

Administration of the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination Steps 1 and 2: Time Limits for Completion

SMB	Number of times candidates for licensure may take USMLE Step 1	Number of times candidates for licensure may take USMLE Step 2	Amount time within which USMLE Steps 1 and 2 must be passed
AL	No Limit	No limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
AK	2	2	7 years
AZ-M	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
AZ-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
AR	3	3	No Limit
CA-M	No Limit	No limit	No Limit
CA-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
CO	No Limit	No limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
CT	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
DE	6	6	7 years (all 3 steps)
DC	No Limit	No limit	7 years (all 3 steps); 10 years for MD/PhDs
FL-M	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
FL-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
GA	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps); 9 years for MD/PhDs
GU	N/A	N/A	N/A
HI	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
ID	After 2 failed attempts, licensee may be interviewed or evaluated by the Board	After 2 failed attempts, licensee may be interviewed or evaluated by the Board	7 years (all 3 steps)
IL	5 combined for all steps	5 combined for all steps	7 years (all 3 steps)
IN	3	3	10 years (all 3 steps)
IA	6	6	N/A
KS	No Limit	No limit	10 years (all 3 steps)
KY	4	4	No Limit
LA	No Limit	4	10 years (all 3 steps)
ME-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
ME-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
MD	No limit - however, physicians are required to meet certain criteria if they fail an exam 3 or more times	No limit - however, physicians are required to meet certain criteria if they fail an exam 3 or more times	No limit - however, physicians are required to meet certain criteria if they fail an exam 3 or more times
MA	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
MI-M	Not more than 3 attempts for any step	Not more than 3 attempts for any step	Must satisfy requirements of FSMB
MI-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
MN	3	3	5 years or before end of training (Step or level 2)
MS	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps)
MO	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps)
MP			
MT	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
NE	4	4	10 years (all 3 steps)
NV-M	No limit	No limit	7 years (for all 3 steps and 9 total attempts); no more than 3 attempts on Step 3. (10 years for MD/PhD programs)
NV-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
NH	3	3	No Limit
NJ	No limit	No limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
NM	6	6	7 years (all 3 steps)
NY	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
NC	3	3	No Limit
ND	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps)
OH	6	6	
OK-M	3	3	10 years (all 3 steps)
OK-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
OR	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
PA-M	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
PA-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
PR	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
RI	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps)
SC	4	4	10 years (all 3 steps)
SD	3 as long as other stpes have no failure	3 as long as other stpes have no failure	7 years (all 3 steps); 10 years for MD/PhDs combined program; no more than two failures of any step
TN-M	3 then show ABMS cert & proof of meeting requirements	3 then show ABMS cert & proof of meeting requirements	10 years (all 3 steps)
TN-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
TX	3	3	7 calendar years (all 3 steps); 2 years after required GME for MD/PhDs; time frame waived if practicing in a MUA or HPSA
UT	3	3	7 years (all 3 steps); 10 years for MD/PhDs
VT-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
VT-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
VI	N/A	N/A	N/A
VA	No Limit	No Limit	10 years (all 3 steps)
WA-M	No Limit	No Limit	7 years (all 3 steps)
WA-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
WV-M	6	6	10 years (all 3 steps)
WV-O	N/A	N/A	N/A
WI	3	3	10 years (all 3 steps)
WY	7 attempts (all 3 parts)	7 attempts (all 3 parts)	7 years