credits.

*Dentist License*

Reduce the initial and license renewal fees. Ohio's fees are higher than fees in every neighboring state.

*Dental Hygienist License*

Reduce the initial and license renewal fees. Ohio's fees are higher than fees in every neighboring state.

*Firefighter Certification*

Modify to align requirements with neighboring states. No neighboring state requires continuing education credits for firefighter certification. Eliminate that credit requirement and amend the statute to account for or reflect local conditions.

*Veterinary License*

Reduce the initial license fee. Ohio's fee is higher than the fees in every neighboring state.

*Embalmer License*

Modify the fee and education requirements to align with those in neighboring states. No neighboring state requires a bachelor's degree for licensure. Only require an associate degree or one-year apprenticeship. Reduce the initial licensing fee. Ohio's fee is higher than the fees in every neighboring state.

*Embalmer Apprenticeship Card*

Modify to align education requirements with neighboring states. No neighboring state requires a bachelor's degree for licensure. Only require a high school degree, and evidence of seeking at least an associate degree and of having entered at least a one-year apprenticeship.

*Funeral Director License*

Modify to align fees and education requirements with neighboring states. Only require an associate degree or one-year apprenticeship, not a bachelor's degree. Reduce the initial licensing fee. Ohio's fee is higher than the fees in every neighboring state.

*Funeral Director Apprenticeship Card*

Modify to align the education requirements with neighboring states. No neighboring state requires a bachelor's degree for licensure. Only require a high school degree, and evidence of seeking at least an associate degree and of having entered at least a one-year apprenticeship.

*Combined Funeral Director/Embalmer License*

Modify to align the education requirements with neighboring states. No neighboring state requires a bachelor's degree for licensure. Only require a high school degree, and evidence of seeking at least an associate degree and of having entered at least a one-year apprenticeship.

*Combined Funeral Director/Embalmer Apprenticeship Card*

Modify to align the education requirements with neighboring states. No neighboring state requires a bachelor's degree for licensure. Only require a high school degree, and evidence of seeking at least an associate degree and of having entered at least a one-year apprenticeship.

*Limited Lines License – Portable Electronics*

Modify to align the fee structure with neighboring states. Neighboring states do not base licensing fees on the number of licensee locations.

*Reinsurance Intermediary Broker License*

Modify to align with the fee structures in neighboring states. Reduce the initial and license renewal fees. Ohio's fees are higher than the fees in every neighboring state.

*Reinsurance Intermediary Manager License*

Modify to align with the fee structures in neighboring states. Reduce the initial and license renewal fees. Ohio's fees are higher than the fees in every neighboring state.

*Pharmacist License*

Modify to align the continuing education requirements and renewal fees with those in neighboring states. Ohio requires at least 10 hours more continuing education credit than required in every neighboring state, and it charges the highest license renewal fee.

*Pharmacy Intern License*

Reduce the license renewal fee. Ohio's fee is higher than the fees in every neighboring state.

*Registration as a Registered Pharmacy Technician*

Reduce the initial and license renewal fees. Ohio's fees are higher than fees in every neighboring state but one.

*Registration as a Certified Pharmacy Technician*

Reduce the initial and license renewal fees. Ohio's fees are higher than fees in every neighboring state but one.

*Home Medical Equipment Provider License*

Cap the initial and license renewal fees at no more than \$350 to align with fees in neighboring states.

*Psychologist's License*

Reduce the initial license fee to align with fees in neighboring states. Ohio's fee is higher than fees in every neighboring state.

*School Psychologist’s License*

Modify to reduce fees and increase renewal periods to align with those in neighboring states. Ohio’s initial license fee is higher than fees in every neighboring state, and its renewal fee is higher than fees in all but one. Increase the period for license renewal from two years to three years. No neighboring state has a renewal period as low as two years.

**Table 3: List of Licenses Currently Under Review in the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly & Recommendations**

<b>License</b>	<b>Licensing Body</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Community-based long-term care services – agency provider	Department of Aging	Retain with no changes
Community-based long-term care services – nonagency provider	Department of Aging	Retain with no changes
Community-based long-term care services – assisted living provider	Department of Aging	Retain with no changes
Community-based long-term care services – participant-directed individual provider	Department of Aging	Retain with no changes
Community-based long-term care services – participant-directed personal care provider	Department of Aging	Retain with no changes
Long-term care consultation	Department of Aging	Retain with no changes
Registration as fund-raising counsel	Attorney General	Retain but modify to better align requirements with surrounding states
Registration as a telephone solicitor	Attorney General	Retain with no changes
Chemical dependency counselor (II, or III), (LCDC)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Chemical dependency counselor (II, or III), (LCDC)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Independent chemical dependency counselor (LICDC)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Chemical dependency counselor assistant certificate (CDCA)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Eliminate
Independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor license (LICDC-CS)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Prevention specialist assistant certificate (OCPSA)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Eliminate
Prevention specialist certificate (OCPS)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Retain with no changes

Prevention consultant certificate (OCPC)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Gambling disorder endorsement	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Eliminate
Registered applicant certificate (RA)	Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Chiropractic license	State Chiropractic Board	Retain but modify to better align requirements with surrounding states
Acupuncture certificate (for licensed chiropractors)	State Chiropractic Board	Retain but modify to better align requirements with surrounding states
Special limited license: chiropractic student, volunteer, or special activity	State Chiropractic Board	Retain with no changes
Fire protection installer certification	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Provisional fire protection installer certification	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Fireworks manufacturer license	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Fireworks wholesaler license	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Fireworks shipper permit	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Fireworks exhibitor license	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Fireworks exhibitor assistant registration	State Fire Marshal	Eliminate
Hotel or Single Room Occupancy License	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Underground storage tank systems installer certification	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes
Underground storage tank systems installer – trainer’s certification	State Fire Marshal	Eliminate
Underground storage tank systems installer – continuing education sponsor certification	State Fire Marshal	Retain with no changes

Licensed professional counselor	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Licensed professional clinical counselor	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Temporary licensed professional clinical counselor	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Eliminate
Temporary licensed professional counselor	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Social worker	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Independent social worker	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Temporary social worker	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Temporary independent social worker	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Eliminate
Social work assistant	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Marriage and family therapist	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Independent marriage and family therapist	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes

Temporary marriage and family therapist	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Retain with no changes
Temporary independent marriage and family therapist	Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	Eliminate
Supported living certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Retain with no changes
Personnel certificate to administer prescribed medications and perform health-related activities	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Retain with no changes
Personnel certificate to perform tube feedings	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Retain with no changes
Personnel certificate to administer subcutaneous insulin injection	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Retain with no changes
Registered nurse instructor certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Eliminate
Adult services worker certificate	County board of developmental disabilities	Eliminate in 2024 pursuant to planned Medicaid changes
Adult services supervisor certificate	County board of developmental disabilities	Eliminate in 2024 pursuant to planned Medicaid changes
Service and support administrator certificate	County board of developmental disabilities	Eliminate
Service and support administration supervisor certificate	Service and support administration supervisor certificate	Eliminate
Superintendent of county developmental disabilities board certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Eliminate
Developmental specialist certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Eliminate
Early intervention supervisor certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Eliminate, but clarify that individuals must be licensed in their respective field

Level one investigative agent certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Eliminate
Level two investigative agent certificate	Department of Developmental Disabilities	Eliminate
Dentist license	State Dental Board	Retain, but bring initial and renewal license fees into line with surrounding states
Permit (for a dentist) to supervise a dental hygienist for purposes of the Oral Health Access Supervision Program	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Dental limited resident's license	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Dental limited teaching license	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Dental temporary limited continuing education license	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Dental hygienist license	State Dental Board	Retain, but bring initial and renewal license fees into line with surrounding states
Permit (for a dental hygienist) to provide services as part of the Oral Health Access Supervision Program	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Dental hygiene teacher's certificate	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Expanded function dental auxiliary registration	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Dental x-ray machine operator certificate (also called "dental assistant radiographer certificate" in rules)	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
General anesthesia permit	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Conscious intravenous sedation permit	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Coronal polishing certificate	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Volunteer's certificate	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes
Temporary volunteer certificate	State Dental Board	Retain with no changes

Teledentistry permit	State Dental Board	Eliminate. Clarify must be licensed and in good standing with relevant state dental board or licensing entity
First responder (emergency medical responder) certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
Emergency medical technician-basic (emergency medical technician) certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
Emergency medical technician-intermediate (advanced emergency medical technician) certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
Emergency medical technician-paramedic (paramedic) certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
EMS instructor certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
EMS assistant instructor certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
EMS continuing education teaching certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
Fire safety inspector certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
Hazard recognition officer certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Eliminate
Firefighter certification	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain but eliminate continuing education requirements to make consistent with surrounding states



Fire instructor certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
Assistant fire instructor certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Eliminate. Anyone can offer instruction if under the direction of a certified fire instructor
Livefire instructor certificate	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Eliminate. Anyone can offer instruction if under the direction of a certified fire instructor or if privately certified
Volunteer firefighter	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	Retain with no changes
Veterinary license	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	Retain but consider lowering initial license fee to better align with surrounding states. Ohio is currently the highest
Limited veterinary license	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	Retain with no changes
Provisional veterinary graduate license	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	Retain with no changes
Veterinary technician registration	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	Retain with no changes
Veterinary specialist certificate	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	Retain with no changes
Crematory operator permit	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Retain with no changes
Embalmer license	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Retain but eliminate the bachelor's degree requirement and lower the initial licensing fee to better align with surrounding states
Embalmer apprentice card	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Retain but eliminate the bachelor's degree requirement and lower the initial licensing fee to better align with surrounding states
Funeral director license	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Retain but eliminate bachelor's degree requirement

Funeral director apprentice card	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Retain but eliminate bachelor's degree requirement
Combined funeral director/embalmer license	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Retain but eliminate bachelor's degree requirement
Combined funeral director/embalmer apprenticeship card	Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	Retain but eliminate bachelor's degree requirement
Agent license	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Managing general agent license	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Title insurance agent	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Surplus lines broker license	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Limited lines license	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Limited lines license – portable electronics	Department of Insurance	Retain but modify fee structure to better align with surrounding states; surrounding states allow for a resident and non-resident license, but unlike Ohio do not base the fee on the number of locations
Limited lines license – self-service storage	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Limited lines license – travel insurance	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Surety bail bond license	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Reinsurance intermediary broker license	Department of Insurance	Retain but modify the fee structure to better align with most surrounding states
Reinsurance intermediary manager license	Department of Insurance	Retain but modify the fee structure to better align with most surrounding states
Viatical settlement provider or broker license	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Reciprocal or interinsurance adjuster license	Department of Insurance	Eliminate
Public insurance adjuster	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes
Public insurance adjuster agent certificate	Department of Insurance	Retain with no changes

Insurance navigator	Department of Insurance	Retain but modify fee structure to better align with surrounding states; surrounding states allow for a resident and non-resident license, but unlike Ohio do not base the fee on the number of navigators at a particular entity
Registered nurse license	Board of Nursing	Retain with no changes
Licensed practical nurse license	Board of Nursing	Retain with no changes
Advanced practice registered nurse	Board of Nursing	Retain with no changes
Volunteer's certificate	Board of Nursing	Retain with no changes
Dialysis technician certificate	Board of Nursing	Eliminate but clarify that anyone performing dialysis must meet federal CMS regulations that govern qualifications and training requirements for dialysis technicians and dialysis facilities
Dialysis technician intern certificate	Board of Nursing	Eliminate
Medication aide certificate	Board of Nursing	Eliminate, but clarify anyone administering medication in a nursing home, assisted living facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities must work under the direction of a registered nurse
Community health worker certificate	Board of Nursing	Retain with no changes
Pharmacist license	State Board of Pharmacy	Retain but lower continuing education requirements and renewal fees to better align with surrounding states
Pharmacy intern license	State Board of Pharmacy	Retain but lower the renewal fee to better align with surrounding states
Registration as a registered pharmacy technician	State Board of Pharmacy	Retain but lower the renewal fee to better align with surrounding states

Registration as a certified pharmacy technician	State Board of Pharmacy	Retain but lower the initial and renewal fees to better align with surrounding states
Pharmacy technician trainee registration	State Board of Pharmacy	Retain with no changes
Home medical equipment provider license	State Board of Pharmacy	Retain but cap the initial and renewal fees at no more than \$350, the top fee from surrounding states for comparable licenses
Home medical equipment provider certificate of registration	State Board of Pharmacy	Eliminate
Psychologist's license	State Board of Psychology	Retain but lower the initial license fee to better align with surrounding states
School psychologist's license	State Board of Psychology	Retain but lower the initial and license fees to better align with surrounding states; increase the term for renewal from two years to three to better align with surrounding states
Certified Ohio behavior analyst	State Board of Psychology	Retain with no changes
Occupational therapist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes
Occupational therapy assistant license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes
Temporary military spouse license (occupational therapy)	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes
Physical therapist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes
Physical therapist assistant license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes
Temporary military spousal license (physical therapy)	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes
Athletic trainer license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes

Temporary military spouse license (athletic trainer)	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Retain with no changes
Orthotist’s license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate, require only private certification through American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics or Board of Certification/Accreditation <sup>10</sup>
Prosthetist’s license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate, require only private certification through American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics or Board of Certification/Accreditation
Orthotist and prosthetist’s license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate, require only private certification through American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics or Board of Certification/Accreditation
Pedorthist’s license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate, require only private certification through American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics or Board of Certification/Accreditation
Temporary orthotist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate
Temporary prosthetist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate
Temporary orthotist and prosthetist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate
Temporary pedorthist license	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board	Eliminate
Hearing aid dealer’s or fitter’s license	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Retain with no changes

<sup>10</sup> See **About ABC**, ABCOP.org (Last visited October 8, 2021) and **About Us**, BOCUSA.org (Last visited October 8, 2021).

Hearing aid dealer's or fitter's trainee permit	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Speech-language pathologist license	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Audiologist license	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Speech-language pathologist conditional license	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Audiologist conditional license	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Speech-language pathology student permit	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Eliminate
Speech-language pathology aide	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Audiology aide	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Eliminate but clarify individual must work under the supervision of a licensed audiologist
Optometrist certificate of licensure	State Vision Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Topical ocular pharmaceutical agents' certificate for optometrists licensed on or before May 19, 1992	State Vision Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Therapeutic pharmaceutical agents' certificate for optometrists licensed on or before May 19, 1992	State Vision Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Therapeutic pharmaceutical agents' certificate for optometrists licensed after May 19, 1992	State Vision Professionals Board	Retain with no changes
Spectacle dispensing optician certificate of licensure	State Vision Professionals Board	Eliminate, no surrounding state licenses this
Contact lens dispensing optician certificate of licensure	State Vision Professionals Board	Eliminate, no surrounding state licenses this
Spectacle-contact lens dispensing optician certificate of licensure	State Vision Professionals Board	Eliminate, only one surrounding state licenses this

Ocularist license	State Vision Professionals Board	Eliminate, require private certification by the National Examining Board of Ocularists <sup>11</sup>
Optical dispensing apprentice registration	State Vision Professionals Board	Eliminate, only one surrounding state licenses this

<sup>11</sup> See **About Us**, NEBOBOARD.org (Last visited October 8, 2021).

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