

Licensure of International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

SMB†	Board Maintains/Uses List of Approved Foreign Medical Schools	Endorses Canadian Certificate (LMCC) Held by an IMG	May Accept GME Completed in Countries Other Than Canada for Credit Toward a License	Minimum Amount of Accredited U.S. or Canadian GME Required for Licensure
AK	California List	Yes	No	3 years
AL	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years
AR		Yes	Yes	1 year
AZ	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	2 years
CA	* See below		No	2 years
CO	California List	No	No	1 year
CT	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years
DC	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None
DE		No	No	3 years
FL	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None
GA	California List and NCFMEA	Yes	Yes	None
GU		Yes	No	3 years
HI	Other	Yes	No	2 years
IA	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	None
ID	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	None
IL	Various	Yes	No	None
IN	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	1 year
KS	Yes	Yes	No	3 years
KY	World Directory of Medical Schools		No	2 years
LA	World Directory of Medical Schools and International Medical Education Directory	No	No	None
MA	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	3 years
MD	Internally constructed list	Yes	No	2 years
ME	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None
MI	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year
MN	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None
MO	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	None
MS	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	1 year
MT	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	None
NC	Other	Yes	Yes	None
ND	LCME, IMED, Commission on Osteopath College Accred (coincides with IMLC rules)		Yes	1 year
NE	Has to meet statutory requirements	Yes	No	2 years
NH		Yes	Yes	None
NJ	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years
NM	California List	Yes	No	2 years
NV	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	3 years
NY	Recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the school is located as an acceptable educational program for physicians		Yes	None
OH	No list, IMG must be ECFMG certified	No	No	2 years
OK	No	Yes	Yes	None
OR	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	3 years
PA	No	Yes	No	2 years
PR	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	1 year
RI	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year
SC	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year
SD			No	2 years
TN	Internally constructed list		Yes	None
TX	World Directory of Medical Schools, internally constructed list, and CA as a resource	No	No	2 years
UT	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year
VA	ECFMG certification of the school and candidate	Yes	No	None
VI	No			3 years
VT	2019 and later: ECFMG; Prior to 2019: California list	Yes	No	3 years
WA	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	2 years
WI	World Directory of Medical Schools + passage of ECFMG exams	Yes	Yes	2 years
WV	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year
WY	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year
	† 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	* A foreign medical school which has been evaluated by the ECFMG or a foreign medical school accreditation agencies and deemed to meet the min reqs "substantially equivalent" to those accredited by the LCME or CAFMC, or the COCA. A foreign medical school listed on the WFME and FAIMER or the World Directory of Medical Schools. Or a foreign medical school that has been approved by the Medical Board (see website)	

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SMB†	Additional Details	Proposed or Enacted Additional IMG Pathway to Full Licensure Legislation
AK		
AL		
AR	1 year if currently enrolled in an AR program or specialty board certified; 3 years if not	Enacted (2025)
AZ	2 years w/ ECFMG certificate, 3 years without	Proposed (2024 and 2025)
CA		
CO		
CT		Proposed (2025)
DC	None or one year if licensed in another state and other conditions are met, 3 years if not	
DE		
FL	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year if IMG attended WHO-certified medical school, 2 years if not	Enacted (2024)
GA	None if board certified, 3 years if not	Proposed (2024 and 2025)
GU		
HI		
IA	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 yrs if not	Enacted (2024)
ID	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year with contract to finish 2nd year or residency in state, 2 years if not	Enacted (2023 and 2024)
IL	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not	Enacted (2023)
IN	None if additional IMG pathways is followed, 1 year possible based on Board discretion, typically 2 years	Enacted (2025)
KS	3 years (min 2 years in an ACGME approved program)	Proposed (2025)
KY		Proposed (2024 and 2025)
LA	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 3 yrs if not	Enacted (2024)
MA	3 years of ACGME accredited GME	Proposed (2023 and 2024)
MD		Proposed (2024 and 2025)
ME	None if completed GME in selected countries, or licensed in another state, and myriad of other qualifications are met, 3 years if not	Proposed (2024 and 2025)
MI		Proposed (2024 and 2025)
MN	None, if applicant qualifies as "as a person of exceptional ability in the sciences," or if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year if not.	Enacted (2025)
MO	None if specialty board eligible, 3 years if not	Proposed (2025)
MS	1 yr if specialty board certified, 3 years if not	
MT	None if applicant has specialty board certification, 3 years if not	
NC	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, or if specialty board certified, 2 years if not	Enacted (2025)
ND	1 year if ABMS or other specialty board certified or passed the SPEX exam, plus Board approval. 30 months if not.	Proposed (2025)
NE		
NH	None if Board determines applicant meets certain requirements, 2 years if not	
NJ	2 years + contract for 3rd year in accredited program	
NM		
NV	None if additional IMG pathways is followed, otherwise 3 years, however GME completed in select countries may be accepted.	Enacted (2025)
NY	GME completed outside of the U.S. and Canada may be accepted at a pro rata basis to defray the normal 3 year GME requirement	Proposed (2025)
OH		
OK	None if GME completed in selected countries, or additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year if not	Enacted (2025)
OR	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 3 years if not	Enacted (2025)
PA	2 years if IMG attended accredited medical school, 3 years if not	Proposed (2025)
PR		
RI	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not	Enacted (2025)
SC	1 year if the individual has been practicing in another state for at least 5 years w/o disciplinary action, 3 years if not	Proposed (2025)
SD		
TN	None if additional IMG pathway is followed or specialty board certified, 3 years if not	Enacted (2023 and 2024), Proposed (2025)
TX	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not	Enacted (2025)
UT	2 years, or 1 year completed and a second in progress in the state	
VA	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not	Enacted (2024), Proposed (2025)
VI		
VT	Canadian GME not accepted	Proposed (2025)
WA	IMG Clinical Experience License functions as "bridge to residency"	Proposed (2025)
WI	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not.	Enacted (2024)
WV	1 year if specialty board certified, 2 years if not	
WY	1 year if specialty board certified or licensed in another state, 2 years if not	Proposed (2025)

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SMB†	Residency Permit Required	No Requirements for GME Program	Other Requirements for GME Program (Specify)	May Accept Specialty Certification of Foreign Boards (e.g. Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom) for Credit Toward a License
AK	X			No
AL		X		No
AR			1 year if currently enrolled in an accredited post graduate program in Arkansas	No
AZ	X		Lawful presence	Yes
CA		X		No
CO		X		No
CT			Given by GME programs	No
DC		X		No
DE	X			No
FL		X		No
GA	X			No
GU				
HI		X		No
IA		X		Yes
ID		X		No
IL		X		No
IN	X			No
KS	X			No
KY		X		No
LA			Passage of FLEX / NBME / USMLE	No
MA		X		No
MD		X		No
ME		X		No
MI			Certification of medical education	No
MN	X			No
MO	X			Yes
MS		X		No
MT	X			Yes
NC	X			No
ND			If ND training prog , then ND training license required	No
NE		X		No
NH		X		No
NJ				No
NM	X			No
NV				No
NY			Limited permit under certain circumstances	Yes
OH		X		No
OK		X		Yes
OR	X		SSN	No
PA	X			No
PR	X			No
RI		X		No
SC	X			Yes
SD	X			No
TN				Yes
TX	X			No
UT		X		Yes
VA		X		No
VI				
VT		X		No
WA		X		No
WI		X		No
WV				
WY		X		No