

Medical Assisting

Alabama

Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

<https://www.albme.org>

(334) 242-4116

<https://www.albme.org/contact>

Alabama does not require certification in order to work as a medical assistant. However, certification can be obtained through medical assistant programs in the state.

*Alabama does not directly reference medical assistants in state code. The Legal Counsel of the American Association of Medical Assistants provided an interpretation of scope of practice, stating that it's

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

848 Washington Avenue

Montgomery AL 36104

Alaska

Adam Crum, Commissioner - Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

(907) 269-7800

adam.crum@alaska.gov

* Medical assistants in Alaska are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant. *

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

3601 C Street, Suite 902

Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5923

Arizona

Arizona Medical Board

<https://www.azmd.gov/>

(480) 551-2700

<https://www.azpa.gov/Misc/ContactUSEmail?board=PA&contactType=0>

* In Arizona, the AZ Medical Board defines the Medical Assistant Rules but they do not require national certification or a state license, however most employers do demand national certification. *

Arizona Medical Board

1740 W Adams, Suite 4000

Phoenix, AZ 85007

8am - 5pm Mon – Fri

Arkansas

Arkansas State Medical Board

<https://www.armedicalboard.org/>

(501) 296-1802

support@armedicalboard.org

* Medical assistants in Arkansas are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant. *

Arkansas State Medical Board
1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 340
Little Rock, AR 72201-2936

California

THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

<https://www.mbc.ca.gov/>

(916) 263-2382

webmaster@mbc.ca.gov

Medical assistants are unlicensed individuals who perform non-invasive routine technical support services under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon, podiatrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse midwife

THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

2005 EVERGREEN STREET, SUITE 1200

SACRAMENTO, CA 95815

Colorado

Colorado Division of Professions and Occupations – Medical

<https://dpo.colorado.gov/Medical>

303-894-7800

dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us

Colorado law does not require medical assistants to be licensed or certified.

Division of Professions and Occupations – Medical

1560 Broadway, Suite 1350

Denver, CO 80202

Connecticut

Connecticut State Department of Public Health

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Medicalassistant/Medical-Assistant-Information>

860-509-8000

ask.dph@ct.gov

Connecticut law does not require medical assistants to be certified. Medical assistants in Connecticut are not required to have any particular training or education.

Connecticut State Department of Public Health

410 Capitol Ave.

Hartford CT 06134

Delaware

Delaware Division of Professional Regulation

<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/medicalpractice/>

(302) 744-4500

customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov

Delaware does not regulate the medical assistant profession. It is assumed that the physician or nurse is required to supervise and take responsibility for the medical assistant.

Division of Professional Regulation

Cannon Building, Suite 203

861 Silver Lake Blvd.

Dover, Delaware 19904

Monday – Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m

District of Columbia

D.C. Department of Health

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/health-professionals>

(202) 442-5955

doh@dc.gov

The District of Columbia does not license medical assistants; instead, hiring requirements are left to the discretion of employers.*

D.C. Department of Health

899 North Capitol Street, NE,

Washington DC 20002

Monday to Friday, 8:15 am to 4:45 pm, except District holidays

Florida

Florida Department of Health

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/index.html>

850-245-4444

MedicalQualityAssurance@flhealth.gov

Medical Assistants are not licensed in Florida; however, a medical assistant may become certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants

Florida Department of Health

2585 Merchants Row Blvd

Tallahassee, FL 32301

Hours 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Georgia

Georgia Composite Medical Board

<https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/about-us>

(404) 656-3913

medbd@dch.ga.gov

The Georgia Medical Board doesn't define medical assistant functions but offers guidance on who in the medical field does.

The State of Georgia doesn't require medical assistants to obtain national certification for employment, however many employers do require a certificate.*

Georgia Composite Medical Board

2 Peachtree Street, NW

6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303-3465
United States

Hawaii

Hawaii Professional & Vocational Licensing Division (PVL)

<http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/>

586-3000

pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov

Medical assistants in Hawaii are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

Hawaii Professional & Vocational Licensing Division (PVL)

King Kalakaua Building

335 Merchant Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Monday through Friday, 7:45 am to 4:30 pm, Hawaii Standard time, except state holidays.

Idaho

Idaho Board of Medicine

<https://bom.idaho.gov/BOMPortal/AgencyAdditional.aspx?Agency=425&AgencyLinkID=80>

208-327-7000

info@bom.idaho.gov

Medical assistants in Idaho are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

Idaho Board of Medicine

PO Box 83720

Boise, Idaho 83720-0058

Illinois

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

<https://www.idfpr.com/>

1 (888) 473-4858

<https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Email/prfGrp05.asp> *Medical assistants in Illinois are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.*

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

100 West Randolph, 9th Floor

Chicago, IL 60601

Indiana

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

<https://secure.in.gov/pla/boards.htm>

(317) 232-2960

<https://www.in.gov/pla/3648.htm>

Medical assistants in Indiana are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

402 W Washington St

Indianapolis, IN 46204

IPLA Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Iowa

Kathleen R. Weinberg, Executive Director - Iowa Department of Public Health - Iowa Board of Nursing
(515) 281-7689

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Contact-Us> or endorse@iowa.gov

In Iowa, neither the Medical Board or the state legislature require medical assistants to be state licensed or certified nationally.

Iowa Department of Public Health - Iowa Board of Nursing

Lucas State Office Building

321 E. 12th Street - Des Moines, IA 50319-0075

Kansas

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

<http://www.ksbha.org/formpages/licensureforms.shtml>

(785) 296-7413

KSBHA_Licensing@ks.gov

Medical assistants in Kansas are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

800 SW Jackson, Lower Level - Suite A

Topeka, KS 66612

Kentucky

Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

<https://kbml.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

(502) 429-7150

<https://kbml.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx>

Medical assistants in Kentucky are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

310 Whittington Parkway

Suite 1B

Louisville, KY 40222

Louisiana

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

<http://www.lsbme.la.gov/>

(504) 568-6820

licensing@lsbme.la.gov

Louisiana medical assistants are not allowed to perform every medical duty such as work with blood inside the laboratory and similar unless they are licensed as a phlebotomist or lab assistant. No certification is required to be hired

Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

630 Camp Street,

New Orleans, LA 70130

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am to 4:30pm, Friday: 7:00am to 3:30pm

Maine

Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine

<https://www.maine.gov/md/licensure>

(207) 287-3601

tracy.a.morrison@maine.gov or Elena.I.Crowley@maine.gov

Medical assistants in Maine are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Board of Licensure in Medicine

161 Capitol Street

137 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0137

Maryland

Maryland Board of Physicians

<https://www.mbp.state.md.us/licensure.aspx>

1.800.492.6836

mbpmail@rcn.com

Medical assistants in Maryland are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Maryland Board of Physicians

4201 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services>

(617) 573-1600

<https://www.mass.gov/forms/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-contact-form>

Medical assistants in Massachusetts are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

1 Ashburton Place

Boston, MA 02108

Michigan

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603---,00.html

517-335-9700

<https://notetolara.apps.lara.state.mi.us/>

Medical assistants in Michigan are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.*

Ottawa Building

611 W. Ottawa

P.O. Box 30004

Lansing, MI 48909

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST

Minnesota

Minnesota Board of Medical Practice

<https://mn.gov/boards/medical-practice/licensing/applicants/forms/>

612-617-2130

Medical.Board@state.mn.us

Minnesota law doesn't require medical assistants to obtain a certificate for employment, however many employers do require a certificate.

Minnesota Board of Medical Practice

2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 500

Minneapolis, MN 55414-3246

Mississippi

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

<https://www.msbml.ms.gov/>

601.987.3079

mboard@msbml.ms.gov

Even though you're able to lawfully be employed as a Medical Assistant in Mississippi with no certification, to be competitive, nearly all Medical Assistants are certified because employers frequently require certification.*

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

1867 Crane Ridge Drive,

Suite 200-B, Jackson, MS 39216

Missouri

Missouri Division of Professional Registration - Board of Registration for the Healing Arts

<https://www.pr.mo.gov/healingarts.asp>

573.751.0098

healingarts@pr.mo.gov

Medical assistants in Missouri are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.*

Missouri Division of Professional Registration - Board of Registration for the Healing Arts

3605 Missouri Boulevard
P.O. Box 4
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Montana

Montana Board of Medical Examiners

<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/med>

(406) 444-6880

DLIBSDHELP@MT.GOV

Medical Assistants are not required to be licensed or registered in Montana. The Board of Medical Examiners are charged with regulating Medical Assistants.

Board of Medical Examiners

PO Box 200513

Helena, MT 59620-0513

Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/default.aspx#>

(402) 471-2115

DHHS.LicensureUnit@nebraska.gov

Medical assistants in Nebraska are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

DHHS Licensure Unit

Attn: [Profession, Facility type, or Children's Services]

PO Box 94986

Lincoln NE

68509-4986

Nevada

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

<http://medboard.nv.gov/>

(775) 688-2559

nsbme@medboard.nv.gov

Medical assistants in Nevada are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

9600 Gateway Drive

Reno, NV 89521

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm | Closed all legal holidays.

New Hampshire

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification - New Hampshire Board of Registration for Medical Technicians

<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/medical-technicians/>

(603) 271-8380

medtechnicians@oplcnh.gov

No specific certification or licensing is required for medical assistants in New Hampshire, but membership in the AAMA is an option for graduates of accredited programs.

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification - State of NH Board of Registration for Medical Technicians

7 Eagle Square

Concord, NH 03301

Hours of Operations

Monday – Friday

8 AM - 4 PM

(except for New Hampshire State Holidays)

New Jersey

New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - State Board of Medical Examiners

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme>

(609) 826-7100

bme@dca.lps.state.nj.us

The New Jersey state legislature and New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners determine the role of medical assistants, and unlike many other states, New Jersey has strict guidelines over medical assisting and even requires graduation from an accredited CAAHEP or ABHES MA program and earning a national certification of CMA or RMA.

New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - NJ State Board of Medical Examiners

P.O. Box 183

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

New Mexico

New Mexico Medical Board

<https://www.nmmb.state.nm.us/licensing.html>

(505) 476-7220

nmbme@state.nm.us

The New Mexico Medical Board does not define the role of medical assistants or offer MA licensing. As in most other states, it is the nurse practitioners and licensed physicians whom withhold the official power to delegate health care responsibilities.

New Mexico Medical Board

2055 S. Pacheco St.

Building 400

Santa Fe, NM 87505

New York

New York State Board for Medicine

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/med/>

518-474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 560 (voice)

medbd@nysed.gov

*Please note that “Medical Assistant” is not a title that is licensed or otherwise recognized in New York State. Persons who have obtained certification as Certified Medical Assistants,
NY State Education Department
Office of the Professions
State Board for Medicine
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12234-1000

North Carolina

North Carolina Medical Board
<https://www.ncmedboard.org/>
(800) 253.9653
www.ncmedboard.org/contact

Medical assistants in North Carolina are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

North Carolina Medical Board
PO Box 20007
Raleigh, NC 27619-0007

North Dakota

North Dakota Board of Medicine
<https://www.ndbom.org/practitioners/>
701-450-4060
www.ndbom.org/contact/index.asp

Medical assistants in North Dakota work under the direct supervision of nurses and are required to register as Technician – Medical Assistants with the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

If you want to distribute medication, you will also need to register as a Medication Assistant III with the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

North Dakota Board of Medicine
4204 Boulder Ridge Rd
Bismarck, ND 58503-6162

Ohio

State Medical Board of Ohio
<https://med.ohio.gov/>
614-466-3934
contact@med.ohio.gov

*Medical assistants in Ohio not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant. *

State Medical Board of Ohio
30 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The office is closed on state and federal holidays.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

<https://www.okmedicalboard.org/>

(405) 962-1400

supportservices@okmedicalboard.org

Medical assistants in Oklahoma not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

101 NE 51st St,

Oklahoma City, OK 73105-1821

Oregon

Oregon Medical Board

<https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Pages/default.aspx>

971-673-2700

info@omb.oregon.gov

In Oregon, medical assistants are unregulated personnel and work in outpatient settings under the direction of the physician.

Oregon Medical Board

1500 SW 1st Ave., Suite 620

Portland, OR 97201-5847

Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Call Center: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Medicine/Pages/Medicine-Guide.aspx>

(717) 783-1400

ST-MEDICINE@PA.GOV

Medical assistants in Pennsylvania are not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

State Board of Medicine

P.O. Box 2649

Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Health

<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/>

401-222-5960

<https://health.ri.gov/contact/>

Medical assistants in Rhode Island not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

RI Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908
Monday – Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

South Carolina

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
<https://www.llr.sc.gov/nurse/>
(803) 896-4300
ContactLLR@llr.sc.gov

Medical assistants in South Carolina not required to possess a certification, registration or medical assisting license to work as a medical assistant.

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Synergy Business Park; Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Dr.
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Office Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm

South Dakota

South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners
<http://www.sdbmoe.gov/>
605-367-7781
SDBMOE@state.sd.us

South Dakota medical assistants are under the joint regulatory control of the South Dakota Board of Medical Examiners and the South Dakota Board of Nursing. They register with the South Dakota Board of Medical Examiners.

South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners
101 N. Main Avenue, Suite 301
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
South Dakota Dept. of Health - Board of Nursing
<https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/>
605-362-2760

<https://doh.sd.gov/contact/>
South Dakota Dept. of Health - Board of Nursing
4305 S. Louise Ave., Suite 201
Sioux Falls, SD 57106-3315

Tennessee

Tennessee Department of Health
<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-professionals>
(615) 532-4384
tn.health@tn.gov

Medical assistants in Tennessee are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Tennessee Department of Health
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Texas

Texas Medical Board
<https://www.tmb.state.tx.us/>
(512) 305-7030
screen-cic@tmb.state.tx.us

Medical assistants in Texas are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Texas Medical Board
Mail Code 232
P.O. Box 2018
Austin, TX 78768-2018

Utah

Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
<https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/>
(801) 530-6628
jbusjahn@utah.gov or doplweb@utah.gov

Utah's laws of medicine allow unlicensed medical assistants to work under the indirect supervision of a licensed physician, but they may only be delegated tasks that are appropriate and should not perform diagnosing, advising, prescribing medication and administering non-localized anesthesia.

Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
PO Box 146741
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-6741

Vermont

Vermont Department of Health - Board of Medical Practice
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/systems/medical-practice-board>
802-863-7200
www.healthvermont.gov/about/contact

Medical assistants in Vermont are not licensed or regulated.

Vermont Department of Health - Board of Medical Practice
108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05402

Virginia

Virginia Board of Medicine
<http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/>
(804) 367-4400

bhp@dhp.virginia.gov

Medical assistants in Virginia do not need to be licensed or certified to work in the state.

Virginia Board of Medicine

Perimeter Center

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:15 to 5:00 except Holidays

Washington

Washington State Department of Health

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MedicalAssistant/LicenseRequirements/CertifiedorInterim>

360-236-4700

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/ContactUs>

To become a medical assistant in Washington state, you will need to be certified or registered by the Washington Department of Health, Medical Assisting Credentialing.

You will need to complete an apprenticeship or an accredited training program which is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES).

Before you can officially apply for your medical assisting certification with the state of Washington, you need to pass an exam. Once you do, you will need to apply for your certification within five years.

Washington State Department of Health

101 Israel Rd SE,

Tumwater, WA 98501

Open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday, excluding state holidays

West Virginia

West Virginia Board of Medicine

<https://wvbom.wv.gov/>

(304) 558-2921 Ext. 49873

wvbom@wv.gov

The West Virginia Board of Medicine requires Medical Assistants to earn a state license. West Virginia does not require MA's to be certified.

WV Board of Medicine

101 Dee Drive

Suite 103

Charleston WV 25311

Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/index.htm>

608-266-1865

dhswebmaster@wisconsin.gov

Medical assistants in Wisconsin are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703

Wyoming

Wyoming Board of Medicine
<http://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/>
(307) 778-7053
wyomedboard@wyo.gov

Medical assistants in Wyoming are not required to possess a certification, registration or license to work as a medical assistant.

Wyoming Board of Medicine
130 Hobbs Avenue, Suite A
Cheyenne, WY 82002