

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
AL	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years
AK	California List	Yes	No	3 years
AZ	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	2 years
AR		Yes	Yes	1 year
CA	Medical Board maintains a list of foreign medical schools that have 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; Schools listed on the WFME and FAIMER or the World Directory of Medical Schools; Schools approved by Board		No	2 years
CO	California List	No	No	1 year
CT	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years
DE		No	No	3 years
DC	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None
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
ID	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	None
IL	Various	Yes	No	None
IN	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	1 year
IA	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	None
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
ME	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None
MD	Internally constructed list	Yes	No	2 years
MA	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	3 years
MI	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year
MN	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None
MS	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	1 year
MO	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	None
MT	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	None
MP				
NE	Has to meet statutory requirements	Yes	No	2 years
NV	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	3 years
NH		Yes	Yes	None
NJ	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years
NM	California List	Yes	No	2 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
NC	Other	Yes	Yes	None
ND	LCME, IMED, Commission on Osteopath College Accred (coincides with IMLC rules)		Yes	1 year
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
VT	2019 and later: ECFMG; Prior to 2019: California list	Yes	No	3 years
VI	No			3 years
VA	ECFMG certification of the school and candidate	Yes	No	None
WA	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	2 years
WV	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year
WI	No	Yes	No	None
WY	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year

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

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SMB†	Additional Details	Proposed or Enacted Additional IMG Pathway to Full Licensure Legislation	Residency Permit Required
AL			
AK			X
AZ	2 years w/ ECFMG certificate, 3 years without	Proposed (2024)	X
AR	1 year if currently enrolled in an AR program or specialty board certified; 3 years if not		
CA			
CO			
CT			
DE			X
DC	None or one year if licensed in another state and other conditions are met, 3 years if not		
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)	X
GU			
HI			
ID	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 1 year with contract to finish 2nd year of 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	1 year possible based on Board discretion, typically 2 years		X
IA	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 yrs if not	Enacted (2024)	
KS	3 years (min 2 years in an ACGME approved program)		X
KY		Proposed (2024)	
LA	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 3 yrs if not	Enacted (2024)	
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)	
MD		Proposed (2024)	
MA	3 years of ACGME accredited GME	Proposed (2023 and 2024)	
MI		Proposed (2024)	
MN	None, if applicant qualifies as "as a person of exceptional ability in the sciences," 1 year if not.	Proposed (2024)	X
MS	1 yr if specialty board certified, 3 years if not		
MO	None if specialty board eligible, 3 years if not		X
MT	None if applicant has specialty board certification, 3 years if not		X
MP			
NE			
NV			
NH	None if Board determines applicant meets certain requirements, 2 years if not		
NJ	2 years + contract for 3rd year in accredited program		
NM			X
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		
NC	None if specialty board certified, 2 years if not	Proposed (2023)	X
ND	1 year if ABMS or other specialty board certified or passed the SPEX exam, plus Board approval. 30 months if not.		
OH			
OK	None if GME completed in selected countries, 1 year if not		
OR			X
PA	2 years if IMG attended accredited medical school, 3 years if not		X
PR			X
RI	1 year if applicant has completed 3+ years of GME internationally and ABMS certified, 2 years if not		
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		X
SD			X
TN	None if additional IMG pathway is followed or specialty board certified, 3 years if not	Enacted (2023 and 2024)	
TX			X
UT	2 years, or 1 year completed and a second in progress in the state		
VT	Canadian GME not accepted		
VI			
VA	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not	Enacted (2024)	
WA	IMG Clinical Experience License functions as "bridge to residency"		
WV	1 year if specialty board certified, 2 years if not		
WI	None if additional IMG pathway is followed, 2 years if not.	Enacted (2024)	
WY	1 year if specialty board certified or licensed in another state, 2 years if not		

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SMB†	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
AL	X		No
AK			No
AZ		Lawful presence	Yes
AR		1 year if currently enrolled in an accredited post graduate program in Arkansas	No
CA	X		No
CO	X		No
CT		Given by GME programs	No
DE			No
DC	X		No
FL	X		No
GA			20
GU			
HI	X		No
ID	X		No
IL	X		No
IN			No
IA	X		Yes
KS			No
KY	X		No
LA		Passage of FLEX / NBME / USMLE	No
ME	X		No
MD	X		No
MA	X		No
MI		Certification of medical education	No
MN			No
MS	X		No
MO			Yes
MT			Yes
MP			
NE	X		No
NV			No
NH	X		No
NJ			No
NM			No
NY		Limited permit under certain circumstances	Yes
NC			No
ND		If ND training prog , then ND training license required	No
OH	X		No
OK	X		Yes
OR		SSN	No
PA			No
PR			No
RI	X		No
SC			Yes
SD			No
TN			Yes
TX			No
UT	X		Yes
VT	X		No
VI			
VA	X		No
WA	X		No
WV			
WI	X		No
WY	X		No