



International Medical Graduates GME Requirements *Board-by-Board Overview*

- 26 states + DC may grant credit towards accredited GME requirements to IMG applicants that meet certain criteria (such as being specialty board certified, licensed in another state, ECFMG certified, or doing GME internationally, etc.)
 - 16 states + DC may grant licenses to IMG applicants **without** completing accredited GME
 - 9 of these states have “additional pathways” for IMG applicants to become fully licensed without being licensed in another state or being specialty board certified (FL, IA, ID, IL, LA, MA, TN, WI, and VA).
- 24 states + GU, PR, and VI do not accept credit towards accredited GME requirements for IMG applicants

‡ Note: Many states allow for accredited GME requirements to be waived *if the applicant is specialty board certified, or specialty board-eligible*. However, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) [lists](#) its requirements for Board certification as the following:

1. Finish four years of premedical education in a college or university;
2. Earn a medical degree (MD, DO or other credential approved by an ABMS Member Board) from a qualified medical school;
3. Complete three to seven years of full-time experience in an ACGME-accredited residency training program;
4. Provide letters of attestation from the program director and/or faculty; and
5. Obtain an unrestricted medical license to practice medicine in the United States or Canada.

So, an applicant *must* complete an ACGME-accredited residency *and* be licensed to practice medicine in either the U.S. or Canada to be specialty board eligible.

*Note: All osteopathic boards require applicants to have graduated from [American Osteopathic Association \(AOA\)-approved medical schools](#), which are all located in the United States.

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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 3 years of postgraduate or residency training in any of the following programs...	Ala. Code § 34-24-70	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 2 years of postgraduate or residency training ...	SB 155 (2023)	2 years

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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 three (3) years as an intern or resident in a postgraduate medical education program outside the United States, completed all steps of the USMLE, obtained ECFMG certification, and either completed one (1) year or more of fellowship training accredited by the ACGME in the United States or received ABMS certification by the ABMS; or (3) Completed one (1) year as an intern or resident in an accredited postgraduate medical education program in the United States and be currently enrolled in an accredited postgraduate medical program in Arkansas.	AR Code § 17-95-403 (2020)	1 year if certain conditions are met, including enrollment in AR medical program or specialty board certification, 3 years if not
AZ	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 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 completes an approved twenty-four month internship, residency or clinical fellowship program upon completion of the fifth pathway program.	Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-1424 R4-16-201: Application for Licensure	2 years with ECFMG certificate, 3 years without
CA	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 24 months of board-approved postgraduate training for graduates of foreign medical schools approved by the board pursuant to Section 2084 other than Canadian medical schools... *California's Physicians from Mexico Pilot Program (MPP) offers nonrenewable licenses, 3 years in duration, to up to 30 Mexican physicians at a time – not an unrestricted license.	CA Bus & Prof Code § 2096 AB 1045 (2002): MPP	None for temporary licensure through MPP 2 years for full licensure
CO	No	No	For international medical graduates, the board shall require one year of postgraduate clinical training 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...	Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-240-114	1 year
CT	No	No	(ii) received certification from the ECFMG; (2) has successfully completed not less than 2 years of progressive graduate medical training 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	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-10	2 years
DC	Yes	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 three (3) years of postgraduate clinical training in a program or programs approved by the Accreditation ACGME or the AOA. For applicants who hold or have held an unrestricted medical license in another state , 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	D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 4603	None or one year if licensed in another state and other conditions are met, 3 years if not

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			requirements...; and (b) Significant clinical practice in addition to at least one year of post-graduate clinical training is substantially equivalent to and meets the educational requirements of § 4603.5.”		
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 completed 3 years of postgraduate training in a residency program which has been approved by the ACGME and has successfully passed the examination administered by the ECFMG and the FSMB.	Del. Code tit. 24, § 1720	3 years
FL	Yes	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 residency of at least 1 year . 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 completed an approved residency or fellowship of at least 2 years in one specialty area . 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. On March 21, 2024, SB 7016 was signed into law, which allows IMGs that completed “substantially similar” PGT in their home country, have ECFMG certification, have an active license in good standing, have practiced for at least the last four years preceding application, and have an offer of employment in the state to be provisionally licensed. After two years of practice in good standing, it is <i>implied</i> that the license can be converted to full.	Fla. Stat. § 458.311 SB 7016 (2023)	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year if IMG attended WHO-certified medical school, 2 years if not
GA	Yes	Yes	Persons who graduated after July 1, 1985, from medical schools or osteopathic medical schools which are not approved by the board must complete 3 years of residency , 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 may be considered by the board as evidence that such applicant's postgraduate medical training has satisfied the requirements of this paragraph...	Ga. Code Ann. § 43-34-26	None if specialty board certified, 3 years if not ‡ See page 1 note
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 complete at least thirty-six (36) months of Board approved, progressive postgraduate medical training .	Guam Code Ann. § 12206 Guam R.R. § 10404	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 second year of residency .	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 453-4	2 years
IA	Yes	Yes	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	Iowa Code § 148.3	None if additional IMG pathway is

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			<p>the board. An applicant who holds a valid certificate issued by the ECFMG shall submit satisfactory evidence of successful completion of 2 years of such training.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>On May 3, 2024, SF 277 was signed into law, effective January 1, 2025; which allows the Board to grant provisional licenses to IMGs that graduate from a foreign medical schools evaluated by the ECFMG, are licensed and in good standing in their home country for the immediately preceding five years, without pending disciplinary action, have completed a residency or “substantially similar” PGT in their resident country, have practiced for at least five years following their PGT, possess basic English fluency and Federal immigration status, have an offer of employment at an Iowa health care facility, and have passed the USMLE (<i>which steps not explicitly mentioned</i>). The provisional license may be converted to a full license after three years of practice in good standing and without violation, among other requirements.</p>	<p>Iowa Admin. Code r. 653—9.3(147,148)</p> <p>SF 277 (2023)</p>	followed, 2 years if not
ID	Yes	Yes	<p>Original documentation of successful completion of two (2) years of progressive postgraduate training 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 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...</p> <p>On March 28, 2024, H 542 was signed into law, which allows non-American or Canadian IMGs that completed PGT in their home country, have an active license in good standing, practiced at least 3 years post-PGT <i>or</i> practiced 500+ hours, passed USMLE Steps 1 & 2, and have an offer of employment in the state to be provisionally licensed. After three years of practice in good standing, the license is eligible to be converted to full.</p>	<p>IDAPA 24.33.01.051</p> <p>H 542 (2024)</p>	<p>None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year with contract to finish 2nd year of residency in state, 2 years if not</p>
IL	Yes	Yes	<p>(b) that the applicant is a graduate of a medical or osteopathic college located outside the United States, its territories or Canada... has completed 24 months of postgraduate clinical training, as approved by the Department</p> <p>On June 16, 2023, SB 1298 was signed into law, which allows the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to issue limited licenses to qualified IMGs, pursuant to rules the IDFPR must adopt regarding qualifications and fees (law is effective 1/1/25). After two years of practice in good standing, it is <i>implied</i> that the license can be converted to full.</p>	<p>225 ILCS 60/11</p> <p>SB 1298 (2023)</p>	<p>None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not</p>
IN	No	Yes	<p>(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 minimum of at least two (2) years of postgraduate training in a hospital or an institution located in the United States or Canada which meets the standards... (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the board</p>	<p>IC 25-22.5-3-2</p>	1 year possible based on Board discretion, typically 2 years

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			may waive the second year of postgraduate training in the United States or Canada required of a graduate of a foreign medical school.		
KS	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 at least 36 months of a postgraduate training or residency training program...	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 100-6-2	3 years (min. 2 years in ACGME approved program)
KY	No	No	Pursuant to KRS 311.571(1)(d), an applicant for a regular license shall have satisfactorily completed: (a) At least two (2) years of prescribed courses of postgraduate training in accordance with this administrative regulation...	201 KAR 9:021	2 years
LA	Yes	Yes	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. On June 11, 2024, HB 972 was signed into law, effective August 1, 2024; which allows the Board to issue licenses to IMGs that hold a medical degree from an international medical program that is "substantially similar" to the education or training required to practice in the state, have a license in good standing, have completed a residency or similar PGT in their licensing country, <i>or</i> have at least five years' experience as a practicing physician, have citizenship in the U.S. or Canada, or legal work status in the U.S., as well as English proficiency, and an offer of employment at a facility owned or operated by state-licensed hospitals. Licensees can only practice at these facilities for the first two years of their licensure but "after such time the licensee is no longer subject to this limitation," and the Board can revoke the license with "clear and convincing evidence" that services rendered violated medical safety, competency, or conduct standards established by the Board.	La. Admin. Code tit. 46, § 323 HB 972 (2024)	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 3 years if not
MA	Yes	Yes	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 completed at least 3 years of postgraduate medical training in an ACGME or AOA approved or accredited Canadian program... On November 20, 2024, H 5100 was signed into law, which creates a limited license for an internationally-trained physician (ITP) that has an ECFMG certificate, unless granted an exemption by the board; passed USMLE Steps 1 and 2; received a degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent from a legally chartered medical school recognized by the World Health Organization; been licensed and practiced medicine for at least one year; and entered into an agreement with a participating healthcare facility that will "develop, assess and evaluate the applicant's familiarity with nonclinical skills and standards appropriate for medical practice in the Commonwealth" according to criteria developed or approved by the board. The board may require additional criteria to limited practice. The limited license is valid for one year, with one possible renewal. ITPs that pass USMLE Step 3, their facility's assessment, and any additional requirements may apply for a once-renewable, two-year restricted license to practice medicine only in a physician shortage area. However, any	243 CMR 2.03 H 5100 (2024)	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 3 years of ACGME-accredited GME if not

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			additional eligibility prerequisites "shall not include post-graduate clinical training" and the restricted licensee may practice independently in a primary care specialty, psychiatry or other specialty as approved by the board. After at least two years (three to six years overall) of restricted practice, the ITP may apply for a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine.		
MD	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 successfully completed 2 years of post-graduate training at an accredited training program...	Md. Code Regs. 10.32.01.03	2 years
ME	Yes	Yes	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 completed at least 36 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the ACGME, the Canadian Medical Association, the RCPS or the Royal Colleges of England, Ireland or Scotland ... The board may waive the requirements 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) Be licensed in another state ; and (3) Have at least 3 years of clinical experience in the area of expertise. 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. Stat. tit. 32, § 3271	None if completed GME in selected countries, or licensed in another state, and myriad of other qualifications are met, 3 years if not
MI	No	No	Certification of Completion of a minimum of 1 year postgraduate clinical training	Medical Doctor Licensing Guide	1 year
MN	Yes	Yes	(d) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of the completion of one year of graduate, clinical medical training 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 person of exceptional ability in the sciences ... 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 extraordinary ability in the field of science or as an outstanding professor or researcher ...	Minn. Stat. § 147.037	None , if applicant qualifies as "as a person of exceptional ability in the sciences," one year if not.
MO	Yes	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. The board may waive the three (3) years of postgraduate training if the applicant is American Specialty Board eligible. ECFMG certification may be waived for a foreign graduate who is currently certified by the ABMS.	Mo. Code Regs. tit. 20 § 2150-2.100	None if specialty board eligible, 3 years if not ‡ See page 1 note

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MS	No	Yes	D. Applicants who graduated from an international medical school must present documentation of having completed either: 1. three (3) or more years of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC; or 2. one (1) year of ACGME-approved postgraduate training 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.	Miss. Code R. 2605	1 year if specialty board certified, 3 years if not ‡ See page 1 note
MT	Yes	Yes	(1) A license will not be granted to a foreign medical graduate unless: ... (b) the graduate has had 3 years of postgraduate training education 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 granted board certification by a specialty board 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...	Mont. Admin. R. 24.156.607	None if applicant has specialty board certification, 3 years if not ‡ See page 1 note
NC	Yes	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 completed 2 years of training in a medical education program approved by the Board after graduation from medical school, or provides proof of current certification by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS, Certificate of the College of Family Physicians, Fellowship of the RCPS...	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-9.2	None if specialty board certified, 2 years if not ‡ See page 1 note
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 completed thirty months of postgraduate training 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 has successfully completed one year of postgraduate training 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	N.D. Cent. Code § 43-17-18	1 year if ABMS or other specialty board certified or passed the SPEX exam, plus Board approval. 30 months if not. ‡ See page 1 note
NE	No	No	Official documentation showing: Successful completion of 2 years of approved graduate medical education	Medicine And Surgery Guidelines	2 years
NH	Yes	Yes	(c) Applicants shall have completed at least 2 years of postgraduate medical training , 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) Applicants who have not completed 2 years of postgraduate training in an institution accredited by ACGME or AOA shall petition the board pursuant to	N.H. Code Admin. R. Med. 302 N.H. Code Admin. R. Med. 205.01	None , if Board determines applicant meets certain requirements; 2 years if not

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			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.		
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, at least 2 years for post-graduate training 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 signed contract for a third year of postgraduate training in a program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or any other equivalent group or agency...	N.J. Admin. Code § 13:35-3.11 (E)	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 has successfully completed 2 years of postgraduate medical training in an approved postgraduate training program...	NM Stat § 61-6-11	2 years
NV	No	No	Has completed at least 36 months of postgraduate education , 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	NRS 630.160(c)(2)	3 years
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 ACGME or the American Osteopathic Association or their predecessors or successors... D. Fellowships determined to be other than clinical or postgraduate hospital training obtained outside the United States or Canada may be accepted on a pro rata basis 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.	N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. § 60.3	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
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 successfully completed not less than twenty-four months of graduate medical education through the second-year level of graduate medical education or its equivalent as determined by the board.	Ohio Rev. Code § 4731.09 Ohio IMG License Application	2 years
OK	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, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by the Board.	Okla. Stat. tit. 59 § 493.1 (C)	None if GME completed in selected countries, 1 year if not

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OR	No	No	(b) Have satisfactorily completed the following post-graduate requirement: ... (C) 3 years of training in an approved program if a graduate of an unapproved school of medicine.	OR Rev Stat § 677.100	3 years
PA	No	Yes	(4) Have successfully completed the following graduate medical training requirement: ... (ii) 2 years of graduate medical training at a first and second-year level if the applicant is a graduate of an accredited medical college... (iii) 3 years of graduate medical training at a first, second and third-year level if the applicant is a graduate of an unaccredited medical college...	49 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 17.1	2 years if IMG attended accredited medical school, 3 years if not
PR	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 complete at least one (1) year of progressive post-graduate medical training 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.	P.R. Laws tit. 20, § 133d	1 year
RI	No	Yes	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 two (2) years of progressive postgraduate training , internship and residency or a comparable fellowship in a training program accredited by the ACGME. The Board may grant up to twelve (12) months of credit at the internship level to an applicant with a minimum of three (3) years of progressive international postgraduate training when advanced standing is also granted by the ABMS.	R.I. Code R. § 3.1.3	1 year if applicant has completed 3+ years of GME internationally and specialty board certified, 2 years if not
SC	No	Yes	(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 3 years of progressive postgraduate medical residency training in the United States approved by the ACGME, AOA, or postgraduate training in Canada approved by the RCPS, except that if an applicant has been actively licensed in another state for the preceding five years or more without significant disciplinary action, the applicant need only document one year of postgraduate residency training approved by the board.	S.C. Code Ann. § 40-47-32	1 year if the individual has been practicing in another state for at least 5 years without disciplinary action, 3 years if not
SD	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 at least 2 years 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.	S.D. Codified Laws § 36-4-11 S.D. Admin. R. 20:47:03:03	Completion of GME program, <i>minimum</i> of 2 years
TN	Yes	Yes	In order to meet the qualifications for full licensure, applicants for a full medical license who are graduates of international medical schools must provide proof of the following: ... Successful completion of a three (3) year US residency program approved by the ACGME... This requirement may be deemed satisfied if the applicant is board certified by an ABMS specialty board. On April 24, 2023, SB 1451 was signed into law (effective July 1, 2024), which allows the Board to grant provisional licenses to qualified IMGs who completed a 3 year PGT	Licensure FAQ – TN Board of Medical Examiners SB 1451 (2023)	None if additional IMG pathway is followed <i>or</i> specialty board certified, 3 years if not

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			program in their home country <i>or</i> have practiced as a physician outside of the country for at least 3 of the last 5 years, 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.		
TX	No	No	(B) graduated from a medical school located outside the United States or Canada and has successfully completed 2 years of graduate medical training approved by the board in the United States or Canada	TX Occ Code § 155.004	2 years
UT	No	No	(e) satisfy the division and board that the applicant: (i) has successfully completed 24 months of progressive resident training 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 12 months of resident training 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 program within Utah	UT Code § 58-67-302	2 years, or one year completed and a second in progress in the state
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 program must be at least thirty-six (36) months.	V.I. Code tit. 27, § 5(d)	3 years
VA	Yes	Yes	Has completed at least 12 months of satisfactory postgraduate training in one program or institution approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the Board for internships or residency training. On April 4, 2024, HB 995 was signed into law (effective July 1, 2024), which allows IMGs with medical degrees from WHO-recognized schools that are licensed and have been practicing for at least 5 years, have a valid ECFMG certificate, passed USMLE Steps 1 & 2, and have an offer of employment from a qualifying medical care center to receive a provisional license that is valid for 2 years. After the 2 year period, licensees may apply for a renewable two-year extension if they practice in a medically underserved area, pass USMLE Step 3, and enter into a full-time employment agreement with a qualifying medical care center. After at least 2 years of practice under the renewable license (at least 4 years overall), the physician may apply for a full, unrestricted license.	VA Code § 54.1-2930 HB 995 (2024)	None if additionalx IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not
VT	No	No	(2) A graduate of a Board-approved medical school outside the United States or Canada shall submit evidence of success of completing at least 3 years of postgraduate training in a U.S. or Canadian program accredited by an organization that is acceptable to the Board and that meets such other requirements as the Board may establish by rule.	26 V.S.A. § 1391	3 years (Canadian GME not accepted)
WA	No	No	IMG Clinical Experience License: 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 practice agreement between the license holder and the supervising physician with the medical commission.	IMG Clinical Experience License SHB 1129 (2021) RCW 18.71.051 RCW 18.71.050	2 years (the clinical experience license is a “bridge to residency” license, accredited PGT is still required)

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			<p>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...</p> <p>(b) That the applicant has completed two years of postgraduate medical training in a program acceptable to the commission</p>		
WI	Yes	Yes	<p>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 NMBE 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 24 months of postgraduate training 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; the applicant has successfully completed and received credit for 12 consecutive months of postgraduate training in that program; 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.</p> <p>On March 22, 2024, AB 954 was signed into law, which allows IMGs with a medical degree from an international medical program approved by the ECFMG, have completed a residency program or PGT substantially similar to a residency, ECFMG certification, passed all Steps of the USMLE, has federal immigration status, practiced for at least five years post-PGT and at least one continuously of the last five before application, and with an offer for employment at a qualifying healthcare facility to be provisionally licensed. Provisional licensees must practice under supervision, but the provisional license can convert to full licensure after three consecutive years of practice in good standing.</p>	<p>Wis. Stat. § 448.05</p> <p>AB 954 (2024)</p>	<p>None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not.</p>
WV	No	Yes	<p>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 completed at least 2 years of ACGME approved postgraduate clinical training; 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 certification by a member board of the ABMS and a minimum of one year of graduate clinical training which comports with the accreditation requirements</p>	<p>W.V. Code R. § §11-1A-4</p>	<p>1 year if specialty board certified, 2 years if not</p> <p>‡ See page 1 note</p>
WY	No	Yes	<p>All applicants for licensure other than a training license must demonstrate one (1) or more of the following: (A) Successful completion of not less than two (2) years of postgraduate training in an ACGME, AOA, or RCPS accredited program; or, (B) Successful completion of not less than one (1) year of postgraduate training in an ACGME, AOA, or RCPS accredited program and: (1) Current certification by a medical</p>	<p>Wyo. Board of Medicine Rules § 4</p>	<p>1 year if specialty board certified or licensed in another state, 2 years if not</p>

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			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.		‡ See page 1 note

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; COCA: 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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