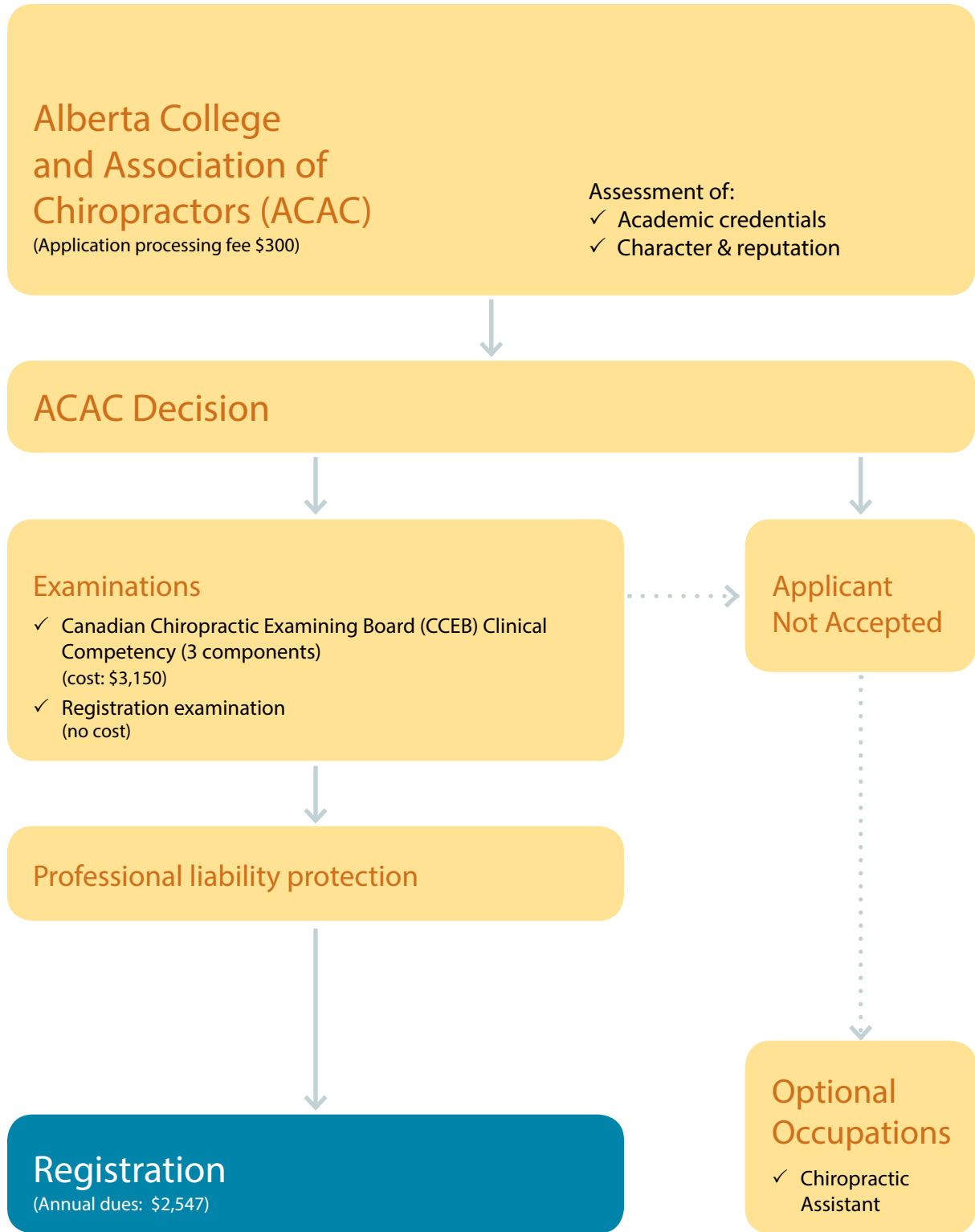


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#### Description of Occupation

Chiropractors diagnose, treat and prevent disorders of the musculoskeletal system. They also deal with the effects of these disorders on a person's nervous system and their general health. Chiropractors often use a series of spinal adjustments, soft tissue therapies and exercises to treat the musculoskeletal system, and in turn, the function of the nervous system. They may also refer patients to other healthcare professionals, if needed.

In Alberta, chiropractors often work in their own clinic, operating the practice as a business. They might also work with other chiropractors, or in offices with other healthcare providers, such as massage therapists, physiotherapists or family physicians.

#### Obtaining Registration in Alberta

To be a chiropractor in Alberta, you must register with the Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors (ACAC).

To apply for registration you must submit:

- A notarized and completed application form.
- A notarized passport photograph that was taken within one (1) year of your date of application.
- Results of the Canadian Chiropractic Education Board, Clinical Competency Examination.
- An official copy of your Doctor of Chiropractic transcript from a Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) approved chiropractic college.
- A letter of good standing from any other jurisdiction where you are or have been licensed.
- Proof of liability coverage.
- Payment of a \$300 non-refundable application fee and pro-rated membership dues (dependent on date of licensure).

#### Residency Requirement

You must provide:

- Proof of Canadian citizenship (for example, a copy of a passport or birth certificate)
- OR
- Proof that you have been lawfully admitted to Canada and are entitled to work in Canada (for example, a Canadian work visa).

#### Requirements

##### 1. Academic Credentials

You must have completed a Doctor of Chiropractic program from a chiropractic program that has been approved by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). Most jurisdictions have CCE-approved programs, so even if you were not educated in Canada or the United States, your credentials will likely be approved.

## **2. Work Experience**

A formal clinical internship is a part of the educational requirement within CCE-approved programs. Additional work experience is not required to register with the ACAC.

## **3. Good Character and Reputation**

You must provide a letter of good standing from any other jurisdiction you have ever been licensed in. It must be mailed directly from the licensing body to the ACAC, as faxed copies will not be accepted.

You must also disclose on your application whether you have:

- Been disciplined by a Chiropractic association or licensing body;
- Plead guilty or been found guilty of a criminal offence in Canada or elsewhere for which you have not been pardoned; or
- Have any outstanding criminal charges against you.

## **4. English Language**

While there is no English language requirement to become a registered Chiropractor in Alberta, you must be able to speak, write and understand English in order to fulfil the examination component of the registration process.

## **5. Examinations**

There are two (2) examinations you must take in order to complete the registration process:

### **1. The Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (CCEB) Clinical Competency Examination**

The exam consists of three (3) components:

- **Component A—Chiropractic knowledge**  
This component has two (2) sections which take three (3) hours each to complete. Component A is offered three (3) times a year, in February, June and October. The exam venue is determined by the CCEB.
- **Component B—Clinical decision making and diagnostic imaging**  
This component also has two (2) sections which take three (3) hours each to complete. It is offered in February, June and October as well. The exam venue is determined by the CCEB.
- **Component C—Clinical skills evaluation**  
This component takes three (3) hours to complete. It is comprised of 10 Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) stations, each of which will require you to demonstrate your clinical knowledge. It is also offered in February, June and October of each year at an exam venue determined by the CCEB.

**NOTE:** If you have been in practice for more than five (5) years in another jurisdiction, you may be able to be exempt from Component A of the CCEB examination.

2. An open-book registration examination for the ACAC

This examination is to be completed once you have sent in your application and paid the fees owing for the remainder of the ACAC year (July 1 to June 30).

The ACAC will send by email the registration exam and all legislative references to the email specified on your application. You must score 100 per cent on the examination in order to pass.

**6. Other Requirements**

Upon successful completion of the registration exam you will be provided with instructions on securing professional liability protection. Members must hold at least \$2 million per incident and \$4 million cumulative on their policies. Professional liability protection must be secured before a practice permit for licensure is issued.

After receiving proof of professional liability protection, the ACAC will issue a practice permit.

**Payment**

The following fees must be submitted during the registration process. Contact the ACAC for payment arrangements. Fees are in Canadian dollars.

Application Fee	\$300
ACAC Membership Dues (includes Canadian Chiropractic Association fees) *There is also an ACAC marketing fee of \$300 that is collected each quarter.	\$2,547.00*
CCEB Exam Administration Fee	\$150
CCEB Exam Fee (Component A)	\$750
CCEB Exam Fee (Component B)	\$750
CCEB Exam Fee (Component C)	\$1,500
Fees are subject to change. Contact the ACAC for most up-to-date fees.	

**Average Earnings**

Most chiropractors in Alberta are self-employed as healthcare professionals. They may also form partnerships in health clinics with other allied health care practitioners. Income is related to the number of patients that a chiropractor treats, and it may take some time to build up a client base and achieve a steady income.

As few chiropractors in Alberta work for a company, there is very little wage data available.

**Employment Options**

You can also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as Chiropractic Assistant.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website: [Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Chiropractor](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo) (for information on all occupations see [www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)).

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## Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on Chiropractor registration visit the ACAC website at [www.albertachiro.com](http://www.albertachiro.com).

Application Forms and Information:

[Application Process](#)

Academic Credentials:

[Council on Chiropractic Education \(CCE\)](#)  
[www.cce-usa.org](http://www.cce-usa.org)

Examinations:

[CCEB Clinical Competency Examination](#)