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Use of Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) in lieu of Social Security Numbers (SSN) in applying with the California Acupuncture Board (Board).

California State Senate Bill (SB) 1159 (Lara, Chapter 752, Statutes of 2014) was signed by the Governor and became effective on January 1, 2015. The new law requires licensing programs under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to begin accepting ITINs no later than January 1, 2016.

Therefore, the Board is now able to accept ITINs in lieu of an SSN on applications for the California Acupuncture Licensing Exam and initial licensure effective January 1, 2015. If you are unable to be issued a SSN by the Federal government, you may be able to obtain an ITIN instead.

Individuals applying for an acupuncture license must provide either an SSN or ITIN. Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 30 and Public Law 94-455 [42 U.S.C.A. 405(c)(2)(C)] authorize collection of an SSN. BPC section 5550.5 authorizes the Board to accept a ITIN in lieu of an SSN. The SSN or ITIN will be used exclusively for tax enforcement purposes or purposes of compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with Family Code section 17520. If an individual does not provide the SSN or ITIN on an application for initial licensure, it will not be processed, and it will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board, which may assess a \$100 penalty.

Please note the Board does not issue ITINs; you must contact the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Individual-Taxpayer-Identification-Number>
Phone: 800-829-1040

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 916-515-5200, or email the Board: acupuncture@dca.ca.gov

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