



## Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) – Structure and Description

LARA is responsible for the majority of the state’s regulatory environment. The department oversees the licensing and regulation of over two million individuals and entities. LARA works to protect the health and safety of Michigan’s citizens while also promoting business growth and job creation through effective and efficient regulation. Below is a description of LARA’s component parts:

**Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS)** – Regulates health care facilities, nurse aide training programs, adult foster care homes, hospitals, nursing homes and qualified interpreters.

**Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC)** – Administers construction based regulatory programs such as skilled trade licenses, elevator safety, subdivision plat review, and mobile homes.

**Bureau of Fire Services (BFS)** – Trains Michigan firefighters and provides fire safety oversight of state-regulated facilities. BFS also regulates fireworks and storage tanks.

**Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL)** – Regulates professions governed by the Occupational Code (i.e., accountants, cosmetologists, etc.) and the Public Health Code (i.e., doctors, pharmacists, etc.). BPL also maintains the state’s prescription monitoring program (MAPS).

**Bureau of Survey and Certification (BSC)** – Inspects and investigates federally certified medical and long-term care facilities for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA)** – Oversees the regulation of the cannabis industry, including medical and adult-use marijuana and hemp processing.

**Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing (CSCL)** – Facilitates formation of business entities (i.e. Corporations and LLCs) and also regulates the securities industry and other various professions (i.e. funeral directors, refrigeration facilities and deceased removal services, security guards, etc.).

**Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR)** – Oversees administrative rulemaking and houses the state’s administrative hearing system.

**Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC)** – Works to ensure the effective assistance of counsel for all indigent adults.

**Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC)** – Regulates the availability of alcoholic beverages and the alcoholic beverage industry.

**Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)** – Ensures Michigan residents have safe, reliable, and accessible energy and telecommunications services at reasonable rates.

**Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT)** - Administrative court that hears tax appeals for all Michigan state and local taxes and oversees small claims cases.

**Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission (MUCC)** – Regulates professional boxing and MMA competition.

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# Licenses and Permits Issued by LARA

## Health Facilities

Adult Foster Care  
Adult Foster Care Camps  
Homes for the Aged  
Hospitals  
Hospice Agencies & Residences  
Nurse Aide Training  
Nursing Homes  
Psychiatric Hospitals & Units  
Rehabilitation Hospitals & Units  
Substance Use Disorder Program

## Commercial

Cemetery  
Prepaid Funeral & Cemetery Contact  
Limousine Carrier  
Personnel Agencies  
Professional Employer Organization  
Refrigeration Facilities & Deceased  
Removal Services  
Security Alarm Contractor  
Taxicab Carrier  
Transportation Network Company  
Vehicle Protection Product Warrantors

## Skilled Trades

Electrician  
Mechanic  
Plumber  
Residential Builder  
Code Official  
Elevator Contractors

## Fire Safety

Fire Fighting Training  
Fireworks  
Storage Tanks

## Health Professionals

Acupuncture  
Athletic Trainer  
Audiology  
Behavior Analysts  
Counseling  
Dentistry  
Dieticians  
Genetic Counseling  
Marriage & Family Therapy  
Massage Therapy  
Medicine  
Midwifery  
Nursing  
Nursing Home Administrator  
Nurse Aid  
Occupational Therapy  
Optometry  
Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery  
Pharmacy  
Physical Therapy  
Physician Assistant  
Podiatric Medicine & Therapy  
Psychology  
Respiratory Care  
Qualified Interpreter  
Sanitarian  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathology  
Veterinary Medicine

## Liquor

Suppliers  
Manufacturers  
Wholesalers  
On-premises Retailers  
Off-premises Retailers  
Special Act Licenses

## Occupational Professionals

Accountancy  
Appraisal Management Company  
Architects  
Barbers  
Cosmetologists  
Funeral Directors  
Hearing Aid Dealers  
Investment Advisors  
Landscape Architects  
Mixed Martial Arts  
Polygraph Examiners  
Professional Boxers  
Professional Engineers  
Professional Surveyors  
Professional Investigators  
Real Estate Brokers & Salespersons  
Real Estate Appraisers  
Securities Agent  
Security Guard  
Unarmed Combat Promoters  
Unarmed Combat Referees

## Permits

Construction Codes  
Boilers  
Building  
Electrical  
Elevator  
Mechanical  
Plumbing  
Ski  
Carnival & Amusement

## Cannabis Licenses

Medical Facility  
Adult Use Establishment

*It is important to note that while this list provides a general overview of the types of licenses and permits issued by LARA, it is not exhaustive and does not specify the various subtypes or specialties that often exist.*