

GEORGIA Composite Medical Board Instructions for 2010 USMLE Step 3

These instructions are applicable to individuals registering for Step 3 between September 15, 2009 and September 3, 2010. **Please read and print these instructions** for Georgia before either registering online for Step 3 or mailing in a paper Step 3 application.

The 2010 Step 3 application must be received by September 3, 2010. Online applications must be submitted via the Federation website by 5:00 p.m. CT on that date; mailed paper application forms must arrive on or before this date. (See the section “Completing the Step 3 application” elsewhere in these instructions for more specific information and dates relative to any associated paperwork and/or fees that must accompany this application.)

To download any forms on this page, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader **installed and open** on your computer. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, install it free of charge by clicking on the image below. After downloading Adobe Acrobat Reader, you will be able to open any forms.



General Information

The 2010 USMLE interactive tutorial, sample test questions and case simulations are only available on the USMLE website at www.usmle.org.

Consult the USMLE *Bulletin of Information* for policy information regarding eligibility requirements, examination content, testing conditions, scoring and score reporting.

Consult the USMLE section of the Federation website (www.fsmb.org) for detailed information on monitoring the status of your application, fees, scheduling for Step 3, scheduling permits, eligibility period extensions, score reports, et. al.

Please consult the notary guide for instructions on any notarized form(s) that must be submitted with the Step 3 application.

Eligibility

All Step 3 applicants for the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners must meet the core USMLE eligibility requirements and the following state-specific requirements:

Post-Graduate Training: All Georgia applicants who are US or Canadian graduates must have completed one (1) year, or be in first year completing nine (9) months of post-graduate training in an ACGME, AOA or RCPSC approved program prior to applying.

All Georgia applicants who are graduates of schools outside of the US or Canada who graduated prior to July 1, 1985 must have completed one (1) year, or be in the first year completing nine (9) months of post-graduate training in an ACGME, AOA or RCPSA approved program prior to applying.

All Georgia applicants who are graduates of schools outside of the United States or Canada who graduated after July 1, 1985 must have completed three years, or be in third year, completing thirty-three (33) months of post-graduate training at an ACGME approved program prior to applying.

Your program director must complete section two of the form (all questions must be answered), have his/her signature notarized, and forward the form directly to the Federation no later than September 11, 2009. Certificates documenting less than one (1) year of training will not be accepted. Please note that all forms must be received before an eligibility decision can be made. If the post-graduate training encompasses more than one program, make a photocopy of the form and have all program directors complete and return the form before September 10, 2010. *Note: It facilitates processing when the PGT form accompanies the Step 3 application. PGT form(s) received more than 45 days before receipt of the application are not considered current and will not be accepted.*

****Post Graduate Training Form****

Attempt Limits: All Georgia applicants who have failed the USMLE Step 3 a total of three times anywhere after January 1, 1994 are required to submit documentation of one additional year of Board approved training, none of which was conducted prior to the last failure.

Time Limit: All Georgia applicants are limited to seven (7) years to pass Steps 1, 2, and 3 commencing on the date of passing either Step 1 or 2, whichever occurred first. Applicants enrolled in an MD/PhD or DO/PhD program must pass Steps 1, 2 and 3 within a nine (9) year period. *(Note: If applicable, a notarized copy of the PhD diploma must be submitted).*

Attestation of Medical Training Form (if applicable)

All graduates of foreign medical schools must provide an [Attestation of Medical Training Form](#) from a program of education in the art and science of medicine leading to a medical doctor degree or the medical doctor equivalent. This program must include a minimum of two years of pre-medical training, at least 130 weeks of instruction, and have been approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) and listed in its directory on the date of graduation.

Copy of Fifth Pathway Certificate (if applicable)

****Please note:** *The USMLE program will cease acceptance of Fifth Pathway certificates issued after December 31, 2009 for the purpose of meeting Step 3 eligibility requirements.* **

All applicants who are graduates of international medical schools and not certified by the ECFMG, and have completed a Fifth Pathway program must submit a notarized photocopy of your Bachelor's degree or official transcript directly from the school you attended for pre-med education, a notarized photocopy of your medical school diploma and a notarized photocopy of your Fifth Pathway graduation certificate. *If your diploma is in a language other than English, you will also need to submit a notarized copy of the English translation of your diploma as well as the original*

language diploma. If you participated in the Ponce School of Medicine or Mount Sinai Fifth Pathway programs you will need to contact those programs directly to request verification of enrollment and successful completion to be sent to the FSMB directly from the program. The letter must come direct to the FSMB from the program. Use the address(es) provided below.

If it is determined that you do not meet eligibility requirements at the time your application is received, or if you decide to cancel your registration prior to approval, a portion of the application fee will be withheld. The USMLE Bulletin of Information states the Step 3 fee is non refundable and non transferrable from one application to another.

Completing the Step 3 Application

Online applications

After registering for Step 3 online, you will need to mail the Certification of Identity page (if one is not already on file), Certification of Post-graduate training (PGT) form, Attestation form (if applicable) and any other supporting documentation, to FSMB. Certification of Identity pages and/or PGT forms, Attestation or other supporting documentation received after September 10, 2010 will not be accepted and your online application cancelled.

Mail all required documents to:

<p><i>Via First Class US Postal Service ONLY</i> <i>Without tracking or signature required services:</i></p> <p>Attn: Exam Dept Federation of State Medical Boards PO Box 619850 Dallas, TX 75261-9850</p>	<p><i>Via express tracking services for FedEx, Airborne, UPS or US Postal Service ONLY:</i></p> <p>Attn: Exam Dept Federation of State Medical Boards Suite 300 400 Fuller Wiser Road Eules, TX 76039 <i>No Saturday or Sunday deliveries accepted</i></p>
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Mailed applications

If you decide to mail a paper Step 3 application, you will need to submit the current application form (including the Certification of Identity page, if one is not already on file), a check or money order for \$705, the Certification of Post-graduate training (PGT) form, Attestation and any other supporting documentation to FSMB for receipt no later than September 3, 2010.

Mail all materials to:

*Via **First Class** US Postal Service ONLY
Without tracking or signature required services:*

Attn: Exam Dept
Federation of State Medical Boards
P O Box 970172
Dallas, TX 75397-0172

*Via **express tracking services** for
FedEx, Airborne, UPS or US Postal Service ONLY:*

Attn: Exam Dept
Federation of State Medical Boards
Suite 300
400 Fuller Wiser Road
Eules, TX 76039
No Saturday or Sunday deliveries accepted

Note: The wholesale lockbox address above does not accept “tracking” or “signature required” service. If you wish to mail your materials via an express tracking service courtesy of DHL, FedEx, UPS or USPS, you must use the address referenced above.

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD AND EXTENSIONS

Once your application is approved, your 105-day eligibility period begins immediately. (90 days plus 2 weeks to allow access through the Candidate website for the scheduling permit). Under most circumstances, a one-time 90-day extension of your eligibility period is possible. **Eligibility extension request forms must be received by FSMB no later than ten days after the expiration of the original eligibility period.** The Federation charges \$55 for this service. For further details, consult the USMLE section of the Federation website.

Applications for the USMLE Step 3 for the Georgia Composite Medical Board require additional documentation or approval from the medical board, be sure that you have read these instructions carefully and completely before proceeding.

[Proceed](#) to register for Step 3 online