

professions and occupations requiring a license in Maine (January 2007)

TITLES:

Accountants
Acupuncturists
Alcohol and Drug Counselors
Architects
Athletic Trainers
Auctioneers
Audiologists
Barbers
Boiler Operators
Boxers
Charitable Solicitations
Chiropractors
Complementary Health Care Providers
(includes Acupuncture, Naturopathic Acupuncture,
Naturopathic Doctor)
Cosmetologists
Counselors
Dietitians
Door-to-Door Home Repair Sellers
Electricians
Elevator Technicians
Foresters
Funeral Practitioners
Geologists
Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters
Interior Designers
Interpreters for the Deaf
Land Surveyors
Landscape Architects
Manufactured Housing Professionals
Massage Therapists
Natural Gas Technicians
Naturopathic Doctors
Nursing Home Administrators
Occupational Therapists
Oil and Solid Fuel Technicians
Pharmacy
Pharmacy Technicians
Physical Therapists
Plumbers
Podiatrists
Propane Technicians
Professional Fundraisers
Psychologists
Radiological Technologists
Real Estate Appraisers
Real Estate Professionals
Respiratory Care Practitioners
Social Workers
Soil Scientists
Speech Pathologists
Transient Sellers
Veterinarians
Veterinarian Technicians
Wrestlers

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<http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions.htm>

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NOTES:

1. The assumption is that one must be licensed in order to charge a fee or receive remuneration for performing in the listed profession. If one's practice as a geologist, for instance, consists of leading free field trips for Girl Scouts, then presumably no license is required because no remuneration is collected. High school kids wrestle without being licensed but are presumably not paid.
2. There are professions not listed here that require a Maine license, for instance Boat Operator, Registered Maine Guide, Urchin Diver, Lobsterman, Victualer, Lobbyist, Optometrist.
3. Naturally, all drivers must hold a valid driving license, but those who drive for a living and haul hazardous materials, children, potatoes, and so on, are not included in this list.
4. Citizens who hold other license-to-breathe types of licenses – (hunting license, fishing license, trapping license) – are also not in this list, even though they could conceivably exercise those activities to make a living.
5. Some medical licenses are included in this list (italicized) and some are not, *exempli gratia*, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Doctor, Radiologic Technologist.
6. All of the above exceptions and curiosities beg the question: Is a license required in order to work as a chef? A dog groomer? A house painter? A general contractor? A water diviner? A well driller? To operate a zoo? To brew beer? To raise beef cattle? To operate a ski area? If someone looks at the state list here and doesn't see the activity, how would he find out what other activities are not on the list but require licensure? Why would anyone even think to ask whether a license is required if all they want to do is plant an apple tree, pitch a tent, mow a field, plant a crop, restore an antique car, and so on?
7. There should be no question that certain activities or professions will never require a license, because the U.S. Constitution protects the right of all citizens to simply do it. For example, no license could ever be required in order to print and distribute personal opinions – therefore you should never see a "License to Publish" on the wall of a newspaper office; no license could ever be required to speak before a crowd from a podium on your own private property or to offer your opinion on the airwaves (just the license to broadcast); no license could ever be required to preach, to bear arms, to... wait! There *is* a law against political speech (McCain-Feingold). There are laws all over the place against bearing arms – just try carrying a sidearm in New York City or transporting one through most of the northeastern states; you'll do time.
8. A license *is* required to broadcast over the *airwaves*, because bandwidth has to be assigned and regulated. What is *said* over the airwaves is supposedly unrestricted, except slander. But an apathetic electorate is willing to forego a little liberty for a little security, (and if willing to make that trade, deserves neither, said Ben Franklin), and so we do have certain laws constraining public speech, infringing on the bearing of arms, and so on.