



FEDERATION OF  
STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

## International Medical Graduates GME Requirements

### Board-by-Board Overview

- 24 boards (encompassing 21 jurisdictions) grant at least some credit to applicants who have completed GME in countries outside of the U.S. or Canada
  - 7 boards (encompassing 6 jurisdictions) allow physicians who have completed GME outside the US/Canada to be licensed without the need to complete any additional GME
  - 13 of the above boards (encompassing 13 jurisdictions) allow for reduced U.S./Canadian GME so long as the IMG is specialty board certified, licensed in another state, or both
- 43 boards (encompassing 33 jurisdictions) do not accept GME completed outside of the U.S. or Canada

SMB	License can be granted w/o additional Canada/U.S. GME	May accept GME completed outside of Canada/U.S. for credit toward a license	Detail	Citation	Minimum amount of accredited U.S. or Canadian GME required for licensure
AK	No	No	All other applicants for a certificate of qualification who graduated from a college of medicine not accredited by the LCME or a college of osteopathy not accredited by the COCA shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed <b>3 years of postgraduate or residency training</b> in any of the following programs...	<a href="#">Ala. Code § 34-24-70</a>	3 years
AL	No	No	All other applicants for a certificate of qualification who graduated from a college of medicine not accredited by the LCME or a college of osteopathy not accredited by the COCA shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed <b>2 years of postgraduate or residency training</b> ...	<a href="#">SB 155 (2023)</a>	2 years
AR	No	Yes	(a) A foreign medical school whose entrance requirements and course of instruction have been approved by the Arkansas State Medical Board... (2) Served <b>three (3) years as an intern or resident in a postgraduate medical education program</b> outside the United States, completed all steps of the USMLE, obtained ECFMG certification, and either completed one (1) <b>year or more of fellowship training</b> accredited by the ACGME in the United States or received ABMS certification by the ABMS; or (3) <b>Completed one (1) year as an intern or resident</b> in an accredited postgraduate medical education program in the United States and be currently enrolled in an accredited postgraduate medical program in Arkansas.	<a href="#">AR Code § 17-95-403 (2020)</a>	1 year if certain conditions are met, including enrollment in AR medical program <i>or</i> specialty board certification, 3 years if not
AZ-M	No	Yes	A. In addition to the requirements for licensure prescribed in sections 32-1422 and 32-1423, an applicant for licensure under this article who attended a foreign school of medicine and successfully completed all the formal requirements to receive the degree of doctor of medicine except internship or social service, and is accordingly not eligible for certification by the ECFMG, may be considered for licensure under this chapter if the applicant meets the following conditions: 1. Satisfactorily	<a href="#">Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-1424</a>  <a href="#">R4-16-201;</a>	2 years with ECFMG certificate, 3 years without

			completes an approved fifth pathway program of one academic year of supervised clinical training under the direction of an approved school of medicine in the United States. 2. Successfully <b>completes an approved twenty-four month internship, residency</b> or clinical fellowship program upon completion of the fifth pathway program.	<a href="#">Application for Licensure</a>	
AZ-O	No	Yes	For purposes of A.R.S. § 32-1822, the equivalent of an approved internship or approved residency is any of the following: 1. <b>One or more years of a fellowship training program</b> approved by the AOA or the ACGME; or 2. A current <b>certification</b> by the AOA in an osteopathic <b>medical specialty</b>	<a href="#">R4-22-105</a>	None if specialty board certified, 1 year if not
CA-M	No	No	In addition to other requirements of this chapter... shall show by evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has received credit for at least 12 months of board-approved postgraduate training for graduates of medical schools in the United States and Canada or <b>24 months of board-approved postgraduate training for graduates of foreign medical schools</b> approved by the board pursuant to Section 2084 other than Canadian medical schools...	<a href="#">CA Bus &amp; Prof Code § 2096</a>	2 years
CA-O	No	No	To be eligible you must present proof of completion for the following: <b>12 months of postgraduate training credit</b> and COMLEX Level 3 exam scores.	<a href="#">OMBC Application</a>	1 year
CO	No	No	For international medical graduates, the board shall require <b>one year of postgraduate clinical training</b> approved by the board. An applicant whose international medical school is not an approved medical college is eligible for licensure at the discretion of the board if the applicant meets all other requirements for licensure and holds specialty board certification, current at the time of application for licensure, conferred by a regular member board of the ABMS/AOA...	<a href="#">Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-240-114</a>	1 year
CT	No	No	(ii) received certification from the ECFMG; (2) has successfully completed <b>not less than 2 years of progressive graduate medical training</b> as a resident physician in a program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA or an equivalent program approved by the board with the consent of the department	<a href="#">Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-10</a>	2 years
DC	No	Yes	The Board may grant a license to practice medicine to an applicant educated in a foreign country who: ... An applicant under this section shall be certified by the ECFMG. An applicant under this section shall complete <b>three (3) years of postgraduate clinical training</b> in a program or programs approved by the Accreditation ACGME or the AOA. For applicants who hold or have held an <b>unrestricted medical license in another state</b> , or who hold [ABMS/AOA] Board certification, the Board may find that: (a) A non-ACGME or non-AOA approved postgraduate clinical training program is substantially equivalent to the requirements of an ACGME or AOA program and meets the educational requirements...; and (b) Significant clinical practice <b>in addition to at least one year of post-graduate clinical training</b> is substantially equivalent to and meets the educational requirements of § 4603.5.”	<a href="#">D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 4603</a>	None <i>or</i> one year if licensed in another state and other conditions are met, 3 years if not
DE	No	No	c. A degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy, or an equivalent degree, from a legally incorporated medical college or school located in a country other than the United States or Canada, which medical college or school is not listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED), but the applicant has <b>completed 3 years of postgraduate training</b> in a residency program which	<a href="#">Del. Code tit. 24, § 1720</a>	3 years

			has been approved by the ACGME and has successfully passed the examination administered by the ECFMG and the FSMB.		
FL-M	No	Yes	(f) Meets one of the following medical education and postgraduate training requirements: ... 2.a. Is a graduate of an allopathic foreign medical school registered with the WHO and certified pursuant to s. 458.314 as having met the standards required to accredit medical schools in the United States or reasonably comparable standards; ... c. Has completed an approved <b>residency of at least 1 year</b> . 3.a. Is a graduate of an allopathic foreign medical school which has not been certified... c. Has completed an approved residency of at least 1 year; however, after October 1, 1992, the applicant shall have <b>completed an approved residency or fellowship of at least 2 years in one specialty area</b> . However, to be acceptable, the fellowship experience and training must be counted toward regular or subspecialty certification by a board recognized and certified by the ABMS.	<a href="#">Fla. Stat. § 458.311</a>	1 year if IMG attended WHO-certified medical school, 2 years if not
FL-O	No	No	Successful completion of an internship or a residency of not less than 12 months in a program accredited by the AOA or the ACGME.	<a href="#">FL BOM Guidance</a>	1 year
GA	No	Yes	Persons who graduated after July 1, 1985, from medical schools or osteopathic medical schools which are not approved by the board <b>must complete 3 years of residency</b> , fellowship, or other postgraduate medical training that is approved by the ACGME, the AOA, or the board to be eligible for a license to practice medicine in this state. Current certification of any applicant by a member board of the ABMS <b>may be considered by the board as evidence that such applicant's postgraduate medical training has satisfied</b> the requirements of this paragraph...	<a href="#">Ga. Code Ann. § 43-34-26</a>	None if specialty board certified, 3 years if not
GU	No	No	Such applicants shall possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy, Bachelor of Medicine or Osteopathy, or a Board-approved equivalent based on satisfactory completion of educational programs acceptable to the Board... (f) The Board shall be authorized to establish regulations requiring all such applicants to satisfactorily <b>complete at least thirty-six (36) months of Board approved, progressive postgraduate medical training</b> .	<a href="#">Guam Code Ann. § 12206</a> <a href="#">Guam R.R. § 10404</a>	3 years
HI	No	No	No applicant shall be eligible for the examination sooner than the first year of residency; provided that if the applicant is a graduate of a foreign medical school, the applicant shall be eligible no sooner than the <b>second year of residency</b> .	<a href="#">Haw. Rev. Stat. § 453-4</a>	2 years
IA	No	No	c. Satisfactory evidence that the applicant has successfully completed one year of postgraduate internship or resident training in a hospital approved for such training by the board. An applicant who holds a valid certificate issued by the ECFMG shall submit satisfactory <b>evidence of successful completion of 2 years of such training</b> . An applicant who is a graduate of an international medical school shall have successfully completed 24 months of such training... For those required to have 24 months of training, the program shall have been 24 continuous months of progressive training in not more than two specialties and in not more than two programs approved for resident training by the board.	<a href="#">Iowa Code § 148.3</a> <a href="#">Iowa Admin. Code r. 653—9.3(147,148)</a>	2 years
ID	No	No	Original documentation of successful <b>completion of two (2) years of progressive postgraduate training</b> at one (1) training program accredited for internship, residency, or fellowship training by the ACGME, AOA or the RCPS or its successor organization, provided however, a resident who is attending an Idaho	<a href="#">IDAPA 24.33.01.051</a>	1 year with contract to finish 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of residency in state, 2 years if not

			based residency program may be licensed after successful completion of one (1) years of progressive post graduate training, if the following conditions are met: ... Signed written contract with the Idaho residency program to complete the entire residency program...		
<b>IL</b>	No	No	(b) that the applicant is a graduate of a medical or osteopathic college located outside the United States, its territories or Canada... has <b>completed 24 months of postgraduate clinical training</b> , as approved by the Department	<a href="#">225 ILCS 60/11</a>	2 years
<b>IN</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	(1) has been graduated from a medical school outside the United States, its possessions, or Canada; and (2) submits evidence satisfactory to the board that prior to passing the examination the applicant has successfully completed a <b>minimum of at least two (2) years of postgraduate training</b> in a hospital or an institution located in the United States or Canada which meets the standards... (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the <b>board may waive the second year of postgraduate training</b> in the United States or Canada required of a graduate of a foreign medical school.	<a href="#">IC 25-22.5-3-2</a>	1 year possible based on Board discretion, typically 2 years
<b>KS</b>	No	No	Each applicant for licensure by examination in medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery who graduates from an accredited or unaccredited school of medicine on or after January 1, 2021 shall present to the board proof of completion of <b>at least 36 months of a postgraduate training or residency training program</b> ...	<a href="#">Kan. Stat. Ann. § 100-6-2</a>	3 years (min. 2 years in ACGME approved program)
<b>KY</b>	No	No	Pursuant to KRS 311.571(1)(d), an applicant for a regular license shall have satisfactorily completed: (a) <b>At least two (2) years of prescribed courses of postgraduate training</b> in accordance with this administrative regulation...	<a href="#">201 KAR 9:021</a>	2 years
<b>LA</b>	No	No	To be eligible for a license, an international medical graduate applicant shall: ... 4. have completed at least 3 years of postgraduate clinical training in the United States or in Canada in a medical residency or equivalent program accredited by the ACGME of the AMA, or by the RCPS of Canada, and approved by the board.	<a href="#">La. Admin. Code tit. 46, § 323</a>	3 years
<b>MA</b>	No	No	Each applicant for a full license must have satisfactorily completed at least 2 years of postgraduate medical training in an ACGME or AOA approved or accredited Canadian program. Effective January 1, 2014, each applicant for a full license must have satisfactorily <b>completed at least 3 years of postgraduate medical training</b> in an ACGME or AOA approved or accredited Canadian program...	<a href="#">243 CMR 2.03</a>	3 years of ACGME accredited GME
<b>MD</b>	No	No	(3) Have a doctor of medicine degree from any other medical school, have successfully completed the requirements for and obtained ECFMG certification, and have <b>successfully completed 2 years of post-graduate training</b> at an accredited training program...	<a href="#">Md. Code Regs. 10.32.01.03</a>	2 years
<b>ME-M</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	2. Postgraduate training... Each applicant who has graduated from an accredited medical school on or after July 1, 2004 or an unaccredited medical school must have satisfactorily <b>completed at least 36 months in a graduate educational program</b> accredited by the ACGME, the Canadian Medical Association, the RCPS or the Royal Colleges of <b>England, Ireland or Scotland</b> ... The board <b>may waive the requirements</b> of subsection 2 for a physician who does not meet the postgraduate training requirements but who meets the requirements of this subsection. (1) Be a graduate of a foreign medical school, not including a medical school in Canada or Great Britain; (2) <b>Be licensed in another state</b> ; and (3) Have at least 3 years of clinical experience in the area of expertise.	<a href="#">Me. Stat. tit. 32, § 3271</a>	None if completed GME in selected countries, <i>or</i> licensed in another state, and myriad of other qualifications are met, 3 years if not

			B. If the physician meets the requirements of paragraph A, the board shall use the following qualifications of the physician to determine whether to grant a waiver: (1) Completion of a 3-year clinical fellowship in the U.S. in the area of expertise. The burden of proof as to the quality and content of the fellowship is placed on the applicant; (2) Appointment to a clinical academic position at a licensed medical school in the United States; (3) Publication in peer-reviewed clinical medical journals recognized by the board; (4) The number of years in clinical practice; and (5) Other criteria demonstrating expertise, such as awards or other recognition		
ME-O	No	No	That applicant shall present evidence of having completed an <b>internship of at least 12 months</b> in a hospital conforming to the minimal standards for accreditation by the AOA, or the equivalency, as determined by the board.	<a href="#">32 ME Rev Stat § 2571</a>	1 year AOA-approved
MI-M	No	No	Certification of Completion of a minimum of <b>1 year postgraduate clinical training</b>	<a href="#">Medical Doctor Licensing Guide</a>	1 year
MI-O	No	No	Certification of satisfactory completion of <b>1-year Board approved postgraduate clinical</b>	<a href="#">Osteopathic Physician Licensing Guide</a>	1 year AOA-approved
MN	Yes	Yes	(d) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of the completion of <b>one year of graduate, clinical medical training</b> in a program accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the board or other graduate training approved in advance by the board as meeting standards similar to those of a national accrediting organization. This requirement does not apply: (1) to an applicant who is admitted as a permanent immigrant to the United States on or before October 1, 1991, as a <b>person of exceptional ability in the sciences...</b> or (2) to an applicant holding a valid license to practice medicine in another country and issued a permanent immigrant visa after October 1, 1991, as a person of <b>extraordinary ability in the field of science or as an outstanding professor or researcher...</b>	<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 147.037</a>	None, if applicant qualifies as “as a person of exceptional ability in the sciences,” one year if not.
MO	No	Yes	An applicant must be certified by the ECFMG and have completed three (3) years of AMA-approved postgraduate training in one (1) recognized specialty area of medicine. <b>The board may waive the three (3) years of postgraduate training if the applicant is American Specialty Board eligible.</b> ECFMG certification may be waived for a foreign graduate who is currently certified by the ABMS.	<a href="#">Mo. Code Regs. tit. 20 § 2150-2.100</a>	None if specialty board eligible, 3 years if not
MS	No	No	D. Applicants who graduated from an international medical school must present documentation of having completed either: 1. <b>three (3) or more years of ACGME-approved postgraduate training</b> in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC; or 2. <b>one (1) year of ACGME-approved postgraduate training</b> in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC, be currently board certified by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS and must have approval by the Board.	<a href="#">Miss. Code R. 2605</a>	1 year if specialty board certified, 3 years if not
MT	No	Yes	(1) A license will not be granted to a foreign medical graduate unless: ... (b) the graduate has had <b>3 years of postgraduate training education</b> in a program approved by or affiliated with the World Health Organization and has sufficient fluency in spoken and written English to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety; or (c) the graduate has been <b>granted board certification by a specialty board</b> which is approved by and a member of the ABMS or the AOA, or provides verification of being a certificant of the CFPC, a fellow of the RCPS...	<a href="#">Mont. Admin. R. 24.156.607</a>	None if applicant has specialty board certification, 3 years if not

NC	No	Yes	To be eligible for licensure under this section, an applicant who is a graduate of a medical school not approved by the LCME, the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools, or the AOA shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has met all of the following: (1)The applicant has successfully <b>completed 2 years of training</b> in a medical education program approved by the Board after graduation from medical school, <b>or provides proof of current certification by a specialty board</b> recognized by the ABMS, Certificate of the College of Family Physicians, Fellowship of the RCPS...	<a href="#">N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-9.2</a>	None if specialty board certified, 2 years if not
ND	No	Yes	Graduates of international schools ... An applicant who has graduated from a medical school not located in the United States, its possessions, territories, or Canada, must present evidence, satisfactory to the board, that the applicant has successfully <b>completed thirty months of postgraduate training</b> in a program located in the United States, its possessions, territories, or Canada, and accredited by a national accrediting organization... However, if such an applicant has not completed thirty months of postgraduate training in a program approved by the board or by an accrediting body approved by the board, but has met all other licensing requirements and <b>has successfully completed one year of postgraduate training</b> in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the board, and if the board finds that the applicant has other professional experience and training that is substantially equivalent to the last eighteen months of postgraduate training, then the applicant may be deemed eligible for licensure... An applicant seeking licensure under this exception must present evidence satisfactory to the board that: (1) The applicant is certified by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS or by a specialty board recognized by the RCPS; or (2) The applicant has passed the special purpose examination	<a href="#">N.D. Cent. Code § 43-17-18</a>	1 year if ABMS or other specialty board certified or passed the SPEX exam, plus Board approval. 30 months if not.
NE	No	No	Official documentation showing: Successful completion of <b>2 years of approved graduate medical education</b>	<a href="#">Medicine And Surgery Guidelines</a>	2 years
NH	Yes	Yes	(c) Applicants shall have completed at least <b>2 years of postgraduate medical training</b> , postgraduate year 1, postgraduate year 2, in a program accredited by ACGME, AOA, or its equivalent which shall include, at a minimum, the following: (1) Board certification in the applicant's area of specialty; or (2) Completion of 10 or more years of practice combined with proof of 2 years of post-graduate training outside the United States or Canada. (d) <b>Applicants who have not completed 2 years of postgraduate training in an institution accredited by ACGME or AOA shall petition the board</b> pursuant to Med 205.01 to determine if the applicant's qualifications meet the requirements of (d) above. Such petitions shall provide any information in addition to that specified in (d) above which the applicant wishes the board to consider in making a determination of equivalency.	<a href="#">N.H. Code Admin. R. Med. 302</a> <a href="#">N.H. Code Admin. R. Med. 205.01</a>	None, if Board determines applicant meets certain requirements; 2 years if not
NJ	No	No	An applicant, who has graduated from a medical school on or after July 1, 2003... the applicant has completed, and received academic credit for, <b>at least 2 years for post-graduate training</b> in a program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or any other equivalent group or agency which the Board, upon review, has determined has comparable standards, and has a <b>signed contract for a third year</b> of postgraduate training in a program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or any other equivalent group or agency...	<a href="#">N.J. Admin. Code § 13:35-3.11 (E)</a>	2 years + contract for third year in accredited program

NM	No	No	C. A graduate of a board-approved medical school located outside the United States or Canada may be granted a license to practice medicine in New Mexico, provided the applicant presents evidence to the board that the applicant is a person of good moral character and is in compliance with the United States immigration laws and provided that the applicant presents satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant has successfully passed an examination as required by the board and <b>has successfully completed 2 years of postgraduate medical training</b> in an approved postgraduate training program...	<a href="#">NM Stat § 61-6-11</a>	2 years
NV-M	No	No	Has completed at least <b>36 months of postgraduate education</b> , not less than 24 months of which must have been completed as a resident after receiving a medical degree from a combined dental and medical degree program approved by the Board	<a href="#">NRS 630.160(c)(2)</a>	3 years
NV-O	No	No	Has <b>completed 3 years</b> , or such other length of time as required by a specific program, <b>of postgraduate medical education</b> as a resident in the United States or Canada in a program approved by the Board, the Bureau of Professional Education of the AOA or ACGME; or (3) Is a resident who is enrolled in a <b>postgraduate training program in this State, has completed 24 months of the program</b> and has committed, in writing, that he or she will complete the program	<a href="#">NRS 633.311(c)(2)</a>	2 years with commitment to practice in state, 3 years without
NY	No	Yes	B. For issuance of a license to practice medicine, graduates of medical education programs neither registered by the department nor accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department, except those applicants seeking licensure pursuant to section 6528 of the Education Law, shall meet the following requirements: ... (2) those individuals who make application for licensure on or after July 1, 1981, shall have completed at least 3 years of postgraduate training approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association or their predecessors or successors... D. Fellowships determined to be other than clinical or postgraduate hospital training <b>obtained outside the United States or Canada may be accepted on a pro rata basis</b> at the discretion of the Committee on the Professions, based on the content of the experience as compared to the experience obtained in the postgraduate training prescribed in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.	<a href="#">N.Y. Comp. Codes R. &amp; Regs. § 60.3</a>	GME completed outside of the U.S. and Canada may be accepted at a pro rata basis to defray the normal three year GME requirement
OH	No	No	(A) An applicant for a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery must meet all of the following requirements: ... (b) Hold certification from the ECFMG and have <b>successfully completed not less than twenty-four months of graduate medical education</b> through the second-year level of graduate medical education or its equivalent as determined by the board	<a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code § 4731.09</a> <a href="#">Ohio IMG License Application</a>	2 years
OK-M	Yes	Yes	The applicant shall have satisfactorily completed twelve (12) months of progressive postgraduate medical training approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board in an institution in the United States, its territories or possessions, or in programs in Canada, <b>England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand</b> approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board.	<a href="#">Okla. Stat. tit. 59 § 493.1 (C)</a>	None if GME completed in selected countries, 1 year if not
OK-O	No	No	To practice as an osteopathic physician, the applicant shall be a graduate of a school or college of osteopathic medicine which is accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the AOA and shall have completed <b>at least one (1) year</b>	<a href="#">Okla. Stat. § 59-630</a>	1 year

			<b>of rotating internship</b> or the equivalent thereof, in an accredited internship or residency program acceptable to the Board.		
<b>OR</b>	No	No	(b) Have satisfactorily completed the following post-graduate requirement: ... (C) <b>3 years of training</b> in an approved program if a graduate of an unapproved school of medicine.	<a href="#">OR Rev Stat § 677.100</a>	3 years
<b>PA-M</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	(4) Have successfully completed the following graduate medical training requirement: ... (ii) <b>2 years of graduate medical training</b> at a first and second-year level if the applicant is a graduate of an accredited medical college... (iii) <b>3 years of graduate medical training</b> at a first, second and third-year level if the applicant is a graduate of an unaccredited medical college...	<a href="#">49 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 17.1</a>	2 years if IMG attended accredited medical school, 3 years if not
<b>PA-O</b>	No	No	<b>1 year</b> AOA approved rotating internship	<a href="#">AOA Osteopathic Licensure Survey</a>	1 year
<b>PR</b>	No	No	(d) Candidates shall be certified by the ECFMG or by Board-approved successors, or by an equivalent Board-approved entity. (e) Candidates shall satisfactorily <b>complete at least one (1) year of progressive post-graduate medical training</b> approved by the Board or by a nonprofit private accreditation entity approved by the Board, at an institution in the United States of America, Canada or Puerto Rico approved by the Board or by a nonprofit private accreditation entity approved by the Board.	<a href="#">P.R. Laws tit. 20, § 133d</a>	1 year
<b>RI</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	Foreign Medical Graduates: An applicant seeking licensure to practice medicine in Rhode Island who is a Foreign Medical Graduate must: ... (d) applicants must have satisfactorily completed <b>two (2) years of progressive postgraduate training</b> , internship and residency or a comparable fellowship in a training program accredited by the ACGME. The Board <b>may grant up to twelve (12) months of credit at the internship level</b> to an applicant with a minimum of three (3) years of progressive international postgraduate training when advanced standing is also granted by the ABMS.	<a href="#">R.I. Code R. § 3.1.3</a>	1 year if applicant has completed 3+ years of GME internationally and specialty board certified, 2 years if not
<b>SC</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	(A) To obtain a permanent license to practice medicine in this State an applicant shall comply with the requirements of this section. ... (2) An applicant who graduated from a medical school located outside of the United States shall: (a)(i) possess a permanent Standard Certificate from the ECFMG; and (ii) document a minimum of <b>3 years of progressive postgraduate medical residency training</b> in the United States approved by the ACGME, AOA, or postgraduate training in Canada approved by the RCPS, <b>except that if an applicant has been actively licensed in another state for the preceding five years or more</b> without significant disciplinary action, the applicant need only document <b>one year of postgraduate residency training</b> approved by the board.	<a href="#">S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-32</a>	1 year if the individual has been practicing in another state for at least 5 years without disciplinary action, 3 years if not
<b>SD</b>	No	No	The applicant shall also present evidence satisfactory to the board of successful completion of a program as an intern or resident, or of equivalent service approved by the board, in a hospital approved by the board, for such time as the board requires by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 1-26. If the applicant completed graduate medical education training after July 1, 1987, submit a certificate showing that the applicant has successfully completed a program of graduate medical education of <b>at least 2 years</b> through a hospital approved by the board. The records of the graduate medical education program must establish the degree of proficiency of the applicant's performance.	<a href="#">S.D. Codified Laws § 36-4-11</a>  <a href="#">S.D. Admin. R. 20:47:03:03</a>	2 years



TN-M	Yes	Yes	Allows the Board to grant provisional licenses to qualified IMGs who have <b>practiced outside of the country</b> for at least three of the last five years and at least five years overall, have English proficiency, can legally work in the country, and have an offer of employment from a healthcare provider with an ACGME-accredited residency program, among other requirements. Provisional licenses transfer to a full, unrestricted licenses after 2 years if the practitioner is in good standing.	<a href="#">HB 1312 (2023)</a>	None
TN-O	Yes	Yes	<i>HB 1312 doesn't delineate between allopathic and osteopathic physicians.</i>	See above	Same as TN-M
TX	No	No	(B) graduated from a medical school located outside the United States or Canada and has successfully <b>completed 2 years of graduate medical training</b> approved by the board in the United States or Canada	<a href="#">TX Occ Code § 155.004</a>	2 years
UT-M	No	No	(e) satisfy the division and board that the applicant: (i) has successfully <b>completed 24 months of progressive resident training</b> in a program approved by the ACGME, the RCPS, the CFPC, or any similar body in the United States or Canada approved by the division in collaboration with the board; or (ii) (A) has successfully completed <b>12 months of resident training</b> in an ACGME approved program after receiving a degree of doctor of medicine as required under Subsection (1)(d); (B) has been accepted in and is successfully participating in progressive resident training in an ACGME approved <b>program within Utah</b>	<a href="#">UT Code § 58-67-302</a>	2 years, or one year completed and a second in progress in the state
UT-O	No	No	(i) having received an earned degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine from an AOA approved medical school or college; or (ii) submitting a current certification by the ECFMG or any successor organization approved by the division in collaboration with the board, if the applicant is graduated from an osteopathic medical school or college located outside of the United States or its territories which at the time of the applicant's graduation, met criteria for accreditation by the AOA; (e) satisfy the division and board that the applicant: (i) has successfully <b>completed 24 months of progressive resident training</b> in an ACGME or AOA approved program after receiving a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine... (A) has successfully <b>completed 12 months of resident training in an ACGME or AOA approved program</b> after receiving a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine as required under Subsection (1)(d); (B) has been accepted in and is successfully participating in progressive <b>resident training</b> in an ACGME or AOA approved program <b>within Utah</b>	<a href="#">UT Code § 58-68-302</a>	Same as UT-M
VI	No	No	The applicant must have satisfactorily completed a postgraduate medical training program approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board in an institution in the United States, its territories or possessions or Canada approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board. The <b>program must be at least thirty-six (36) months.</b>	<a href="#">V.I. Code tit. 27, § 5(d)</a>	3 years
VA	No	No	Has completed at least <b>12 months of satisfactory postgraduate training</b> in one program or institution approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the Board for internships or residency training.	<a href="#">VA Code § 54.1-2930</a>	2 years
VT-M	No	No	(2) A graduate of a Board-approved medical school outside the United States or Canada shall submit evidence of success of completing <b>at least 3 years of postgraduate training</b> in a U.S. or Canadian program accredited by an	<a href="#">26 V.S.A. § 1391</a>	3 years (Canadian GME not accepted)

			organization that is acceptable to the Board and that meets such other requirements as the Board may establish by rule.		
<b>VT-O</b>	No	No	Documentation of <b>no less than one year</b> of an approved program of postgraduate training.	<a href="#">26 V.S.A. § 1831(2)</a>	1 year
<b>WA-M</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Those meeting specific criteria and requirements below can be licensed for 2 years, with the option for one renewal for a total practice time of four years. 1) Be a Washington state resident for at least one year; 2) Be ECFMG certified; and 3) Pass all steps of the USMLE... 2) Complete a background check; and 3) Maintain <b>practice agreement between the license holder and the supervising physician</b> with the medical commission.  Application—Eligibility requirements—Foreign graduates... (b)(i) Except as provided in (b)(ii) of this subsection, that he or she meets all the requirements which must be met by graduates of the United States and Canadian school of medicine...  (b) That the applicant has completed <b>two years of postgraduate medical training</b> in a program acceptable to the commission	<a href="#">IMG Clinical Experience License</a>  <a href="#">SHB 1129 (2021)</a>  <a href="#">RCW 18.71.051</a>  <a href="#">RCW 18.71.050</a>	None (if IMG qualifies for Clinical License), 2 years if not
<b>WA-O</b>	No	No	An applicant for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery must furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she has served for <b>not less than one year in a postgraduate training</b> program approved by the board.	<a href="#">WA Rev Code § 18.57.020</a>	1 year
<b>WI</b>	No	No	Except as provided in pars. (c) to (f), an applicant for a license to practice medicine and surgery who is a graduate of a foreign medical college must supply evidence satisfactory to the board of all of the following: 1. That the applicant is a graduate of and possesses a diploma from a foreign medical college credentialed by an agency approved by the board. 2. That the applicant has obtained certification by the ECFMG or a successor organization. 3. That the applicant has passed all steps of the USMLE administered by the NBME and the FSMB, or their successor organizations. 4. That the applicant satisfies one of the following: a. The applicant has successfully completed and received credit for <b>24 months of postgraduate training</b> in one or more programs accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or a successor organization. b. The applicant is currently enrolled in a postgraduate training program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or a successor organization; <b>the applicant has successfully completed and received credit for 12 consecutive months of postgraduate training in that program;</b> and the applicant has received an unrestricted endorsement from the postgraduate training program director that includes confirmation that the applicant is expected to continue in the program and complete at least 24 months of postgraduate training.	<a href="#">Wis. Stat. § 448.05</a>	2 years, or one year if completed one year of GME and currently enrolled in GME program that will last a total of at least 2 years
<b>WV-M</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	Minimum qualifications for initial licensure as a medical doctor for applicants who have received the degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent from a school of medicine outside of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or Canada... Has successfully <b>completed at least 2 years of ACGME approved postgraduate clinical training;</b> Has successfully completed a graduate medical education residency program outside of the United States and a minimum of 2 years of fellowship training in the United States in a clinical field related to the applicant's residency training which was completed... OR Holds current	<a href="#">W.V. Code R. § §11-1A-4</a>	1 year if specialty board certified, 2 years if not

			certification by a member board of the ABMS and a minimum of <b>one year of graduate clinical training</b> which comports with the accreditation requirements		
<b>WV-O</b>	No	No	A document attesting to the successful completion of the required minimum of <b>1 year AOA approved postgraduate clinical training</b>	<a href="#">W. Va. Code R. § 24-1-7</a>	1 year
<b>WY</b>	No	<b>Yes</b>	All applicants for licensure other than a training license must demonstrate one (1) or more of the following: (A) Successful completion of <b>not less than two (2) years of postgraduate training</b> in an ACGME, AOA, or RCPS accredited program; or, (B) Successful completion of <b>not less than one (1) year of postgraduate training</b> in an ACGME, AOA, or RCPS accredited program and: (1) Current certification by a medical specialty board that is a member of the ABMS or the BOSBOC; or (2) Continuous full and unrestricted medical licensure in good standing in one or more states and/or the District of Columbia for the preceding five (5) years.	<a href="#">Wyo. Board of Medicine Rules § 4</a>	1 year if specialty board certified, 2 years if not

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**Acronym Key:** ACGME: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; AOA: American Osteopathic Association; BOSBOC: Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists and Boards of Certification; CFPC: College of Family Physicians of Canada; COA: Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation; COMLEX: Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination of the United States; ECFMG: Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; LCME: Liaison Committee on Medical Education; NBME: National Board of Medical Examiners; RCPS: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; USMLE: United States Medical Licensing Exam; WHO: World Health Organization

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