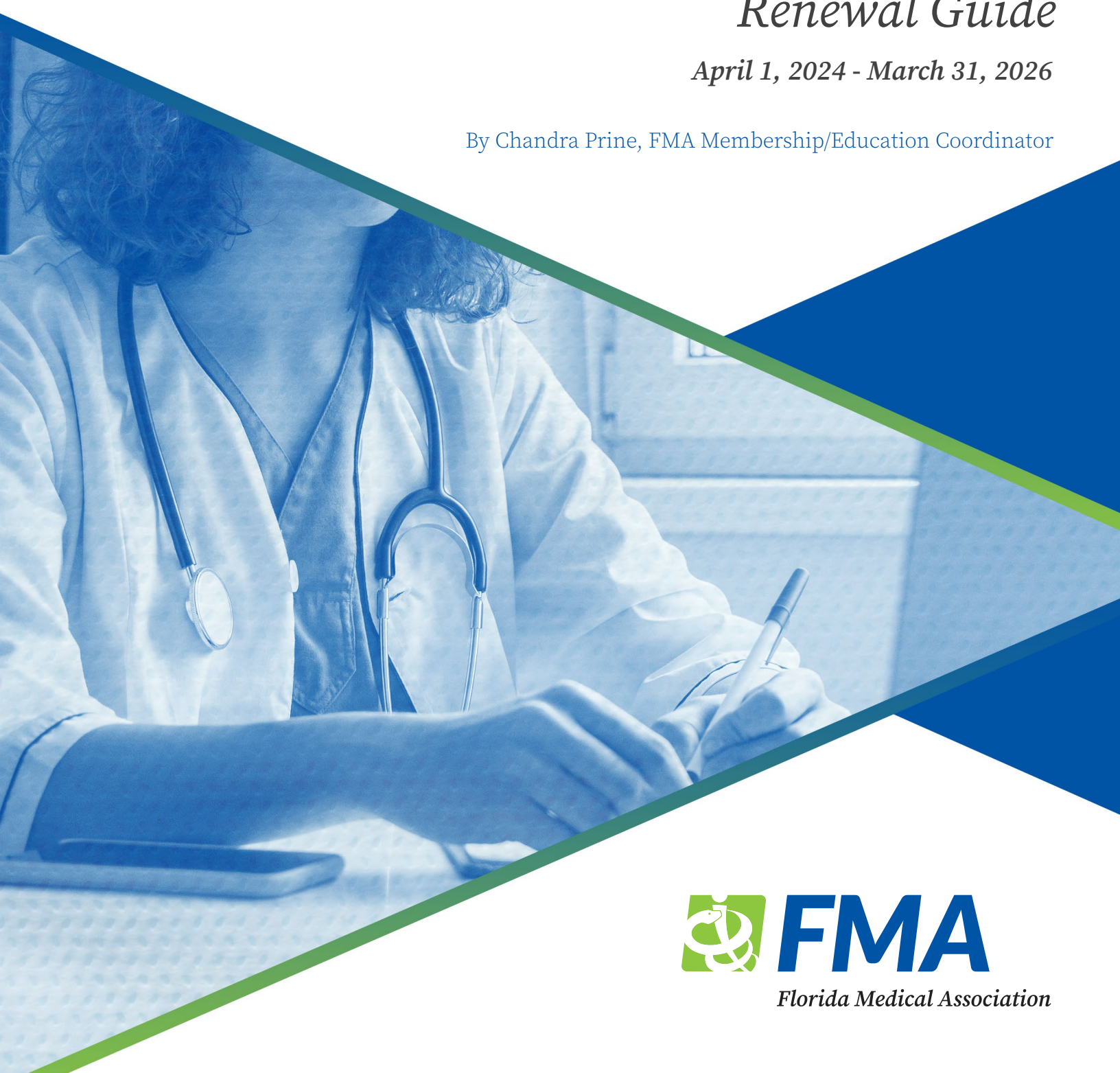


Osteopathic Medical License

Renewal Guide

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Does your Florida osteopathic medical license expire on March 31, 2026? Keep this guide handy to avoid renewal delays and get up to speed on exemptions and CME benefits.

THE BASICS

- Make sure the Florida Department of Health (DOH) has your current mailing address on file to ensure that you receive notification regarding renewal. Failure to renew an active or inactive license by the expiration date will result in the license being placed in delinquent status.

- ▶ The active renewal fee is \$429.
- ▶ The inactive renewal fee is \$229.
- ▶ Update your DOH profile and renew your license online at: <https://mqa-vo.doh.state.fl.us/datamart/voservicesportal>

- A licensee who remains on inactive status for more than two consecutive biennial licensure cycles and who wishes to reactivate the license may be required to demonstrate competency to resume active practice by sitting for a special purpose examination or by completing other reactivation requirements.

- If a delinquent licensee is not renewed as active or inactive before the expiration of the current licensure cycle, their license will become null and void without further action by the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine or DOH.

- Licensees requesting reactivation of their licenses from inactive or retired status are required to pay additional fees and comply with specific continuing education requirements. Contact the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine at <https://floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov/contact/> to request your reactivation requirements.

- Biennial Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements: forty (40) total hours obtained from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026.



FIRST-TIME LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS

Requirements for first-time renewal if the license was issued after June 30, 2025, of the second year of the biennium:

- ▶ **Prevention of Medical Errors**
Two (2) hours with content specific to Florida; can be either AOA Category 1-A or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. This course may be obtained virtually provided that learners have the opportunity to interact with the presenter(s) of the course if they wish. The FMA's courses (livestream, online, and in-person), meet this requirement.
- ▶ **Florida Laws and Rules/Professional and Medical Ethics**
One (1) hour with content specific to Florida; can be either AOA Category 1-A or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. This course may be obtained virtually provided that learners have the opportunity to interact with the presenter(s) of the course if they wish. The FMA's courses (livestream, online, and in-person) meet this requirement.
- ▶ **HIV/AIDS**
One (1) hour; can be AOA Category 1-A or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. The FMA's online course meets this requirement. This course is not required after the first renewal.

Requirements for first-time renewal if license was issued prior to July 1, 2025, of the second year of the biennium and subsequent renewals thereafter:

- ▶ **General Continuing Medical Education**
Twenty (20) hours; must be AOA Category 1-A hours. These hours may include any of the mandatory topic area courses listed below if the course is approved for AOA

Category 1-A credit. The FMA courses do not meet this requirement.

- ▶ **HIV/AIDS**
One (1) hour; can be AOA Category 1-A or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. The FMA's HIV/AIDS CME course meets this requirement. This online course is not required after the first renewal.
- ▶ **Prevention of Medical Errors**
Two (2) hours with content specific to Florida; can be AOA Category 1-A or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. This course may be obtained virtually provided that learners have the opportunity to interact with the presenter(s) of the course if they wish. The FMA's courses (livestream, online, and in-person) meet this requirement.
- ▶ **Florida Laws and Rules/Professional and Medical Ethics**
One (1) hour with content specific to Florida; can be AOA Category 1-A or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. This course may be obtained virtually provided that learners have the opportunity to interact with the presenter(s) of the course if they wish. The FMA's courses (livestream, online, and in-person) meet this requirement.
- ▶ **Prescribing Controlled Substances**
Two (2) hours with content specific to Florida; can be AOA Category 1-A or AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. The FMA's course meets this requirement. If you are not registered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and authorized to prescribe controlled substances, you are exempt from this course.
- ▶ **Domestic Violence**
Two (2) hours CME every third biennium renewal (every six years). The FMA's livestream, online, and in-person courses meet this requirement.

FIRST-TIME LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS CONTINUED

FMA members can take the mandatory topic area courses mentioned above for free or at a discount in our [online catalog](#).

This information can be located on the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine's website at <https://floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov/renewals/#tab-ce>.

EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER WAYS TO COMPLETE YOUR CME

If you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty and in good standing with the Board at the time of becoming active and entitled to practice in Florida, you may be eligible for exemption from renewal requirements for the duration of your active duty, and for a period of six months after discharge, if you are not practicing in the private for-profit sector.

If you are the spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be eligible for exemption from licensure renewal requirements, but only in cases of absence from the state because of your spouse's duties with the Armed Forces.

If you volunteer as an expert witness providing expert witness opinions for cases being reviewed pursuant to Chapter 459, F.S., you can receive five (5) hours of credit for each case reviewed, up to a maximum of 15 hours per biennium.

You can obtain three hours of CME by attending at least three (3) hours of disciplinary matters at a regular meeting of the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine and earn no more than six (6) hours per biennium.

If you volunteer 160 hours of medical services to

indigent Florida residents with incomes at or below 20% of the Federal Poverty Level during the previous biennium, you may be eligible for a waiver of your biennial renewal fee and some of the continuing education hours (no more than 25%) required for license renewal. However, the continuing education requirements for the Domestic Violence, HIV-AIDS, and Prevention of Medical Errors courses cannot be waived.

Current and former Board of Osteopathic Medicine members can receive up to five hours of credit per biennium in the area of risk management for serving on the Board's probable cause panel.

You can fulfill up to five hours of CME credit per biennium by performing pro bono medical services for an entity serving the indigent, underserved populations, or areas of critical need. Credit will be given on an hour-per-hour basis. See the Board's rule 64B8-13, F.A.C. to determine if your services meet the requirements for credit.

If you post a sign with a schedule of your charges, you may be exempt from paying license fees and completing CME for one biannual renewal period. Florida Statutes created provisions for exemption

EXEMPTIONS AND OTHER WAYS TO COMPLETE YOUR CME CONTINUED

from one two-year reporting cycle of CME credits and license fees for primary care physicians who post a schedule of medical charges. This waiver does not include the unlicensed activity fee, background check fee, or dispensing fee. “Primary care physicians” include medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who provide medical services commonly provided without referral from another healthcare provider, including family and general practice, general pediatrics, and general internal medicine.

If you are currently registered to dispense medicinal drugs to your patients, you are required to renew your registration at the same time you renew your medical license. If you no longer wish to dispense medicinal drugs, you can cancel your registration by checking the appropriate box on the renewal application.

If you are not currently registered to dispense medicinal drugs and would like to register, you can complete the registration process when you renew your license by checking the appropriate box on the renewal application and paying the dispensing registration fee of \$100 in addition to your renewal fee.

YOUR CME MUST BE REPORTED

CE Broker is the official continuing education tracking system for the Florida Department of Health. A basic CE Broker account is free, but two other options are available, including a concierge-level plan – discounted for FMA members – that handles the process of managing, tracking, and reporting your CME. [Click here for details](#) about this discount. Every course you take that is directly provided by the FMA will be reported to CE Broker on your behalf. [Visit the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine website](#) for even more information.

