



ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING PUBLIC RECORDS

Alabama law permits Alabama citizens to request and access the public documents of a state agency. Those persons requesting public documents must complete this form. These instructions apply to public documents sought from the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners and the Medical Licensure Commission.

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH YOUR REQUEST

The type of record being requested will determine its availability, the time necessary to gather the records, and any cost associated with providing the records.

Costs/Fees

- Depending upon the scope of your request, the payment of fees may be required before a substantive response is provided. Payment of fees will generally not be required for Standard Requests. For Time-Intensive Requests, payment for staff time at the rate of \$20.00 per hour is required.
- Standard 8-1/2" x 11" black and white photocopies will be charged at \$0.50 per page. There will be no per-page charge for documents provided electronically. Other necessary and reasonable expenses and/or services, such as a flash drive or other hardware necessary for electronically producing records, oversize, color, or other types of copies, will be billed at actual cost.

Procedure

- Complete the attached Request for Public Records form and submit it to the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners/Medical Licensure Commission via [email](#).
- The Board will acknowledge your request within two business days.
- The Board will classify your request as a "Standard Request" or a "Time-Intensive Request." A "Standard Request" is one that can be fulfilled with less than eight hours of staff time. A "Time-Intensive Request" is one that is projected to take more than eight hours.

- After a request form is received, a determination will be made if the requested information is a record(s) subject to disclosure.
- Most records will be sent by email. If voluminous, the records may be made available for in-person viewing/copying during regular business hours.
- Records will usually be provided within 15 business days after receipt of the request. Numerous factors may necessitate that this time frame be extended.

The following documents are not public and may not be produced under Alabama law:

- All reports of investigations
- Documents subpoenaed by the Board
- Reports of any investigative committee appointed by the Board
- Memoranda of the Board's counsel relating to investigations
- Statements of persons interviewed by the Board or any committee of the Board
- All information, interviews, reports, statements, or memoranda of any kind furnished to the Board or any committee of the Board
- Any findings, conclusions, or recommendations resulting from proceedings of the Board or any committee of the Board, unless presented as evidence at a public hearing
- Witness testimony, exhibits, and pleadings (except for the Administrative Complaint and Commission findings/orders) in contested case hearings held before the Medical Licensure Commission.
- Personal information that would expose individuals to the risk of identity theft or other unlawful acts. Examples include social security numbers, dates of birth, driver's license numbers, home addresses, personal telephone numbers, personal e-mail addresses, information pertaining to minors, financial account numbers, and any other information as to which the public informational value is outweighed by the individual privacy interests involved.

Questions?

If you have questions, e-mail our public records coordinators at public.records@albme.gov (Board of Medical Examiners) or public.records@almlc.gov (Medical Licensure Commission).

Notice to News Media

News media representatives on deadline should contact the Office of the General Counsel at (334) 242-4116 for assistance. The Board will attempt to accommodate these deadlines.



**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS**

Name of requester: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone # _____ Cellular # _____

E-mail address: _____

Agency you are requesting public records from: _____

Date of request: _____

Record requested: (Be as specific as possible. A public officer is not obligated to respond to a request that is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, or unreasonable in scope, nor is a public officer obligated to respond to a request that seeks records that do not exist or materials that are not public records. Additionally, extensive requests for public records may increase the fees to cover the administrative cost of searching and copying the requested records.)

Proposed use of documents:

Request is for certified copies (will be sent via US Mail): Yes No

Payment of fees may be required before your request is fulfilled.

By submitting this request, you certify that you are an Alabama resident with standing to make a request for public records pursuant to Alabama law.

I have read the Instructions for Requesting Public Records and agree to the terms and conditions stated in that document. I understand and agree that by typing my name, I am providing an electronic signature that has the same legal effect as a written signature pursuant to Ala. Code §§ 8-1A-2 and 8-1A-7.

Signature

Date

Print Name (non-electronic form only)

[Save and Email this Request to the Board](#)