

Administration of the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination Steps 1 and 2: Time Limits for Completion

SMB	Number of times candidates for licensure may take USMLE Step 1	Number of times candidates for licensure may take USMLE Step 2	Amount time within which USMLE Steps 1 and 2 must be passed
AL	10 (all 3 steps)	10 (all 3 steps)	7 years (all 3 steps)
AK	2	2	7 years
AZ-M	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
AZ-O	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
AR	3, but 4 with documented personal/health problems	3, but 4 with documented personal/health problems	No Limit
CA-M	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
CA-O	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
CO	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
CT	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
DE	6	6	7 years (all 3 steps)
DC	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps); 10 years for MD/PhDs
FL-M	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
FL-O	Does not accept USMLE	Does not accept USMLE	Does not accept USMLE
GA	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps); 9 years for MD or DO/PhDs
GU	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
HI	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
ID	After 2 failed attempts, licensee may be interviewed or evaluated by the Board	After 2 failed attempts, licensee may be interviewed or evaluated by the Board	No Limit
IL	5 combined for all steps	5 combined for all steps	7 years (all 3 steps)
IN	3	3	10 years (all 3 steps)
IA	6	6	10 years (all 3 steps)
KS	7 (all 3 steps)	7 (all 3 steps)	No Limit
KY	4	4	No Limit
LA	No Limit	4	10 years (all 3 steps)
ME-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
ME-O	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
MD	No limit - however, physicians are required to meet certain criteria if they fail an exam 3 or more times	No limit - however, physicians are required to meet certain criteria if they fail an exam 3 or more times	No limit - however, physicians are required to meet certain criteria if they fail an exam 3 or more times
MA	4	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
MI-M	Not more than 4 attempts for any step	Not more than 4 attempts for any step	Must satisfy requirements of FSMB
MI-O			
MN	3	3	5 years or before end of training (Step or level 2)
MS	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
MO	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps)
MP	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
MT	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
NE	4	4	10 years (all 3 steps)
NV-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (for all 3 steps and 9 total attempts); no more than 3 attempts on Step 3. (10 years for MD/PhD programs)
NV-O	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
NH	4	4	No Limit
NJ	No limit	No limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
NM	6	6 (within 7 years of first pass)	7 years (all 3 steps)
NY	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
NC	3	3	No Limit
ND	3	3	No Limit
OH	6	6	10 years (all 3 steps)
OK-M	3	3	10 years (all 3 steps)
OK-O	After 4 failed attempts, may be required to appear before the Board	After 4 failed attempts, may be required to appear before the Board	No Limit
OR	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
PA-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
PA-O			
PR	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
RI	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps)
SC	4	4	10 years (all 3 steps)
SD	3	3	No Limit
TN-M	4 then show ABMS Certification & MOC	4 then show ABMS Certification & MOC	10 years (all 3 steps)
TN-O	No Limit, but requires disclosure of any fail attempts	No Limit, but requires disclosure of any fail attempts	No Limit
TX	3	3	7 calendar years (all 3 steps); 2 years after required GME for MD/PhDs; time frame waived if practicing in a MUA or HPSA
UT	3 - 3 failures across any combination of USMLE requires a narrative and may be requested to meet with Board	3 - 3 failures across any combination of USMLE requires a narrative and may be requested to meet with Board	No Limit
VT-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps); 10 years for MD/PhDs
VT-O	No Limit	N/A	No Limit
VI	No Limit	N/A	No Limit
VA	No Limit	No Limit	10 years (all 3 steps)
WA-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
WA-O	No Limit	N/A	No Limit
WV-M	6 (4 if taken after July 2021)	6 (4 if taken after July 2021)	10 years (all 3 steps)
WV-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
WI	No Limit	No Limit	10 years (all 3 steps)
WY	7 (all 3 parts)	7 (all 3 parts)	7 years (all 3 steps); 8 years for MD or DO/PhDs