

## **AB 918 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### ***Q. I am a CA licensed acupuncturist. How will AB 918 impact me?***

AB 918 does not change any processes for current CA license holders (i.e. renewals, CEU requirements, etc.).

AB 918 does not “grandfather” licensees from CA to practice in other states, nor does it “grandfather” practitioners from other states to enter CA. Many current CA licensees are eligible to apply for national certification through a pathway offered by the NCCAOM.

The CAB will continue operating as the sole issuer of acupuncture licenses in California, and will continue regulating the practice of Asian medicine and acupuncture in the state.

### ***Q. What exactly does AB 918 do?***

AB 918 allows future CA license applicants to sit for the updated NCCAOM exam instead of the California Acupuncture License Exam (CALE).

### ***Q. Why do we need AB 918?***

AB 918 is essential if licensed acupuncturists desire employment at the VA, in CA hospitals, and at other major medical centers and integrative medicine programs where NCCAOM certification is already a prerequisite. Entry into the national healthcare system requires national standards. AB 918 takes a first step to standardize a national exam for the entire profession.

### ***Q. I have other questions. Who can I ask?***

First, we encourage you to join us at CSOMA's Town Hall meeting on March 16th at 6PM PST. A detailed FAQ is also available at [csomaonline.org](https://www.csomaonline.org). Please direct any questions to [ra@csomaonline.org](mailto:ra@csomaonline.org).

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