

INFORMATION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

US AND CANADA GRADUATES

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) is accepted. If you use this service, it will only verify your medical education, postgraduate training, Board action history, and examination scores.

- One year of residence in the United States is required, except for Canadian medical graduates who hold the Medical Council of Canada certification, Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada.
- Passing score on an examination approved by the Board as follows:
- United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE Steps 1, 2, 3)
- Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX taken before June 1, 1985)
- Federation Licensing Examination I and II (FLEX TAKEN AFTER June 1, 1985)
- USMLE/FLEX – Obtain the Request for Examination and Board Action History Report from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Internet website at <http://www.fsmb.org>. Click on Transcript Request and print a copy of the request form. Once you have completed this form, including a notarized signature, mail the request to the FSMB.
- National Osteopathic Boards Examination (NBOME Part 1, 2, 3)
 - Contact the NBOME at www.aoa-net.org for information about obtaining scores
- National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME)
 - Obtain the Request for Endorsement of NBME Certification form from the NBME Internet website t <http://www.nbme.org>. Once completed, mail the request to the NBME.
- Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE)
- State Board
 - Submit a request to the State Medical Licensing Board where you took the examination and have them send a certified examination score sheet.

*Combined scores from different FLEX administrations between January 1, 1978 and January 1, 1985 are not accepted.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

- Graduation from a medical school approved by the:
 - Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
 - American Medical Association
 - American Osteopathic Association
 - Original, official, certified medical school transcripts. The issuing authority should mail each transcript to the Medical Board. You will need to contact the medical school you attended to determine what information they need to complete this requirement.

POSTGRADUATE/RESIDENCY TRAINING

- One year of internship/residency training in an ACGME in the US or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (RCPS) approved program in Canada.
- Graduates may also submit for the Board's approval internship/residency completed in Canada, provided such training program was approved by both the licensing authority in which it is located and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons at the time such training was taken.

Requirements in relation to the Rules and Laws can be accessed under the following section on our website:

Rules and Laws

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INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) is accepted. For International graduates the FCVS will verify ECFMG, obtain medical school transcripts, verify postgraduate training, Board action history and examination scores.

- One year of residence in the United States.
- Passing score on an examination approved by the Board as follows:
- United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE Steps 1, 2, 3)
- *Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX taken before June 1, 1985)
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- Obtain the Request for Endorsement of NBME Certification form from the NBME Internet website <http://www.nbme.org>. Once completed, mail the request to the NBME.
- State Board
 - Submit a request to the State Medical Licensing Board where you took the examination and have them send a certified examination score sheet.

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TRANSLATION OF INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

For the Board to fairly evaluate compliance with Georgia requirements, any applicant with non-English international academic credentials, e.g., transcripts, diplomas, verification of clinical rotations/clerkships, must provide certified translations of those original transcripts and academic documents. These must be original, official, certified documents. Photocopies are not accepted. The Board requires a concerted effort to get a transcript. Options include using the FSMB's Federation Credentials Verification Service (information on this service is include in the application package) or the nearest consulate representing the nation in which the documents originated. When requesting official transcripts and academic documents, an applicant whose education was completed at an institution in a bilingual country where English is one of the official languages, may be able to avoid the necessity of arranging for a translation by asking the school to generate an English language version of the transcript. Each translator must provide an original declaration with each translation attesting to his/her fluency in the particular language and certifying under penalty of perjury that the translation is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

- On or before July 1, 1985 – the Board as of the date of graduation must approve school. Generally this would mean that graduates must be eligible for the ECFMG certification.
- As of July 1, 1985 – Only those programs in the US or Canada which meet the Board's criteria are approved.
- After July 1, 1985 – Graduates from the medical or osteopathic colleges not approved by the Board may be considered for licensure upon completion of three years of Board-approved postgraduate residency training in the US.
- **Official, certified medical school transcripts.** The issuing authority should mail each transcript to the Medical Board. You will need to contact the medical school you attended to determine what information they need to complete this requirement.

POSTGRADUATE/RESIDENCY TRAINING

- Graduate on or before July 1, 1985 – one year of post graduate/residency training in an ACGME approved program in the US or the RCPS in Canada
- Graduate after July 1, 1985 – three years of training in an ACGME approved program in the US or by the RCPS in Canada.
- Graduates may also submit for the Board's approval internship/residency completed in Canada, provided such training program was approved by both the licensing authority in which it is located and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons at the time such training was taken.
- ECFMG certification – required for international graduates unless they were licensed in another state before March 1, 1958.
- Complete Information Page 3 and submit it with your application

As part of the application, you must submit the following documents:

1. Copy of your original permanent ECFMG certificate
2. Notarized copy of your original diploma and if necessary, English translation
3. Original transcript sent directly from the school to the Medical Board, and if necessary, English translation

FIFTH PATHWAY GRADUATES

If you are a Fifth Pathway applicant, you must submit the following documentation in addition to the documentation required for International Medical School Graduates

- ♦ Notarized copy of the original official certificate from the Board of registration.