



## TURTLE ISLAND NETWORK

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can a provider be exempt from having a medical license? As a Turtle Island Provider you are not exempt from having a medical license if you are working under traditional medicine. Turtle Island allows you to work under Indigenous, Holistic, Monastic and Dynastic Categories. This allows Turtle Island providers to provide the various modalities in which they want to practice and also includes education in natural modalities. As your modalities specify, Turtle Island Providers are out of the jurisdiction of the medical boards.
2. I have an LLC and I am concerned about legal and tax situations with my LLC when I sign up as a Provider. Does signing up as a Provider affect my LLC in any way? If you have a current LLC, you may keep it so it can be used for withholding taxes. If you have employees we encourage you to consult with your current tax consultant.
3. Can anyone set up a Turtle Island healing center or priory? Healing Priors/Centers are set up by people who are providers of Turtle Island Network– like MD’s, DO’s, DC’s, Naturopaths, Massage therapists, Nutritionists, etc. They are usually people already in the Health Industry, who want to be in a network with Providers who focus on natural healing. These are people that are already recognized as healthcare specialists with necessary documentation.
4. How does it work for being required to pay social security to the U.S. government? If you have employees, withholding the appropriate taxes is still required unless a person is a 1099 contract laborer. For the provider that has the healing center, please contact your current tax consultant for more details and instructions.
5. Is there a way to upgrade my level of licensing through Turtle Island without using US or State agencies or institutions? Turtle Island requires diplomas, certificates of completion and completed degrees in areas of natural modalities. Such as; Naturopathic, Homeopathic, Nutrition, Massage, etc. There are upgrades available through life experiences, but these must be submitted and reviewed by the council and approved.
6. As a Provider how do I go about helping individuals who have never heard of anything like this before? A provider makes the services of the clinic and themselves only available to private members instead of the general public. All people coming to a healing center are not patients or clients, they are “members” and in regards to the care given by their Turtle Island provider, they agree to “give up their public rights”. As a private member, individuals agree to services, Provider to member, which is out of the jurisdiction of the city, state and/or federal. If there is something you don’t agree with, you don’t do it. If there is a claim or issue with a provider, a member agrees to private arbitration instead of going to the public medical boards, law enforcement, etc.

6. Do all of my staff members need to be members or providers of Turtle Island Network?  
Yes. If you have a staff member who is seeing, treating or laying hands on members, they are required to sign up as a Turtle Island provider. They will be listed on your Turtle Island business license and will still need to go through the same provider sign up process that you did. If you have a staff member who is not seeing, treating or laying hands on members, like clerical staff, accountant, office manager etc., they only need to sign up as a member of Turtle Island.
7. Would staff members be apprentices? Or, how are they categorized? Staff members classifications are based upon their training, certification and/or licensing. This must be provided to the council for review as is the same with any other Turtle Island Provider.
8. Is there an easy-to-understand packet of guidelines on how to properly pay all taxes and membership fees? Yes, all information regarding how to paying taxes, membership fees, etc. more can be found in the packet that is received via email when a provider is approved by the council. If you are a current provider and did not received a packet via email, please contact our office.
9. Do I have to sign up all patient/clients? If so, what do I do if they don't want to sign up? ALL patients/clients seen by a Turtle Island provider, MUST sign up as members. Either by a yearly membership or a guestpass. If a patient/client does not sign up as a member, we cannot provide a legal defense if needed for the provider. For this reason, it is imperative that providers ONLY see patients/clients who have become a members of Turtle Island.
10. How long does the processing take for a provider or a member? Typically the review process for providers and processing for members can take up to 3-4 weeks. For providers, this is contingent upon whether we are filing for an LLC because we can only file one LLC per day. Sometimes, due to a high volume of applicants or members received, the review process can take longer than 3-4 weeks. We make no guarantees on these time frames.