

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL LICENSURE

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE STATE OF MAINE, AN APPLICANT MUST SATISFY THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

A. U.S.A. OR CANADIAN MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES

1. Graduate from an accredited U.S. or Canadian medical school.
2. Postgraduate training (You must satisfy at least one of these categories):
 - a) If you graduated on or after July 1, 2004, you must have satisfactorily completed at least 36 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the Canadian Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the Royal Colleges of England, Ireland or Scotland.
 - b) If you graduated on or after January 1, 1970 but before July 1, 2004, you must have satisfactorily completed at least 24 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Canadian Medical Association or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. If you graduated after July 1, 2004, you must have satisfactorily completed 36 months of approved postgraduate training.
 - c) If you graduated before January 1, 1970, you must have satisfactorily completed at least 12 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the ACGME, the Canadian Medical Association or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
 - d) Have satisfactorily graduated from a combined postgraduate training program in which each of the contributing programs is accredited by the ACGME and are eligible for accreditation by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in both specialties.
 - e) Are currently certified by ABMS.
3. Attain a passing score on one of the following examination sets:
 - a) Each individual test of United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), or National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), separately or in an approved combination. There is a limit of three attempts for Step 3 and ALL exams must be completed within 7 years.
 - b) State Board examination deemed equivalent by the Board to (a) above.*
 - c) Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).*
 - d) British Isles Credentialing - General Medical Council of United Kingdom, or Republic of Ireland, or Scotland.*
4. Undergo a background check to verify professional competence, ethics and character.
5. Achieve a passing score on a State of Maine jurisprudence examination administered by the Board.
6. Complete and submit all applicable forms, fees, and documentation as required.

B. INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

1. Graduate from a school listed in the latest edition of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates IMED list of medical schools.
2. Postgraduate training: Satisfactorily completed at least 36 months in an internship/residency/fellowship program(s), which is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Canadian Medical Association, or the Royal Colleges of Physicians of England, Ireland, or Scotland; or has satisfactorily graduated from a combined postgraduate training program in which each of the contributing programs is accredited by the ACGME and is eligible for accreditation by the American Board Of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in both specialties; or is certified by the ABMS. Foreign medical graduates may apply for a waiver of postgraduate requirements under extraordinary circumstances (See 32 M.R.S. § 3271(6) at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/32/title32sec3271.html>)
3. Provide acceptable evidence of one of the following:
 - a) Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) examination certification.
 - b) Certification of Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in the Medical Sciences (FMGEMS).
 - c) VISA Qualifying Examination (VQE) examination certification.
4. Attain a passing score on one of the following examination sets:
 - a) Each individual test of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), or the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), separately or in an approved combination. There is a limit of three attempts for Step 3 and all exams must be completed within seven years.
 - b) State Board examination deemed equivalent by the Board to (a) above.*
 - c) Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).*
 - d) British Isles Credentialing - General Medical Council of the United Kingdom, or the Republic of Ireland.*
5. Undergo a background check to verify professional competence, ethics and character.
6. Achieve a passing score on a State of Maine jurisprudence examination administered by the Board.
7. Complete and submit all applicable forms, fees, and documentation as required.
8. Demonstrate clinical competency if not engaged in the active practice of clinical medicine during the 24 months immediately preceding the filing of the application.

* SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

PLEASE NOTE

Mandated Reporter Requirements for Suspected Child Abuse

Maine law requires that physicians immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) when the physician knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected or that a suspicious child death has occurred. **In addition, if a child is under 6 months of age or otherwise non-ambulatory, Maine law requires physicians to immediately report to DHHS if that child exhibits evidence of the following: fracture of a bone; substantial bruising or multiple bruises; subdural hematoma; burns; poisoning; or injury resulting in substantial bleeding, soft tissue swelling or impairment of an organ, except that the reporting of injuries occurring as a result of the delivery of a child attended by a licensed medical practitioner or the reporting of burns or other injuries occurring as a result of medical treatment following the delivery of the child when the child**

remains hospitalized following the delivery is not required. Please refer to 22 M.R.S. § 4011-A for all reporting requirements.

Mandated Reporter Training and additional information regarding mandated reporting can be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cps/>

Maine Prescription Monitoring Program

As of August 1, 2014, Maine law requires all Allopathic Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Podiatrists, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who are licensed to prescribe scheduled medications to register with the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). To register, please go to the Prescription Monitoring Program website: <http://www.maine.gov/pmp> Download, complete and sign a registration form located within the yellow box. You may mail, scan and email or fax a signed form to the information located on the form. Please note there are two types of registration forms available, 1) Data Requester form for active prescribers with a DEA number and, 2) Sub-Account form for assistants/non-prescribing health professionals.

More PMP information is available at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/samhs/osa/data/pmp/prescriber.htm>

Requirements Regarding Prescribing Opioid Medication

Any physician who intends to prescribe opioid medication must be aware of the laws and rules that govern this practice in Maine. The laws and rules affecting opioid prescribing include:

- Mandatory use of the PMP
- Limitations on dosing (with exceptions)
- Electronic prescriptions
- Continuing education regarding opioid prescribing
- Opioid medication policy
- Universal precautions

See 32 M.R.S. § 3300-F and Board Rule Chapter 21.

Please note that the practice of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in obtaining a license constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(A).

Your application is a public record for the purposes of the Maine Freedom of Access Law (1 MRS section 401 et seq.). Public records must be made available to any person upon request. The application for licensure is a public record and information supplied as part of the application, other than those items exempted by law such as social security number and credit card information, is public information.

The Board's staff is available to assist you by phone Monday through Friday,
8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Eastern Daylight time.

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