

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, which relates to foreign applicants and requirements; adding international medical school graduates; modifying foreign licensure body; adding limited licensure; providing parameters; providing for employment; providing for training programs; providing for supervision; providing for obtaining full licensure; providing for unprofessional conduct; providing for professional competence and good moral character; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 493.2. A. ~~Foreign~~ Unless otherwise provided by this section, foreign applicants and international medical school graduate applicants shall otherwise meet all requirements for full and unrestricted licensure as provided in Sections 492.1 and 493.1 of this title.

B. 1. A foreign applicant for full and unrestricted licensure shall possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or a Board-approved

1 equivalent based on satisfactory completion of educational programs  
2 from a foreign medical school as evidenced by ~~recognized national~~  
3 ~~and international resources available to the Board~~ the Educational  
4 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

5 2. In the event the foreign medical school utilized clerkships  
6 in the United States, its territories or possessions, such  
7 clerkships shall have been performed in hospitals and schools that  
8 have programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate  
9 Medical Education (ACGME).

10 C. A 1. An international medical school graduate may apply for  
11 limited licensure. The Board may issue a limited license of defined  
12 duration to an international medical school graduate upon finding  
13 sufficient evidence that the international medical school graduate  
14 has:

15 a. graduated from a medical school which meets the  
16 requirements of Educational Commission for Foreign  
17 Medical Graduates (ECFMG), and

18 b. paid any application fee as set by the Board.

19 2. The Board shall also find sufficient evidence of the  
20 competency of the international medical school graduate through the  
21 following:

22 a. verification of successful completion of a three-year  
23 post-graduate training program in the graduate's  
24 licensing country, or

1           b. otherwise practiced as a medical professional  
2           performing the duties of a physician for at least  
3           three (3) of the last five (5) years outside the  
4           United States verified by the employer or health care  
5           provider.

6           3. An applicant under subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of this  
7           subsection or subparagraph b of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall  
8           submit sufficient evidence that the applicant is an international  
9           medical school graduate and has an offer for employment as a  
10           physician at a health care provider that operates in this state and  
11           has a post-graduate training program accredited by the Accreditation  
12           Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in place.

13           4. During the term of the limited license, an international  
14           medical school graduate who is granted a limited license under  
15           subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of this subsection or subparagraph b  
16           of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall only provide medical  
17           services at a health care provider that has in place post-graduate  
18           training programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for  
19           Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

20           5. An international medical school graduate who is granted a  
21           limited license shall be supervised by the chair of the department  
22           within the applicant's intended practice during the term of the  
23           limited license.

1       6. Three (3) years after the first date the limited licensee  
2 begins to practice medicine at a health care provider in this state,  
3 the Board may grant a full and unrestricted license to practice  
4 medicine to a limited licensee under subparagraph a of paragraph 2  
5 of this subsection or subparagraph b of paragraph 2 of this  
6 subsection who:

7           a. is in good standing without disciplinary actions or  
8           investigations pending from his or her limited  
9           licensure period, and

10          b. provides documentation of a passing score for USMLE  
11          Step 1, 2 CK, and 3.

12       7. A limited licensee who obtains a full and unrestricted  
13 license is not thereafter subject to the restriction of practicing  
14 at a health care provider with a post-graduate training program.

15       8. As used in this subsection, "health care provider" means a  
16 facility that will be employing the licensee within an academic  
17 health system or the Oklahoma State University College of  
18 Osteopathic Medicine.

19       D. Any foreign applicant or international medical school  
20 graduate shall have a command of the English language that is  
21 satisfactory to the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
22 Supervision, ~~demonstrated~~ determined by the ~~passage of an oral~~  
23 ~~English competency examination~~ Educational Commission for Foreign  
24 Medical Graduates (EDFMG).

1       ~~D.~~ E. The Board may promulgate rules requiring all foreign  
2 applicants to satisfactorily complete at least twelve (12) months  
3 and up to twenty-four (24) months of Board-approved progressive  
4 graduate medical training as determined necessary by the Board for  
5 the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

6       ~~E.~~ F. All credentials, diplomas and other required  
7 documentation in a foreign language submitted to the Board by such  
8 applicants shall be accompanied by notarized English translations  
9 performed by an institution accredited by the North Central  
10 Association of Colleges and Schools.

11       ~~F.~~ G. Foreign applicants and international medical school  
12 graduates shall provide satisfactory evidence of having met the  
13 requirements for permanent residence or temporary nonimmigrant  
14 status as set forth by the United States Immigration and  
15 Naturalization Service.

16       ~~G.~~ ~~Foreign applicants shall provide a certified copy~~ H. ~~The~~  
17 Board requires original source verification of the Educational  
18 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) ~~Certificate to the~~  
19 ~~Board at such time and in such manner as required by the Board. The~~  
20 ~~Board may waive the requirement for an Educational Commission for~~  
21 ~~Foreign Medical Graduates Certificate by rule for good cause shown~~  
22 Certification or Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination  
23 (MCCQUE) Certification.  
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1        I. The applicant shall not have committed or been found guilty  
2 by a competent authority, United States or foreign, of any conduct  
3 that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this act  
4 or rules by the Board. The Board may modify this restriction for  
5 cause.

6        J. If the applicant has not been practicing medicine for more  
7 than two (2) years, they shall be subject to Section 495h of this  
8 title.

9        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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