





STATE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL MEDICAL LICENSURE


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Alabama (334) 242-4116 Application packet \$20 Application fee \$175 Criminal Background check \$65 All fees non-refundable Accepts FCVS	1 year ACGME training for US grads and 3 years ACGME training for IMG's	4th attempt at USMLE Step 3 following proof of formal training after the 3rd attempt; 10 attempts at all USMLE Steps; No limit on COMLEX	7 years to successfully complete all USMLE Steps; No limit on COMLEX (if board certified by one of the ABMS approved boards can complete all parts in 10 years)
Alaska (907) 269-8163 Application fee \$200, non-refundable License fee \$300 http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/p_med.htm Accepts FCVS	2 years; 3 years IMG	2 attempts per USMLE Step; 2 attempts per COMLEX Level	7 years to complete USMLE; 10 years for MD/PhD candidates; 7 years to complete COMLEX
Arizona Medical (480) 551-2700 Application fee \$500 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	No limit on USMLE	7 years to complete USMLE if initial licensure / No limit if already licensed
Arizona Osteopathic (480) 657-7703 Application fee \$400 Accepts FCVS	1 year	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
Arkansas (501) 296-1802 Application fee \$500 Does not accept FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG unless currently enrolled in training program through University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.	3 attempts per USMLE step; 3 attempts per COMLEX step	7 years to complete USMLE; 10 years for MD/PhD candidates; 7 Years to Complete the COMLEX
California Medical (916) 263-2382 (800) 633-2322 Licensing fee \$805 Application fee \$493, non-refundable Limited acceptance of FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	4 attempts at USMLE Step 3	Passing scores on a written/computerized exam shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years
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California Osteopathic (916) 928-8390 Application fee \$249, non-refundable Limited Acceptance of FCVS	1 year	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
Colorado (303) 894-7690 Application fee \$522 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	No limit on USMLE; No information available on COMLEX	7 years from first sitting to complete USMLE or COMLEX; 10 years for MD/PhD or DO/PhD candidates
Connecticut (860) 509-7603 Application fee \$565 Accepts FCVS	2 years	No limit on USMLE; No limit on COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE; No limit on COMLEX
Delaware (302) 744-4500 See chart on website for fees http://dpr.delaware.gov Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	No information at this time	6 attempts for Steps 1, 2 and 3. (for exceptions contact board)
Washington, DC (202) 724-4900 Application fee \$305 License fee \$500 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	3 attempts at USMLE Step 3; After which one additional year of postgraduate training is required. No limit on COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE; No limit on COMLEX
Florida Medical (850) 245-4131 Application fee \$547 Highly recommends FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	No limit on USMLE	No limit on USMLE
Florida Osteopathic (850) 245-4161 Call for application fee Highly recommends FCVS	1 year in an AOA-approved program	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
Georgia (404) 656-3913 Application fee \$500 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 1 year if IMG is on list; 3 years IMG if not on list	3 attempts per USMLE Step; No limit on COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE; 9 years to complete USMLE if in MD/PhD program; No limit on COMLEX
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Guam (671) 735-7406 (671) 735-7408	No information at this time	No information at this time	No information at this time
Hawaii (808) 586-3000 Call for application and license fee information Accepts FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	No limit on USMLE or COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE; No limit on COMLEX
Idaho (208) 327-7000 Licensure fee \$500 for endorsement; Accepts FCVS Requires Uniform Application	1 year; 3 years IMG	2 attempts per USMLE Step; No limit on COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE; 10 years for MD/PhD candidates; No limit on COMLEX
Illinois (800) 560-6420 Application fee \$700 Accepts FCVS	24 months of training	5 attempts at all USMLE Steps combined; 5 attempts at COMLEX Levels combined	7 years to complete USMLE; No limit on COMLEX
Indiana (317) 234-2060 Application fee \$250 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	3 attempts per USMLE Step; 5 attempts per COMLEX Level	10 years to complete USMLE; 7 years to complete COMLEX
Iowa (515) 281-5171 Licensure fee \$505 Accepts FCVS Utilizes Uniform Application	1 year; 2 years IMG	6 attempts at both USMLE Step 1 and 2; 3 attempts at USMLE Step 3; 6 attempts at both COMLEX Levels 1 and 2; 3 attempts at COMLEX Level 3. Three years of approved postgraduate training required if outside the attempt limit.	10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX; 10 years for MD/PhD or DO/PhD candidates. Note: Board certification by ABMS or AOA is required if the applicant has not met the specified time period.
Kansas (785) 296-7413 Application fee \$300 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG (minimum 2 years in a ACGME approved program)	3+ attempts at USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX Level 3	10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
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Kentucky (502) 429-7150 Application fee \$300 Requires FCVS	2 years	Step or Level 1-4 attempts, Step or level 2 CK- 4 attempts, Step or level 2 CS-4 attempts, Step or level 3-4 attempts	No limit on USMLE or COMLEX
Louisiana (504) 568-6820 License fee \$382 non-refundable Requires FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	No limit at USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX Level 1; 4 attempts each at USMLE Steps 2 and 3 or COMLEX Levels 2 and 3	10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
Maine Medical (207) 287-3601 Licensure & registration \$700 Requires FCVS	US/Canadian medical school graduates who graduated after 7/1/04 must complete 3 years of ACGME accredited postgraduate training. (Those who graduated before 7/1/04 are only required to complete 2 years of ACGME accredited PGT.) IMGs 3 years of ACGME accredited.	3 attempts at USMLE Step 3. More than 3 attempts requires a request for a waiver.	7 years to complete exam sequence (NBME, USMLE, and FLEX) More than 7 years requires a waiver.
Maine Osteopathic (207) 287-2480 Application fee \$350 by endorsement Accepts FCVS	1 year in AOA approved program	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
Maryland (800) 492-6836 Licensure fees: US/Canadian Grads - \$790 Graduates of International Medical Schools \$890. Accepts FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	4 attempts at each USMLE Step or COMLEX Level	10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
Massachusetts (781) 876-8200 Licensure \$600 Accepts FCVS	Prior to January 2014, 2 years for domestic graduates and 2 years for IMGs. After January 2014, 2 years for domestic graduates and 3 years for IMGs.	3 attempts at USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX (See Board Regulations 243 CMR 2.02 (3)(b).)	7 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX. May request a waiver under specific conditions. (See Board Regulations 243 CMR 2.02 (3)(c)(2).)
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<p>Michigan Medical (517) 335-0918 Professional license \$150 Controlled substance license \$85 The fee for both \$235 Accepts FCVS</p>	2 years	No limit on USMLE	5 years to pass USMLE Step 3
<p>Michigan Osteopathic (517) 335-0918 Professional license \$150 Controlled substance license \$85 The fee for both \$235 Accepts FCVS</p>	1 year in AOA approved program	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
<p>Minnesota (612) 617-2130; Hearing impaired (800) 627-3529 Licensure fee \$392 Accepts FCVS</p>	1 year; 2 years IMG	3 attempts at each USMLE Step; 4 attempts allowed if current license in another State and current certification by specialty board of ABMS, AOABPE, RCPSC, CFPC. All three levels of COMLEX must be passed within 6 attempts.	USMLE Step 3 must be passed within five years of Step 2 or before the end of residency training.
<p>Mississippi (601) 987-3079 Online application fee \$550 No longer accepts paper applications. All applications and renewals must be completed online. Accepts FCVS</p>	1 year; 1-3 years IMG	3 attempts at USMLE Step 3; No limit on COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE; No limit on COMLEX
<p>Missouri (573) 751-0098 By examination \$300 Accepts FCVS</p>	1 year; 3 years IMG	3 attempts at USMLE Step 3; 3 attempts on COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE (waived for MD/PhD candidates); No limit on COMLEX
<p>Montana (406) 841-2364 (406) 841-2361 Licensure fee \$325 Accepts FCVS</p>	2 years; 3 years IMG	3 attempts at USMLE Step 3; No limit on COMLEX	7 years to complete USMLE (exceptions possible for MD/PhD candidates); No limit on COMLEX
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<p>Nebraska (402) 471-2118 Licensure by examination \$300 Licensure by reciprocity \$300 Does not accept FCVS</p>	<p>1 year; 3 years IMG</p>	<p>4 attempts+ at each USMLE Step; 4 attempts at each COMLEX Level</p>	<p>10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX beginning with date 1st Step/Level is passed.</p>
<p>Nevada Medical (775) 688-2559 For specific fee information please contact the board or check www.medboard.nv.gov Accepts FCVS</p>	<p>3 years. An unlimited license may be granted to currently enrolled residents in a post graduate training program in the U.S. or Canada, that have completed at least 24 months of progressive post graduate training and meet all requirements for an unlimited license in the state of Nevada, including having passed all three (3) steps of USMLE within the time period allowed by NAC 630.080 and commit in writing to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that they will complete the program and provide satisfactory completion of the program within sixty (60) days after the scheduled completion of the program</p>	<p>Must pass all 3 Steps of USMLE in not more than a total of 9 attempts and must pass Step 3 in not more than a total of 3 attempts</p>	<p>MD must pass all Steps of the exam within 7 years after the date on which the applicant first passes any Step of the exam; PhD must pass all Steps of the exam within 10 years after the date on which the applicant first passes any Step of the exam</p>
<p>Nevada Osteopathic (702) 732-2147 Non refundable application and initial licensure fee is \$370.00. In addition, licenses issued between January 1 and June 30 will have to pay an additional \$300.00 Accepts FCVS</p>	<p>3 years for full license OR 2 years if resident signs commitment to practice in NV</p>	<p>No limit on COMLEX</p>	<p>No limit on COMLEX</p>
<p>New Hampshire (603) 271-1203 Application fee \$300 Requires FCVS</p>	<p>2 years</p>	<p>3 attempts at each USMLE Step or COMLEX Level</p>	<p>No limit on USMLE or COMLEX</p>
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<p>New Jersey (609) 826-7100 Contact the state board for licensure information and fees Accepts FCVS</p>	<p>US and IMG graduates who graduated after 7/1/03 must complete 2 years of postgraduate training and have signed a contract for a 3rd year in an accredited program. At least 2 of the years must be in the same field. Graduates prior to 7/1/03: 1 year; 3 years IMG.</p>	<p>5 attempts at USMLE Step 3; No information available on COMLEX</p>	<p>7 years to complete USMLE; No information available on COMLEX</p>
<p>New Mexico Medical (505) 476-7220 Contact the board for specific fee information or check www.nmmb.state.nm.us Highly recommends FCVS</p>	<p>2 years</p>	<p>6 attempts per USMLE Step</p>	<p>7 years to complete USMLE; 10 years for MD/PhD candidates</p>
<p>New Mexico Osteopathic (505) 476-4622 Contact the state board for licensure and fee information Highly recommends FCVS</p>	<p>1 year</p>	<p>No limit on COMLEX</p>	<p>No limit on COMLEX</p>
<p>New York (518) 474-3817 Ext. 560 The fee for licensure is \$735 Accepts FCVS for domestic graduates IMGs-FCVS required</p>	<p>Domestic 1 year; 3 years IMG</p>	<p>No limit on USMLE or COMLEX</p>	<p>No limit on USMLE or COMLEX</p>
<p>North Carolina (919) 326-1100 Full licensure fee \$350 Doesn't require FCVS unless previously established a profile</p>	<p>1 year; 3 years IMG</p>	<p>3 attempts per USMLE Step; 3 attempts per COMLEX Level</p>	<p>No time limit for passing all three steps</p>
<p>North Dakota (701) 328-6500 Application fee \$200 Accepts FCVS</p>	<p>1 year; 30 months IMG of ACGME accredited training</p>	<p>3 attempts at each USMLE Step or COMLEX Level</p>	<p>7 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX</p>
<p>Northern Mariana Islands (670) 664-4811 Contact the State Board for licensure or fee information Does not accept FCVS</p>	<p>No information available at this time</p>	<p>No information available at this time</p>	<p>No information available at this time</p>
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Ohio (614) 466-3934 Contact State Board for licensure or fee information Requires FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	4 attempt limit on each Step or Level on USMLE or COMLEX	10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX (possible waiver good cause if over 10 years)
Oklahoma Medical (800) 381-4519 Application fee \$400 Temporary approved \$200 Resident \$200 Accept FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	3 attempts at each USMLE Step (Step 2 = CK & CS)	10 years to complete USMLE
Oklahoma Osteopathic (405) 528-8625 Application fee \$575 Accepts FCVS	1 year	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
Oregon (971) 673-2700 License application fee \$427 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	3 attempts at USMLE step 3/COMLEX level 3. 4th attempt after additional 1 year postgraduate training. Waiver of attempt requirement may be available if ABMS/AOA certified.	7 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
Pennsylvania Medical (717) 783-1400 main number (717) 787-2381 Application fee accredited medical college \$35 Unaccredited medical college \$85 Accepts FCVS	2 years; 3 years IMG	No limit	No limit
Pennsylvania Osteopathic (717) 783-4858 License/exam fee \$215 Application fee \$45 Does not accept FCVS	1 year	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
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Puerto Rico (787) 782-8928 Contact the state board for licensure or fee information Does not accept FCVS	1 year	No limit on USMLE	USMLE Step 3 shall be passed within 7 years of the date of passing Step 1.
Rhode Island (401) 222-3855 / Fax:(401) 222-2158 Application fee \$1090 Controlled substance registration \$200 Requires FCVS	2 years; 3 years IMG	3 attempts at each USMLE Step; 3 attempts at each COMLEX Level	7 years to complete USMLE; No information available on COMLEX
American Samoa	No information available at this time	No information available at this time	No information available at this time
South Carolina (803) 896-4500 Application fee \$600 Requires FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	4 attempts per USMLE Step and COMLEX Level	10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
South Dakota (605) 367-7781 Application fee \$200 Highly recommends FCVS for International Medical Graduates (IMG) only.	Successful completion of residency program	3 attempts per USMLE Step and COMLEX Level	7 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX; 10 years for Dual Program Degree MD-PhD Applicant
Tennessee Medical (615) 532-4384 Application fee \$410 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	No limit on USMLE	7 years to complete USMLE
Tennessee Osteopathic (615) 532-4384 Application fee \$410 Accepts FCVS	1 year	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
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<p>Texas (512) 305-7030 Application fee \$1002 Accepts FCVS</p>	<p>1 year; 2 years IMG</p>	<p>3 attempts at each USMLE Step or COMLEX Level. (Exceptions may apply for applicants who held a Texas Physician in Training permit on or before 9/1/2005, or who have been licensed in good standing in another state for 5 years. See TMB website for more information www.tmb.state.tx.us)</p>	<p>7 years+ to complete the USMLE or COMLEX. (Exceptions may apply for applicants who are especially board certified or who completed combined MD/PhD programs, or who exceed the time limit but are willing to accept a limited license to practice exclusively in an MUA or HPSA. See TMB website for more information www.tmb.state.tx.us)</p>
<p>Utah Medical (801) 530-6628 Application fee \$200 Requires FCVS</p>	<p>2 years</p>	<p>3 attempts at USMLE Step 3</p>	<p>7 years to complete USMLE; 10 years for MD/PhD candidates</p>
<p>Utah Osteopathic (801) 530-6628 Application fee \$200 Requires FCVS</p>	<p>2 years</p>	<p>3 attempts at each COMLEX Level</p>	<p>7 years to complete COMLEX; 10 years for DO/PhD candidates</p>
<p>Vermont Medical (802) 657-4220 Licensure fee \$625 Renewal fee \$500 Accepts FCVS</p>	<p>1 year; 3 years IMG</p>	<p>3 attempts at USMLE Step 3</p>	<p>7 years to complete USMLE</p>
<p>Vermont Osteopathic (802) 828-2373 Licensure fee \$400 Accepts FCVS</p>	<p>1 year rotating internship or 3 year residency program</p>	<p>No information available at this time</p>	<p>No information available at this time</p>
<p>Virgin Islands (340) 774-0117 SPEX Exam fee \$1300 Requires FCVS</p>	<p>6 months required after 2 attempts for SPEX exam</p>	<p>Must take SPEX (only given in May and November) and an oral exam. 2 attempts</p>	<p>3 years to pass the 2 attempts allowed for re-examination. 1 year limitation to take the oral exam after passing written.</p>
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Virginia (804) 662-9908 Licensure fee \$302 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 2 years IMG	No limit on USMLE	10 years to complete USMLE; Greater than 10 years if candidate is ABMS certified.
Washington Medical (360) 236-2750 Application fee \$ 491 Accepts FCVS	2 years	3 attempts at USMLE Step 3	7 years+ to complete USMLE
Washington Osteopathic (360) 236-4945 Licensure fee \$675 Accepts FCVS	1 year	No limit on COMLEX	No limit on COMLEX
West Virginia Medical (304) 558-2921 ext. 221 Licensure fee \$400 Accepts FCVS	1 year; 3 years IMG	Six (6) attempts per USMLE Step or Step component	10 years to complete USMLE
West Virginia Osteopathic (304) 723-4638 Reciprocity or Endorsement \$200 Does not accept FCVS	1 year	No limit on COMLEX 	No limit on COMLEX
Wisconsin (608) 266-2112 Initial fee \$125 Accepts FCVS	1 year	3+ attempts per USMLE Step; N/A on COMLEX	USMLE Step 3 shall be passed within 10 years of the date of passing Step 1; N/A on COMLEX
Wyoming (307) 778-7053 Licensure fee \$600 Requires FCVS Web page: http://wyomedboard.state.wy.us	2 year (1 year if applicant has current certification by an ABMS or AOABOS/BOC specialty board, or continuous licensure in good standing in one or more states and/or D.C. for the preceding 5 years.)	7 total attempts on USMLE or COMLEX in 7 years	7 years (8 years if in combined DO or MD/PhD)