

523 CMR 6.00: LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

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6.01: General Licensing Requirements: Application; Conditions and Agreements; False Statements; Proof of Identity; Appearance Before Commission; Fee for Issuance or Renewal; Period of Validity

(1) An application for a license as any of the following must be made in writing on a form supplied by the Commission and signed by the applicant under the pains and penalties of perjury. A license shall not be issued to the applicant until the applicant has submitted a completed application evidencing all requirements of 523 CMR.

- (a) Professional boxer;
- (b) Professional or amateur mixed martial artist;
- (c) Professional or amateur kickboxer or professional or amateur Southeast Asian kick-boxer;
- (d) Professional unarmed combatant;
- (e) Promoter;
- (f) Matchmaker;
- (g) Manager;
- (h) Second;
- (i) Trainer;
- (j) Referee;
- (k) Judge;
- (l) Timekeeper; or
- (m) Physician.

(2) Any false statement in an application submitted to the Commission shall be deemed grounds for any of the following:

- (a) denial of the application;
- (b) if the license has already been issued, revocation of the license;
- (c) referral of the matter to the appropriate law enforcement authority for prosecution.

(3) All applications for licensure shall be accompanied by a government issued identification bearing the applicant's photograph and a birth certificate. Before issuing a license, the Commission or its staff may, when deemed appropriate, require an applicant to provide proof of their identity in addition to that required under the applicable licensing requirements.

(4) The Commission may require an applicant to appear before the Commission to answer questions or provide documents in conjunction with an application for a license in addition to those required under the applicable licensing requirements.

(5) The fee for issuance or renewal of a license shall be included with the application as provided by M.G.L. c. 7, § 3B.

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- (6) All licenses issued pursuant to 523 CMR 6.00 shall be valid for 12 months from the date of issuance unless otherwise suspended or revoked by the Commission. The renewal of a license is not automatic. The Commission will consider the applicant's past performance and abilities in evaluating an application for renewal.
- (7) The license holder shall have the responsibility of reporting any change of mailing address, email address, and/or change of circumstance to the Commission. The information on file at the Commission shall be deemed accurate for purposes of notification unless changed by the license holder.
- (8) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 147, § 35, except as otherwise provided by law, no license shall be issued to any individual under 18 years of age.
- (9) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 13A, all applicants for licensure shall provide their social security number on the application.

6.02: Physical and Medical Examinations and Tests

(1) Prior to issuance or renewal of a license, all unarmed combatants shall undergo the physical and medical examinations and tests set forth in 523 CMR 6.02(2). In addition, the Commission shall have the discretion at any time to order an unarmed combatant to undergo any physical and medical examination or test that may be advisable to protect the unarmed combatant's physical health and safety. During such examinations and tests, unarmed combatants must reveal all vital facts relating to the unarmed combatant's physical condition to the examining physician. Concealing any vital facts shall be cause for suspension or revocation of the individual's license.

(2) License Examinations. As a prerequisite to licensure or renewal of a license, an unarmed combatant shall provide documentation demonstrating that they have undergone a complete physical examination (including neurological and cardiac testing) within 30 days of the date of the application by a licensed physician. The documentation shall include the record of examination form provided by the Commission. The record of examination form must be completed by the examining physician. The form shall include an acknowledgment from the examining physician that they are aware that the applicant is an unarmed combatant and that they are physically fit to fight professionally.

As part of the physical examination, the examining physician shall review medical documentation satisfying them that the unarmed combatant has:

- (a) undergone an electrocardiogram (EKG) within 30 days of the date of the examination;
- (b) tested negative for HIV, Hepatitis BsAG, and Hepatitis Cab within 30 days of the date of the examination;
- (c) undergone a dilated eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within 30 days of the date of application. No person who has undergone LASIK surgery may be licensed without medical clearance from an optometrist or ophthalmologist; (A person who has undergone LASEK or PRK (photorefractive keratectomy) may be licensed.)
- (d) (for renewal of professional licenses only) undergone a brain CT, brain MRI, or neurological examination performed by a neurologist or neurosurgeon within five years of the date of examination.

(3) The examining physician shall review the documentation referenced in 523 CMR 6.02(2)(a) through (d) to ensure that it meets the time limitations imposed by 523 CMR and that it does not evidence any medical irregularities that would prohibit the individual from competing as a professional unarmed combatant. The medical documentation reviewed by the examining physician referenced in 523 CMR 6.02(2)(a) through (d) shall be attached to the record of examination form and submitted to the Commission.

(4) No earlier than one day prior to a scheduled match, all female fighters shall provide satisfactory proof to a Commission approved physician that they are not pregnant.

(5) The date of blood testing of an unarmed combatant referenced in 523 CMR 6.02(2)(b) may not be more than six months prior to the date of a scheduled match. No unarmed combatant may compete until such time as an updated test is performed and record submitted to the Commission.