

LICENSING FEE WAIVER FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Is there a fee waiver for low income individuals?

Yes, under House Bill 615, **which went into effect July 1, 2017**, the Department now has the ability to waive the initial licensing fee for low income individuals who apply to the Department for a state professional license

2. How do I qualify for the low income licensing fee waiver?

To qualify for this fee waiver, the applicant must demonstrate that his or her annual household income, before taxes, is at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines prescribed for the family's household size by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

To determine if you qualify for this fee waiver you may utilize the low-income calculator and/or matrix located on the Department's [Low Income Individuals Fee Waiver webpage](#).

3. Which fees will be waived if I qualify as a low income individual?

This waiver only applies to the initial licensing fee. Other fees, including application and unlicensed activity fees, are still due at the time of application. Please see the [Licensing Fee Waiver – Fees Due](#) matrix for a list of the remaining fees due at time of application for each license type.

4. Once I receive my license, am I required to pay for license renewal?

Yes. The licensing fee exemption does not apply to license renewal. Once a license is issued, you have to meet the renewal requirements including any applicable fees.