

STATE MEDICAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR J-1 & H-1B PHYSICIANS

ALABAMA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity— Yes. If exams taken after 1/1/2000, will accept only USMLE. May accept these combinations of exams taken before 1/1/2000 if achieved score of at least 75: (a) NBME Part 1 or USMLE step 1; plus NBME Part II or USMLE step 2; plus NBME Part III or USMLE Step 3. (b) FLEX component 1; plus USMLE step 3 (c) NBME Part 1 or USMLE Step 1; plus NBME Part II or USMLE Step 2; Plus FLEX Component 2.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered – Yes. Applicants who graduated from a medical college not accredited by LCME or the American Osteopathic Association need an ECFMG certificate OR a Fifth Pathway Certificate and pass ECFMG's exam. Proof of certification or passage of the exam must be sent directly from ECFMG to the Board. Proof of Fifth Pathway Certification must be sent directly from the certifying agency to the Board.

USMLE steps 1,2,3

Qualifying Exams: (If an applicant fails to achieve a passing score on Step 3 in three administrations, the Board may approve one additional attempt to pass Step 3 after demonstration by the applicant of additional education, experience, or training acceptable to the Board.)
or FLEX, NBOME, LMCC.

Other: Graduates of LCME accredited programs must have finished a 1 year accredited post-graduate residency training;
Graduates of non-CME accredited programs must have completed 3 years of accredited post-graduate residency training.
Certain applicants who have not passed a written licensing exam within 10 years prior to application must take SPEX & achieve score of 75+ or be certified by ABMS
Criminal background checks required as of 10/01/08.

ALASKA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. For doctors licensed in another US state or Canadian province exam may be waived if they passed an equivalent exam to the USMLE or have passed one of the following exams: NBME, FLEX or NBOME.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Yes. Required from all foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE Step 3. Minimum 75.

Other--Successful graduation from an accredited US/ Canadian medical school. If graduated prior to 1/1/1995 - 1 year of postgraduate training, if graduated after 1/1/1995 - 2 years of postgraduate training. If foreign graduate - must graduate from a medical school listed in the World Health Organization Directory. Plus 3 years of postgraduate training in accredited programs in the US or Canada. All applicants must verify all medical licenses in the US and international.

ARIZONA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. With exams combinations as follows (minimum passing score of each exam is 75): NBME Parts 1+2 AND USMLE step 3 or component n or FLEX (with scaled score of 75) or Flex component I and USMLE step 3 (with scaled score of 75). Or NBME Part one or USABLE Step 1 (with scaled score of 75) AND NBME Part 2 or USMLE Step 2 (with scaled score of 75) AND NBME Part 3 or USMLE step 3 or FLEX component II (with a scaled score of 75).

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Yes. For all non-approved medical school graduates. Except if applicant completed fifth pathway program.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE Part 1, 2, 3. Minimum 75 in all parts; taken between a 7 year period. Or be certified by the licensing medical council of Canada, or passed the FLEX. If applicant took the FLEX exam prior to 1/1/1985, must have passed with minimum of 75. If FLEX taken after 12/1/1984, both component I and n must have been passed between a 5 year period and minimum of 75.

Other--US/Canadian graduates: 12 months hospital approved internship (approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or a similar American or Canadian entity) + passage of NBME, FLEX, USMLE 1+2+3 and State written/oral examination. Endorsement applicants who have not passed a written state licensing exam, USMLE or other within 10 years prior to application will take the SPEX (Special purpose examination). Graduates of non-approved schools must prove proficiency in English + ECFMG + FLEX + USMLE 1+2+3 + fifth pathway program or 36 months of full time assistant professor or higher position in an approved school or medicine. Plus (if fifth pathway program is taken, ECFMG certification not needed). 24 months approved hospital internship, residency or clinical fellowship program for a total of 36 month unless successfully completed a fifth pathway program or serves as a full time assistant professor or higher position at an approved school of medicine.

ARKANSAS

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. AR must re-verify all the information, exam results and education.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification, except Canadians with LMCC exam results.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1, 2 and 3 or LMCC; combination of national boards, such as FLEX comp 1 + USMLE 2 +3, depending on when the physician was originally licensed.

Other--All applicants must complete one year of post graduate training or internship in the US. Full credentialing if the applicant passed USMLE for another US state.

CALIFORNIA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification (not required if passed the FLEX before Jan. 1, 1986). Official breakdown of undergraduate clinical clerkships or/and certificate of clinical training (if it was completed outside the primary teaching hospital).

Qualifying Exams--NA.

Other--Original school transcripts from every medical school attended. Certificate of completion of ACGME or RCPSC post-graduate training. Fingerprints; Photograph; Letter of good standing.

COLORADO

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No - all applications are original applications.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG required from foreign graduates except Canadians.

Qualifying Exams--Passage of: NBME or USMLE or a combination of both; or LMCC; FLEX, combinations available.

Other--All applications are evaluated on their individual merits, not to single out IMG applicants. Graduation from an ACGME approved medical school and completion of one year of approved postgraduate training. Foreign educated physicians are evaluated on a case by case basis after ECFMG. Foreign graduates must complete three years of ACGME/AOA approved clinical post-graduate training in the US or Canada and take the national board of medical examiners exam (USMLE/NBME) or FLEX.

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. But past licensing tests results for other states may be accepted (no need to re-take exams).

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG. Certificate.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3 or FLEX; NBME, combination.

Other--Graduation of an approved US or Canadian school or ECFMG plus 2 years of post graduate training or residency for all applicants Minimum of 2 years of post-secondary study prior to enrollment in the medical education program.

DELAWARE

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG. Except Canadians.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3 or FLEX; NBME; combination depending upon years when exams taken.

Other--Graduation of an approved US or Canadian school and 1 full year of US internship. Foreign school graduates must do 3 years of internship in the US in an accredited program.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes, with the following exceptions:

the applicant has surrendered a license in another jurisdiction while a disciplinary action was pending and has not been restored to licensure in that jurisdiction;

the applicant has pending disciplinary or criminal charges for violation of any felony statute or any law regulating medicine or controlled substances

the applicant has engaged in conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action

the applicant is not in good standing in a jurisdiction in which the applicant holds a license.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Yes.

Qualifying Exams--FLES, NBME, or USMLE.

Other--Graduation of an approved medical school in the US or Canada. Must hold foreign medical license or registration certificate, in good standing, issued by a foreign country on the basis of an acceptable governmental exam. Must have practiced medicine for at least 10 years in patient care, 5 years of which occurred immediately preceding the date application is made to the Board. Must have successfully completed 3 years of post-graduate clinical training. If a document required is in a language other than English, an applicant shall arrange for its translation into English by a translation service acceptable to the Board, and shall submit a notarized translation signed by the translator attesting to its accuracy.

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. Applicants by endorsements must: 1) if licensed prior to 1/1/2000 must receive passing score at NBME, FLEX or USMLE and actively practiced for at least 2 of the immediately preceding 4 years or have completed a board approved postgraduate training program within the 2 preceding years before filing the application.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate required from foreign graduates. Or fifth pathway.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 3 (after 1+2); or FLEX; NBME; SPEX exam if other exams not taken and have been practicing in the US or Canada for over 10 years.

Other--Applicants that graduated from medical school after 10/1/1992 must complete 2 academic years of pre-professional, post-secondary education and complete at least one year of approved residency. Must have completed an approved (ACGME) residency or fellowship of at least two years in one specialty area. Must be graduate of allopathic foreign medical school registered with the World Health Organization.

GEORGIA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Exams may be waived if taken previously for another state. Must meet all GA requirements.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate for all IMGs. Fifth pathway applicants are exempt from the ECFMG certification but must pass the ECFMG qualifying exam with a score of 75+.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE steps 1+2+3 or approved combination of various exams (NBME, FLEX I and II, Canadian NCCQE).

Other--All applicants must have one year of post graduate training (except for Canadian with LMCC certification). All applicant must have certification of medical education (where received AMA training). Must provide all states where licensed IMGs must submit a notarized copy of their original diploma and transcripts (also notarized English translation of both diploma and transcripts). IMGs graduated before 7/1/1985 - school must be approved by the board as of the date of graduation (ECFMG certification). IMGs graduated after 7/1/1985 from a school not approved by the board must complete three years of board approved (ACGME) post-graduate residency in the U.S.

HAWAII

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Must send verification of licenses from any other states. Applicants who passed national licensing exams for another state do not have to take exams again for Hawaii.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG Certification. Or Fifth pathway certificate complying with AMA policy. For foreign medical school graduates hospital training experience.

Qualifying Exams--FLEX components 1+2, NBME parts 1+2+3, USMLE steps 1+2+3. Or combinations of these exams prior to 2000: Each part of the NBME may be credited for the same USMLE step; FLEX comp 1 credited for steps 1+2 of USMLE; FLEX comp 2 credited for USMLE step 3.

Other--Must be a graduate from an LCME (Liaison Committee on Medical Education) approved school and have at least one year in a residency program approved by ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education). If residency done outside the US, the applicant must satisfy the board that the program has same standards to those approved by ACGME. Foreign medical graduates must serve at least 2 years in an ACGME accredited program in the US + ECFMG/Fifth pathway. FMGs who were not certified by ECFMG but passed the ECFMG qualifying exam prior to 1984 may be licensed if passed the FLEX, USMLE or approved combination, and have at least three years of medical training or experience in a hospital approved by the AMA. Applicants who passed the FLEX exam prior to 1985 with FLEX Weighted Average of at least 75 are not required to sit for further exams. If passed FLEX after 1984, must have a score of 75 in each component. Applicants that are licensed in another state by virtue of passing that state's exam may sit for the SPEX exam administered by FSMB.

IDAHO

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. If applicants are diplomats of the NBME (National Board of Medical Examiners) or USMLE or hold a valid license received after examination in a state with standards equivalent to Idaho. Oral or written exam may be required. Qualified applicants may request expedited licensure. In certain cases, an interview may be required. The Florida examination, from July 1969 through 1980 is not endorsed.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG Certificate required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or NBME; FLEX; State Boards.

Other--Graduation from an approved medical school plus approved one year internship in the US or Canada. Foreign graduates must graduate from an approved medical school and have 3 years of post-graduate training in the US or Canada. If they have graduated from a foreign medical school that is not approved and they are board certified + ECFMG + FLEX, foreign medical school may be waived if not approved otherwise. A personal interview may be required.

ILLINOIS

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. Certification of Licensure from the jurisdiction of original and current licensure is required for all applicants. If graduate of a board approved US or foreign medical program or graduation of 6 year post secondary studies including 4 years of medical education with license verification in each state or country.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required from foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--Subsequent to January 1, 1994, USMLE 1+2+3. Or NBME, FLEX, SPEX or COMSPEX-USA; combination for examinations completed prior to January 1, 2000.

Other--Graduation from an approved school plus postgraduate training of one year if residency program done before 12/31/1987. If after 1/1/1988 must complete two years of residency. NBME I+II+III (each NBME part in lieu of same USMLE part). Or FLEX 1+ USMLE 3. Or NBME 1+2 (or USMLE 1+2) + FLEX 2. Or FLEX 1+2 taken before 1/1/1995. Illinois also has professional capacity requirements for physicians that have not been enrolled in residency training, medical school or active practice in the two years preceding the application.

INDIANA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Endorsement of license is entirely at the discretion of the board of Indiana. A license in another state does not assure license in Indiana. Must verify each state where applicant holds a medical license and AMA and Federation of State Medical Board verification.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification from foreign graduates. Or VQE or FMGEMS certificate.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1, 2, 3. Or FLEX, NBME, NBOME LMCC, approved combinations. (1) FLEX component I+II; (2) NBME Parts I+II+III; (3) NBME I+II and FLEX II; (4) NBME I+II and USMLE part III; (5) FLEX component I and USMLE Step III.

Other--Official transcripts from medical school (if foreign school must be notarized). Notarized copy of medical degree. Notarized postgraduate training certificate. If US or Canadian graduates one year of approved internship. If foreign medical school graduates - two years of approved internship.

IOWA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Must provide to the board copies of all medical licenses held by applicant.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required from foreign graduates (except Canadians) or fifth pathway program.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or NBME, FLEX, NBOME, COMLEX, LMCC, a state structured exam.

Other--Medical degree from a board approved institution plus one year of postgraduate training. Or (1) ECFMG or (2) fifth pathway program or (3) SPEX or US or Canadian medical licensing exam with 3 years of approved postgraduate training and five years of active medical practice in the US or Canada or (4) SPEX, US or Canadian medical licensing exam and a specialty board certification approved by ABMS or AOA, plus five years of medical practice in the US or Canada.

KANSAS

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Must provide to the board copies of all medical licenses in each state or country. Applicant who passed one of the national medical exams does not have to re-take exams. Licenses to practice the healing arts in the state of Kansas shall be issued by endorsement to qualified applicants who have complied with the requirements of the laws of the state of Kansas and the rules of this board adopted pursuant thereto.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG required from foreign graduates (Except Canadians).

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1, 2, 3 or FLEX; LMCC; NBME; approved combination.

Other--Medical degree from a board approved medical school plus one year of postgraduate training. Foreign physicians must complete two years of US postgraduate training. Must provide certificate that the applicant has met the requirements and received a standard certificate from the educational council for foreign medical graduates, passed the visa qualifying examinations or has successfully completed a fifth pathway program approved by the board of healing arts. Must provide proof that college from which the applicant graduated meets the state's requirements. Proof may include but not be limited to information concerning the curriculum of such school, the grading system in use, and foreign association or government accreditation.

KENTUCKY

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C. William Schmidt, Executive Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. Must provide proof of license in another state and qualify under one of the licensing examinations or combinations.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required. Or diplomacy of an approved American specialty board.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE steps 1+2+3. Or NBME 1+2+3; NBOME 1+2+3; FLEX component 1+2 (75+ on both); state board exam if taken prior to 1972.

Other--Graduation from a medical school approved by the board (LCME approved). Medical education obtained outside the US or Canada is evaluated by the board on an individual basis and must be listed in the World Health Organization directory of medical schools. All applicants must complete minimum of two years post graduate residency approved by the ACGME. IMGs must have ECFMG certification or proof of being a diplomat of an approved American specialty board.

LOUISIANA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. With approved exams combinations based on USMLE or FLEX for foreign graduates plus three years of approved training. If applicant has not passed an exam within 10 years prior to application, he/she must take the SPEX exam unless applicant passed any American Board of Medical Specialties.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required of all foreign educated physicians.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE steps 1+2+3. Or FSMB, SPEX, FLEX; NBME if exam taken in past 10 years.

Other--Graduation from an approved medical school. Foreign graduates must complete ECFMG certification and three years of approved training in the US or Canada. If a medical competency examination has not been taken within 10 years of application, the applicant must be board certified or re-certified through the American Board of Medical Specialties within the past 10 years or the applicant must take and pass SPEX administered through the Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc. Applicant must have completed three years of ACGME approved residency training in the United States or Canada in the same specialty.

MAINE

Contacts--Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. No need to re-take exams if passed them before.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required from foreign educated physicians. Or Certification of Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in the Medical Sciences; VISA Qualifying Examination (VQE); Successful completion of Fifth Pathway program documentation; Only for applicants licensed by the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland or Scotland - certification by a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

Qualifying Exams--Must attain passing score on one of the following exam sets: each individual test of USMLE, FLEX and NBME, separately or in an approved combination (all exams must be completed within 7 years and there is a limit of three attempts for Step 3); State Board examination deemed equivalent by the

board to above; LMCC; British Isles Credentialing - General Medical Council of UK, Ireland or Scotland.

Other--Graduation of an approved medical school. Post graduate training: if graduated after 1/1/1970 must complete 2 years; if graduated before 1/1/1970 must complete one year. Any applicant who is ABMS board certified who graduated prior to 1/1/1982 is deemed to meet the postgraduate training requirement. If foreign educated - must complete three years of post graduate training (in US, Canada or UK). Must also have ECFMG certificate or CFMGEMS (Certification of Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in the Medical Sciences) or VQE (Visa Qualifying Examination) or completion of a fifth pathway program. Must undergo background check.

MARYLAND

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Maryland must re-verify all credentials and scores sent directly from the federation. There is no need to retake exams if passed one of the approved combinations.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required from foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; approved combinations.

Other--All candidates must demonstrate written and spoken competency in English by GED or English college education OR graduation from an English speaking medical school OR TOEFL score of 550 (213 on computer based) or passage of ECFMG English test and TSE (min. 220) OR OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview). 2 years of post-graduate training is required from all applicants (both US and international graduates).

MASSACHUSETTS

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. All credentials and exam scores must be verified and sent directly from the appropriate organizations. No need to re-take exams if passed them before.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG Certificate for foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE Steps 1+2+3. Or NBME parts 1+2+3; FLEX part 1+2; LMCC 1+2; state exam if taken prior to 6/19/1970.

Other--Education requirements: 2 or more years of pre-medical education in a US college and 4 years of medical education. For US or Canadian graduates one year of postgraduate training approved by ACGME or RRC (for Canadians). For international graduates ECFMG certificate plus two years of approved postgraduate training.

MICHIGAN

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. With exam scores and verification of another license unless licensed over 10 years in another state no exam requirements just verification of other state license.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate for foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3. Or FLEX; NBME.

Other--All applicants, US and foreign educated, must complete 2 years of postgraduate training.

MINNESOTA

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. Applicants still have to meet all of the statutory requirements or Minnesota (education, exams, etc.) to be certified. ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate required prior to USMLE 3.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3. Or FLEX; NBME; another examination taken previously.

Other--US graduates must complete 1 year of postgraduate training. International graduates must complete 2 years of postgraduate training.

MISSISSIPPI

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. Have to go through the same licensing requirement and application process even if licensed in another state. If applicant possesses all qualifications for licensure by reciprocity/endorsement, but has not take a medical proficiency exam or licensure examination within 10 years prior to filing application, must pass SPEX. Graduates of foreign medical schools seeking licensure by reciprocity/ endorsement via Fifth Pathway Programs will be considered on an individual basis.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 3. Or FLEX; NBME; combination.

Other--US graduates must complete 1 year of postgraduate training. Foreign graduates must complete 3 years of postgraduate training.

MISSOURI

Contacts--Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Not necessary to re-take exams if passed before.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required, valid and indefinite.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1, 2, 3. Or FLEX; NBME; LMCC; approved combination.

Other--1 year of approved postgraduate training for US graduates is required. 3 years of US approved postgraduate training in one of the AMA recognized specialties required from international graduates. USMLE requirement - All 3 steps within 7 years and passed each step within 3 attempts. International graduates must provide original documents from medical school and any exams taken prior to entering medical school. The originals will be mailed back to applicant after application process is over.

MONTANA

Contacts--Montana Board of Medical Examiners

P.O. Box 200513 (street address: 301 S. Park Ave., 4th floor)

Helena, MT 59620-0513

Phone: (406) 841-2360 / Fax: (406) 841-2363

Jeannie Worsech, Executive Director

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. With prior exam results that are comparable to Montana.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG for foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1, 2, 3. Or National boards (NBME); FLEX; LMCC; state exam.

Other--US graduates must complete 1 year of postgraduate training. International graduates must complete 3 years of postgraduate training. Examination scores of 75% or higher. SPEX required if inactive for over 2 years. Foreign graduates must provide a fifth pathway certificate, ECFMG, VQE certificates, specialty board certificates, recent DEA query form, recent NPD self-query, current verification from all state licensing boards.

NEBRASKA

Contacts--Nebraska Health and Human Services, Regulation and Licensure Credentialing Division

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Lincoln, NE 68509-4986

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Dick Nelson, director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Contact state for further information.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3. Or NBME; FLEX; approved combination.

Other--US graduates must complete 1 year of approved postgraduate training. Foreign graduate must complete 3 years of an approved postgraduate training program (any kind as long as approved).

NEVADA

Contacts--Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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Reno, NV 89510

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Larry D. Lessly, J.D., Executive Director

www.state.nv.us/medical

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Applicant does not have to re-take exams if passed them before. Applicants must prove compliance with NV requirements.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate required from all foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1, 2, 3. Or FLEX; NBME; approved combination.

Other--ALL APPLICANTS (both US and international) must complete 36 months or 3 years of ACGME approved post-graduate training/internship.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Contacts--New Hampshire Board of Medicine

2 Industrial Park Drive, Suite 8

Concord, NH 03301-8520

Phone: (603) 271-1203 / Fax: (603) 271-6702 / complaints (800) 780-4757

Penny Taylor, Administrator

www.state.nh.us/medicine

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. If physician is fully licensed in another state he/she may receive a courtesy license to practice in NH by verifying license in another state.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate required.

Qualifying Exams--Passage of one of the following exams: USMLE; NBME; FLEX; COMLEX; or one of the acceptable combinations.

Other--All applicants must complete at least 2 years of pre-medical college education. All applicants must graduate from an accredited school or foreign school with equivalent standards to LCME + ECFMG certificate. All applicants must complete 2 years of post graduate training an ACGME accredited institution or be board certified or have 10 years of medicine practice combined with 2 or more years of post graduate training outside the US or Canada. (Passage of USMLE 1+2 required for internship). Certified copies of an official transcript of grades and proof of graduation with certified English translation received directly from and verified by FCVS; and verification received directly from FCVS that the applicant holds a current certification from the ECFMG required.

NEW JERSEY

Contacts--New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners

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Trenton, NJ 08625

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William V. Roeder, Executive Director

www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/bme.htm

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes, with fee.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate required, or Fifth Pathway certification.

Qualifying Exams--Either of the following: a passing grade on Part I of the National Board of Medical Examiners Exam; or a passing grade.

NEW MEXICO

Contacts--New Mexico State Board of Medical Examiners
Lamy Building, 2nd Floor; 491 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87501
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Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director
www.state.nm.us/nmbme/

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. License by endorsement, not reciprocity. If passed one of the approved exams and qualifying education.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG Certification required from foreign graduates (except Canadians).

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3. Or FLEX; NBME; state board if taken before 12/1973; LMCC; approved combination.

Other--All applicants must complete 24 months (2 years) of postgraduate training in an ACGME approved program (or its Canadian equivalent). The board utilizes the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS). All applicants must graduated from approved medical school (LCME approved). All applicants must pass with a score of 75 or higher on each component part of a board-approved examination. All applicants may attempt six times to complete an exam, as long as all parts of the exam are completed within 7 years. Must have verification of each medical license and each medical society, and 2 recommendation letters. NM uses the list of California approved schools.

NEW YORK

Contacts--New York State Board for Medicine (Licensure)
89 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Wing
Albany, NY 12234-1000
Phone: (518) 474-3817 Ext. 560 / Fax: (518) 486-4846
Thomas J. Monahan, Executive Secretary
www.op.nysed.gov/med.htm

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes by endorsement. However NY does NOT issue a license to practice solely on verification of license in another jurisdiction. NY must verify medical education, pre-professional education, postgraduate training, valid license to practice medicine in another jurisdiction, etc. If the applicant has a medical license issued by another state and have two years of professional experience, and have passed a licensing exam, he/she may qualify for licensure by endorsement.
ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required from all foreign graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; approved combination.

Other--Educational requirements: 60 semester hours of pre-professional undergraduate college study from a NY State registered program or its equivalent; completion of an approved medical program (NY State licensure qualifying or LCME). Graduates of non-accredited medical programs must provide minimum of 32 months (4 academic years) in an acceptable educational program for physicians and ECFMG. Graduates of an accredited medical programs (or fifth pathway program) must complete 1 year of postgraduate training approved by ACGME. Graduates of non-accredited medical program must provide minimum of three years of postgraduate hospital training in an ACGME accredited program. All licensed physicians in NY must be United States Citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents. This requirement may be

waived for a three year limited physician license to practice in a medically underserved area.

NORTH CAROLINA

Contacts--North Carolina Medical Board

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Raleigh, NC 27619-0007

Phone: (919) 326-1100 / Fax: (919) 326-1130

Andrew W. Watry, M.P.A., Executive Director

www.ncmedboard.org

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. By reciprocity or endorsement with acceptable education and exams requirements: FLEX with approved passing scores. Foreign graduates must be certified by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS (American Board of Medical Specialties) within 5 years prior to application.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Must have ECFMG certification (unexpired certification only).

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; LMCC; NBME; combination.

Other--US graduate must complete 1 year of post graduate training approved by the ACGME. Graduates of foreign medical schools who are not enrolled in graduate medical education in NC must submit proof of three years of postgraduate training in an ACGME approved program.

NORTH DAKOTA

Contacts--North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners

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Bismarck, ND 58501

Phone: (701) 328-6500 / Fax: (701) 328-6505

Rolf P. Sletten, JD, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification is required except graduates of medical schools in Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. Or for fifth pathway program graduates or American board certified.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; LMCC; approved combination.

Other--US graduates must complete one year of postgraduate training. Foreign graduates must complete three years of postgraduate training approved by the board (if the applicant completed one year of postgraduate training in the US, the board may decide that the applicant has enough professional experience and training that is equivalent to the second and third year and may waive this requirement - but the applicant must prove that he/she is American or Canadian board certified or passed the SPEX exam).

OHIO

Contacts--State Medical Board of Ohio

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Columbus, OH 43266-0315 (for Fed Ex delivery use zip 43215)

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Tomas A. Dilling, Executive Director

www.state.oh.us/med/

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes. If other eligibility requirements are met, diplomate status with the National Board of Medical Examiners or licentiate status

with the Medical Council of Canada may be directly endorsable to Ohio with USMLE or acceptable examination combination.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; LMCC; approved combination.

Other--The minimum requirement for licensure is two years of undergraduate work in a college approved by the board in addition to a high school diploma. US or Canadian graduates must complete one year of postgraduate medical training. Foreign graduates must complete two years of postgraduate medical training or complete a fifth pathway program plus one year of postgraduate training. Foreign graduates must prove proficiency in English by TSE (min. 40 or 230 if taken prior to 7/95) or completion of 2 years of undergraduate college education in the US or completion of a fifth pathway program or having a US license and have actively practiced medicine for 5 years.

OKLAHOMA

Contacts--Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

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Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0256

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Lyle Kelsey, C.A.E., Executive Director

www.osbmls.state.ok.us

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes by endorsement. OK must verify all states where applicant is licensed and must have all education/training/exams verified directly by source or by FCVS.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3. Or FLEX 1+2; NBME 1+2+3; approved combination (passing score 75 or higher, not more than 2 failures on any step of USMLE or 6 total failures).

Other--Foreign graduates must complete 24 months of approved post-graduate training. All applicants for initial licensure as a physician in Oklahoma must pass with a score of 75% a written medical jurisprudence examination. Graduates of foreign medical schools must submit a tape-recorded reading of a written selection created by the Board to evaluate the applicant's English communication skills. Foreign applicants must provide the board with written proof of their ability to work in the US by the INS.

OREGON

Contacts--Oregon Board of Medical Examiners

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Portland, OR 97201-5826

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Kathleen Haley, J.D., Executive Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--N/A.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG standard certification required from all graduates of foreign medical schools.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE (each step must be passed within three attempts, within seven years - except for applicants who request a waiver of the seven years because their education was delayed because they participated in an MD/DO/PhD program, or their education was delayed due to personal illness), or FLEX.

Other--LCME approved medical schools are approved by the board. The board has also approved some medical schools in England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia.

Graduates of non approved schools must have completed at least four eight-month term of instruction (at least 4 full academic years). US graduates or approved foreign schools must complete one year of internship, residency or clinical fellowship training accredited by the ACGME. For foreign medical graduates who have not graduated from a school of medicine approved by the LMCC or accredited by the Canadian government must have attended four full terms of instruction of eight months each, with all course having been completed by physical on-site attendance. Graduates of unapproved foreign medical schools must complete three years of internship and/or residency or clinical fellowship in the United States or Canada, of progressive training in not more than two specialties in not more than two training programs accredited for such training by the appropriate accreditation body (US or Canadian).

PENNSYLVANIA

Contacts--Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649
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Joanne Troutman, Administrator
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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. If physician passed a licensing exam acceptable to the board, does not have to re-take the exam.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required.
Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; another approved federation or state exam.

Other--US graduates must complete 2 years of post graduate training in an ACGME accredited program. Foreign graduate must complete 3 years of post graduate training in an ACGME accredited program.

RHODE ISLAND

Contacts--Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
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Providence, RI 02908
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Robert Crausman, M.D., Chief Administrative Officer
www.docboard.org/ri/main.htm

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--RI does not give reciprocity as traditionally defined. RI endorses the credential verification of FCVS and other states when the applicant is licensed and in good standing for 5 years. Requires graduation from a WHO recognized medical school which is also recognized as approved by the states of New York and California. Although Rhode Island recognizes WHO registered schools, it reserves the right to evaluate each program from time to time as schools change. Internet based schools are not recognized.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or NBME; FLEX; LMCC; approved combination.
Applicants must pass all steps of the USMLE with a score of 75. For applicants who graduated from medical school and took the National Boards or FLEX. For a complete list of medical and osteopathic examinations see RR5-37MD/DO at www.docboard.org/ri.

Other--US graduates must complete 2 years of post graduate training in an accredited program. International graduates must complete 3 years of post graduate training in an accredited program in the US. Applicants must complete the Federation Credentials Verification Process (FCVS). If the applicant has held a valid license in good standing in another state for 5 years the license may be issued pending receipt of the FCVS, however, it is still required.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Contacts--South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Board of Medical Examiners

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Columbia, SC 29211-1289

Phone: (803) 896-4500 / Fax: (803) 896-4515

John Volmer, interim Board Administrator

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG is required; or 5th pathway and current board certification by an ABMS Board or AOA Board.

Qualifying Exams--Nationals Board of Medical Examiners or Osteopathic Examiners, FLEX, USMLE and pre 1976 state board exam with current board certification. The SPEX is an additional examination required of certain applicants. If an applicant have not taken the National Board, FLEX, USMLE, been certified or recertified by am ABMS or AOA Board within the last ten years, must take and pass SPEX. The applicant can take SPEX or do board recertification.

Other--US graduates must complete one year of postgraduate medical training in an accredited program. International graduates must complete three years of postgraduate medical training in an accredited program in the US.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Contacts--South Dakota State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners
1323 S. Minnesota Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Phone: (605) 334-8343 / Fax: (605) 336-0270

L. Paul Jensen, Executive Secretary

www.state.sd.us/dcr/medical

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Yes by reciprocity. To obtain licensure by reciprocity the applicant must reciprocate with the license originally obtained by examination with qualifying results. Applicants reciprocating must have completed at least two years of postgraduate medical training unless they obtained a valid license before July 1, 1987 and completed one year of postgraduate training.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME. Passing score is 75% or higher.

Other--All applicants must complete two years of postgraduate medical training (unless they obtained a valid license before July 1, 1987 and completed one year of postgraduate training).

TENNESSEE

Contacts--Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners

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425 5th Ave. North

Nashville, TN 37247-1010

Phone: (615) 532-3202 / Fax: (615) 253-4484

Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate required from all international medical graduates (notarized copy of original permanent certificate required).

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; approved combination.

Other--US graduates must complete one year of postgraduate medical training. International graduates must complete three years of postgraduate medical training. All applicants must submit proof of US citizenship, residency or being legally entitled to live and work in the US.

TEXAS

Contacts--Texas State Board of Medical Examiners

P.O. Box 2018 (street address: 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Ste. 630, 78701)

Austin, TX 78768-2018

Phone: (512) 305-7010 / Fax: (512) 305-7008 / Disciplinary Hotline (800) 248-4062

/ Consumer Complaint Hotline (800) 201-9353

Jerry T. Walker, Interim Executive Director

www.tsbme.state.tx.us

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certificate is required for International Medical School graduates in addition to the standard exams.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; approved combination (all exams must be passed within three attempts). PLUS TEXAS MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE EXAM.

Other--All applicants must be at least 21 years old and of good professional character. All applicants must have completed 60 semester hours of college courses other than in medical school and the entire primary, secondary and premedical education required in the country of medical school graduation if the medical school is located outside the US or Canada, or proof of substantially equivalent courses as determined by the board. US graduates must complete one year of approved postgraduate training. International graduates must complete three years of approved postgraduate training. Must: submit evidence of passing, an examination, acceptable by the board for licensure; pass the Texas Medical Jurisprudence Examination with a score of 75 or better; be eligible for licensure in country of graduation. Must also have the ability to communicate in the English language.

UTAH

Contacts--Utah Department of Commerce Div. of Occupational & Professional Licensure

P.O. Box 146741 (street address: Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor, 160 E 300 South, 84102)

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6741

Phone: (801) 530-6628 / Fax: (801) 530-6511

Craig Jackson, Division Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Utah will accept previous exam results and therefore no need to re-take licensing exams if passed a licensing exam before.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Must have ECFMG certification.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; LMCC; combination.

Other--All graduates (US and foreign) must complete two years of approved postgraduate training.

VERMONT

Contacts--Vermont Board of Medical Practice

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Burlington, VT 05401

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Paula DiStabile, Executive Director

www.healthyvermonters.info

By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. Applicants do not have to re-take licensing exams if they have passed them before.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Must have ECFMG certification.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; LMCC; combination.

Other--US graduates must complete one year of approved postgraduate training.

Foreign graduates must complete three years of approved postgraduate training.

VIRGINIA

Contacts--Virginia Board of Medicine

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Richmond, VA 23230-1717

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William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Must have ECFMG certification or its equivalent from all graduates of non-approved schools.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME; LMCC; approved combination. Virginia also accepts a state examination taken before 1970, or a state exam taken after 1969 in conjunction with American Board certification.

Other--US graduates must complete two years of satisfactory postgraduate training in a hospital approved by the ACGME. Foreign graduates must complete three years of postgraduate training in a hospital approved by the ACGME. The board may substitute training or study for up to two years of the three year requirement where such training or study has occurred in the US or Canada and is an approved fellowship program or a position teaching medical students, interns or residents in an accredited medical school program. The board may substitute continuous full time practice of five years or more and one year of postgraduate training in a foreign country, in lieu of the three years of postgraduate training.

WASHINGTON

Contacts--Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission

P.O. Box 47866 (street address: 310 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501)

Olympia, WA 98504-7866

Phone: (360) 236- 4700 / Fax: (360) 236-4768

Doron Maniece, Executive Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. No need to re-take licensing exams if passed them before. Verification of all medical licenses must be sent directly from licensing state board; exam results must be sent directly from the examining organization.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1+2+3. Or FLEX; another approved exam, or combination.

Other--All applicants who graduated after July 1985 must complete two years of approved postgraduate training. All applicants who graduated before July 1985 must complete one year of approved postgraduate training. All applicants must complete 4 hours AIDS/HIV course, provide their professional and training experience and any hospital privileges.

WEST VIRGINIA

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Charleston, WV 25311

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Ronald D. Walton, Executive Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--No reciprocity. But the WV board will accept previous exam results if were one of the national exams or state exams (therefore no need to re-take exams).

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Valid ECFMG certification required from foreign graduates, OR evidence of receipt of a passing score on the examination of the ECFMG - OR: Provided that an applicant who: (i) is currently fully licensed, excluding any temporary, conditional or restricted license or permit, under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, Canada or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; (ii) has been engaged on a full-time professional basis in the practice of medicine within the state or jurisdiction where the applicant is fully licensed for a period of at least five years; and (iii) is not the subject of any pending disciplinary action by a medical licensing board and has not been the subject of professional discipline by a medical licensing board in any jurisdiction, is not required to have a certificate from the educational commission for foreign medical graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE 1, 2, 3. Or FLEX; NBME; approved exams combination.

Other--US graduates must complete 1 year of approved post-graduate medical training. Foreign graduates must complete 3 years of approved post-graduate medical training which has been approved by the ACGME, or successful completion of at least one such year and current certification by a member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

WISCONSIN

Contacts--Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

Dept. of Regulation & Licensing

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Madison, WI 53708-8935

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Tom Ryan, Director

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Endorsement available of exam results. All applicants who have been credentialed in another state must submit letters of verification from that state board. An applicant who received passing scores in written examinations for a license to practice medicine by another US or Canadian jurisdiction will not be required to take further exams if obtained a passing score in substantially equivalent exams to the exams in WI. Endorsement of National Boards I and II for Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Certification and Step 3 of the USMLE. Applicants are required to contact ECFMG to request certified National Boards I and II subjects and scores and a historical record of these exams. Exams must have been taken after 9/89. Endorsement of National Boards I and II and Flex 2. Endorsement of Flex 1 and USMLE Step 3.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--Foreign graduates must have ECFMG certification or FMGEMS (Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in the Medical Sciences).

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; NBME. PLUS open book examination on Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code. PLUS oral examination.

Other--Both US and foreign graduates must complete 12 months of postgraduate training in a board approved facility. Graduates of a foreign medical school that requires either social service or internship or both, who have not completed such requirements but have completed a 12 month supervised clinical training program under the direction of a medical school approved by the board and completed one year of approved post-graduate training, may be admitted to the USMLE examinations provided all other requirements for licensure have been met.

WYOMING

Contacts--Wyoming Board of Medicine

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Carole Shotwell, J.D., Executive Secretary

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By Endorsement / Reciprocity--Reciprocity granted only in the limited area of examination for licensure; i.e., WY recognizes and accepts test scores (NBME, FLEX, USMLE or state constructed examinations given and passed in other jurisdictions) but the applicant still has to qualify for licensure in Wyoming both in education and postgraduate training and complete all other statutory criteria.

ECFMG Certificate Required or Considered--ECFMG certification required from all international graduates.

Qualifying Exams--USMLE or FLEX; National boards; LMCC; an equivalent state exam; combination.

Other--At least 21 years of age. US graduates must complete three years of postgraduate medical training in an ACGME, AOA or RCPSC accredited program. International graduates must have completed at least two academic years of on-campus medical education at the medical school from which he/she graduated and have completed at least two years of postgraduate training in an ACGME or AOA accredited program. Must interview with board.