

# Additional Requirements for Endorsement of Licenses Held by International Medical Graduates (IMGs)\*

SMB†	Must Have ECFMG Certificate	Must Have Graduated from State-Approved Foreign Medical School	Must Appear for Interview	Must Appear for Possible Interview	Minimum Amount of Accredited (U.S. or Canadian) GME Required
AL	X	X	—	X	2 yrs
AK	X	X	—	X	3 yrs
AZ	—	X	—	—	2 years with ECFMG certificate, 3 years without
AR	X	X	—	—	1 year if certain conditions are met, including enrollment in AR medical program or specialty board certification, 3 years if not
CA	X	X	—	—	2 yrs
CO	X	—	—	—	1 yr
CT	X	X	—	—	2 yrs
DE	X	—	—	X	3 yrs
DC	X	—	—	—	None or one year if licensed in another state and other conditions are met, 3 years if not
FL	X	—	—	X	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year if IMG attended WHO-certified medical school, 2 years if not
GA	X	X	—	X	None if specialty board certified, 3 years if not
GU	X	—	—	X	3 yrs
HI	X	—	—	—	2 yrs
ID	X	X	—	—	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year with contract to finish 2nd year of residency in state, 2 years if not
IL	X	—	—	X	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not
IN	X	X	—	X	1 year possible based on Board discretion, typically 2 years
IA	X	—	—	—	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 yrs if not
KS	X	—	—	X	3 years (min. 2 years in ACGME approved program)
KY	X	X	—	X	2 yrs
LA	X	X	—	X	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 3 yrs if not
ME	X	X	—	—	None if completed GME in selected countries, or licensed in another state, and myriad of other qualifications are met, 3 years if not
MD	X	—	—	—	2 yrs
MA	X	N/A	—	X	3 yrs of ACGME-accredited GME
MI	X <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—	1 yr
MN	X	X	—	X	None, if applicant qualifies as "as a person of exceptional ability in the sciences," 1 year if not.
MS	X	X	—	—	1 yr if specialty board certified, 3 years if not
MO	X	X	—	X	None if specialty board eligible, 3 years if not
MP	X	X	—	—	3 years
MT	X	X	—	—	None if applicant has specialty board certification, 3 years if not
NE	X	—	—	—	2 yrs
NV	X	X	—	X	3 yrs
NH	X	—	—	—	None, if Board determines applicant meets certain requirements; 2 years if not
NJ	X	—	—	—	2 years + contract for third year in accredited program
NM	X	X	—	X	2 yrs
NY	X	—	—	—	3 years, but GME completed outside of the U.S. and Canada may be accepted at a pro rata basis to defray the normal requirement
NC	X	—	—	X	None if specialty board certified, 2 years if not
ND	X	X	—	X	1 year if ABMS or other specialty board certified or passed the SPEX exam, plus Board approval. 30 months if not.
OH	X	—	—	—	2 yrs
OK	X	X	—	—	None if GME completed in selected countries, 1 year if not
OR	X	X	—	—	3 yrs
PA	X	—	—	X	2 years if IMG attended accredited medical school, 3 years if not
PR	X	X	—	—	1 yr
RI	X	X	—	X	1 year if applicant has completed 3+ years of GME internationally and specialty board certified, 2 years if not
SC	X	—	X	—	1 year if the individual has been practicing in another state for at least 5 years without disciplinary action, 3 years if not
SD	X	X	Upon request	Upon request	Completion of GME program, minimum of 2 years
TN	X	X	—	X	None if additional IMG pathway is followed or specialty board certified, 3 years if not
TX	X	X	—	—	2 yrs
UT	X	—	—	X	2 years, or one year completed and a second in progress in the state
VT	X	X	—	At Board's discretion	3 years (Canadian GME not accepted)
VI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 yrs
VA	X	—	—	X	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not
WA	X	—	—	—	2 yrs
WV	X	X	—	—	1 year if specialty board certified, 2 years if not
WI	X	—	—	—	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not.
WY	X	—	—	—	1 year if specialty board certified or licensed in another state, 2 years if not

\*IMGs must also meet all the requirement for endorsement listed in the Endorsement Policies for Currently Licensed Physicians table

† Only medical boards shown. All osteopathic boards require applicants to have graduated from American Osteopathic Association (AOA)-approved medical schools, which are all located in the United States.

‡ Many states allow for accredited GME requirements to be waived if the applicant is specialty board certified, or specialty board-eligible. However, one of the American Board of Medical Specialties' requirements for Board certification is the completion of three to seven years of full-time experience in an ACGME-accredited residency training program.

<sup>^</sup> Must also pass TOEFL if school not taught in English