

Licensure of International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

SMB	Accepts Fifth Pathway	Board maintains/uses list of approved foreign medical schools	Endorses Canadian certificate (LMCC) held by an IMG	May accept GME completed in foreign countries other than Canada for credit toward a license	Minimum amount of accredited U.S. or Canadian GME required for licensure	Additional Details
AK	Yes	California List	Yes	No	3 years	
AL	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years	
AR	Yes		Yes	Yes	1 year	1 year if currently enrolled in an AR program or specialty board certified; 3 years if not
AZ-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	2 years	2 years w/ ECFMG certificate, 3 years without
AZ-O	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None	None if specialty board certified, 1 year if not
CA-M	Yes	A foreign medical school which has been evaluated by the ECFMG or 1 of the ECFMG authorized foreign medical school accreditation agencies and deemed to meet the minimum requirements substantially equivalent to those accredited by the LCME or Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools, or the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. The foreign medical school is listed on the WFME and FAIMER or the World Directory of Medical Schools. Or a foreign medical school that has been approved by the Medical Board of California(see website)		No	2 years	
CA-O				No	1 year	
CO	Yes	California List	No	No	1 year	
CT	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years	
DC	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None	None or 1 year if licensed in another state and other conditions are met
DE	Yes		No	No	3 years	
FL-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	1 year	1 year if attended WHO-certified medical school, 2 years if not
FL-O	No			No	1 year	
GA	Yes	California List & NCFMEA	Yes	Yes	None	None if board certified, 3 years if not
GU	No		Yes	No	3 years	
HI	Yes	Other	Yes	No	2 years	
IA	No	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	2 years	
ID	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year	1 year w/ contract to finish residency, 2 years if not
IL	Yes	Various	Yes	No	2 years	
IN	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	1 year	1 or 2 year(s) based on Board discretion
KS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3 years	3 years IMG (minimum 2 years in an ACGME approved program)
KY	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools		No	2 years	
LA	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools and International Medical Education Directory	No	No	3 years	
MA	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	3 years	3 years of ACGME accredited GME
MD	Yes	Internally constructed list	Yes	No	2 years	
ME-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None	None if licensed in another state and myriad of other qualifications are met, 3 years if not
ME-O	No			No	1 year	1 year AOA-approved
MI-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year	
MI-O	No			No	1 year	1 year AOA-approved
MN	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None	None if applicant qualifies as "a person of exceptional ability in sciences," 1 year if not
MO	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	None	None if specialty board eligible, 3 years if not
MS	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	1 year	1 year if ABMS certified, 3 years if not
MT	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	None	None if applicant has specialty board certification, 3 years if not
NC	Yes	Other	Yes	Yes	None	None if applicant has specialty board certification, 2 years if not
ND	Yes	LCME, IMED, Commission on Osteopath College Accred (coincides with IMLC rules)		Yes	1 year	1 year if ABMS or specialty board certified or passed the SPEX exam, plus Board approval. 3 years if not
NE	No	Has to meet statutory requirements	Yes	No	2 years	
NH	Yes		Yes	Yes	None	None if Board determines applicant meets certain requirements, 2 years if not
NJ	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	2 years	2 years + contract for 3rd year in accredited program
NM	Yes	California List	Yes	No	2 years	
NV-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	3 years	
NV-O	No			No	2 years	2 years w/ commitment to practice in state, 3 years if not
NY	Yes	Recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the school is located as an acceptable educational program for physicians		Yes	None	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
OH	No	No list, IMG must be ECFMG certified	No	No	2 years	
OK-M	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	None	None if GME completed in selected countries, 1 year if not
OK-O	Yes		No	No	1 year	
OR	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	3 years	
PA-M	Yes	No	Yes	No	2 years	2 years if IMG attended accredited medical school, 3 years if not
PA-O				No	1 year	
PR	No	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	No	1 year	
RI	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year	1 year if applicant has completed 3+ years of GME internationally and ABMS certified, 2 years if not
SC	No	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year	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	2 years	
TN-M	Yes	Internally constructed list		Yes	None	
TN-O	Yes	Internally constructed list		Yes	None	
TX	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools, internally constructed list, and CA as a resource	No	No	2 years	
UT-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year	2 years, or 1 year completed and a second in progress in the state
UT-O	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	No	1 year	2 years, or 1 year completed and a second in progress in the state
VA	Yes	ECFMG certification of the school and candidate	Yes	No	2 years	
VI	No	No			1 year	
VT-M	No	2019 and later: ECFMG; Prior to 2019: California list	Yes	No	3 years	Canadian GME not accepted
VT-O	No			No	1 year	
WA-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	No	Yes	None	None (if IMG qualifies for Clinical License), 2 years if not
WA-O	No		No	No	1 year	
WI	Yes	No	Yes	No	2 years	2 years, or 1 year if completed 1 year of GME and currently enrolled in GME program that will last a total of at least 2 years
WV-M	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year	2 years or 1 year if specialty board certified
WV-O				No	1 year	
WY	Yes	World Directory of Medical Schools	Yes	Yes	1 year	1 year if specialty board certified, 2 years if not

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