



# Credentials Committee Business Meeting

Virginia Board of Medicine

9/20/21

9:00 a.m.

**Credentials Committee Business Meeting  
Virginia Board of Medicine  
Board Room 1**

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Mon., September 20, 2021, 9:00 am    9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201    Henrico, VA

Call to Order – Jacob Miller, DO

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Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda

Public Comment on the Agenda

New Business:

1. Brief Introduction - William Harp, MD, Executive Director
2. Review of Licensure Requirements and Documents Required to be submitted by License Applicants for Board of Medicine and Advisory Board Professions ..... 1-73
3. Guidance Document 85-9 on USMLE Attempts Limit ..... 74- 112
4. Consideration of Award of Continuing Education Credit for Board Members' Service - Dr. Harp

Announcements

Adjournment

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3. Has fulfilled the applicable requirements of § 54.1-2930 of the Code of Virginia.
4. Has obtained a certificate from the Educational Council of Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), or its equivalent. Proof of licensure by the board of another state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada may be accepted in lieu of ECFMG certification.
5. Has had supervised clinical training as a part of his curriculum in an approved hospital, institution or school of medicine offering an approved residency program in the specialty area for the clinical training received or in a program acceptable to the board and deemed a substantially equivalent experience, if such training was received in the United States.
6. Has completed one year of satisfactory postgraduate training as an intern, resident, or clinical fellow. The one year shall include at least 12 months in one program or institution approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board for internship or residency training or in a clinical fellowship acceptable to the board in the same or a related field. The board may substitute continuous full-time practice of five years or more with a limited professorial license in Virginia and one year of postgraduate training in a foreign country in lieu of one year of postgraduate training.

B. A former student who has completed all degree requirements except social services and postgraduate internship at a school not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board shall be considered for licensure provided that he:

1. Has fulfilled the requirements of subdivisions A 1 and A3 through A 6 of this section;
2. Has qualified for and completed an appropriate supervised clinical training program as established by the American Medical Association; and
3. Presents a document issued by the school certifying that he has met all the formal requirements of the institution for a degree except social services and postgraduate internship.

**18VAC85-20-130. [Repealed]**

**18VAC85-20-131. Requirements to practice acupuncture.**

A. To be qualified to practice acupuncture, licensed doctors of medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatry, and chiropractic shall first have obtained at least 200 hours of instruction in general and basic aspects of the practice of acupuncture, specific uses and techniques of acupuncture, and indications and contraindications for acupuncture administration. At least 50 hours of the 200 hours of instruction shall be clinical experience supervised by a person legally authorized to practice acupuncture in any jurisdiction of the United States. Persons who held a license as a physician acupuncturist prior to July 1, 2000, shall not be required to obtain the 50 hours of clinical experience.

B. The use of acupuncture as a treatment modality shall be appropriate to the doctor's scope of practice as defined in §54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia.

#### **Part IV. Licensure: Examination Requirements.**

##### **18VAC85-20-140. Examinations, general.**

A. The Executive Director of the Board of Medicine or his designee shall review each application for licensure and in no case shall an applicant be licensed unless there is evidence that the applicant has passed an examination equivalent to the Virginia Board of Medicine examination required at the time he was examined and meets all requirements of Part III (18VAC85-20-120 et seq.) of this chapter. If the executive director or his designee is not fully satisfied that the applicant meets all applicable requirements of Part III of this chapter and this part, the executive director or his designee shall refer the application to the Credentials Committee for a determination on licensure.

B. A doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine who has passed the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners or of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Federation Licensing Examination, or the United States Medical Licensing Examination, or the examination of the Licensing Medical Council of Canada or other such examinations as prescribed in §54.1-2913.1 of the Code of Virginia may be accepted for licensure.

C. A doctor of podiatry who has passed the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners examination and has passed a clinical competence examination acceptable to the board may be accepted for licensure.

D. A doctor of chiropractic who has met the requirements of one of the following may be accepted for licensure:

1. An applicant who graduated after January 31, 1996, shall document successful completion of Parts I, II, III, and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination (NBCE).

2. An applicant who graduated from January 31, 1991, to January 31, 1996, shall document successful completion of Parts I, II, and III of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination (NBCE).

3. An applicant who graduated from July 1, 1965, to January 31, 1991, shall document successful completion of Parts I, II, and III of the NBCE, or Parts I and II of the NBCE and the Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC), and document evidence of licensure in another state for at least two years immediately preceding his application.



4. An applicant who graduated prior to July 1, 1965, shall document successful completion of the SPEC, and document evidence of licensure in another state for at least two years immediately preceding his application.

E. Applicants who sat for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensure Examination (COMLEX-USA) shall provide evidence of passing all steps within a 10-year period unless the applicant is board certified in a specialty approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association.

F. Applicants for licensure in podiatry shall provide evidence of having passed the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Examination to be eligible to sit for the Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (PMLEXIS) in Virginia.

**18VAC85-20-141. Licensure by endorsement.**

To be licensed by endorsement, an applicant shall:

1. Hold at least one current, unrestricted license in a United States jurisdiction or Canada for the five years immediately preceding application to the board;
2. Have been engaged in active practice, defined as an average of 20 hours per week or 640 hours per year, for five years after postgraduate training and immediately preceding application;
3. Verify that all licenses held in another United States jurisdiction or in Canada are in good standing, defined as current and unrestricted or, if lapsed, eligible for renewal or reinstatement;
4. Hold current certification by one of the following:
  - a. American Board of Medical Specialties;
  - b. Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists;
  - c. American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery;
  - d. American Board of Podiatric Medicine;
  - e. Fellowship of Royal College of Physicians of Canada;
  - f. Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada; or
  - g. College of Family Physicians of Canada;
5. Submit a current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank; and

PHYSICIAN ASST.  
LICENSURE

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>  <b>Effective March 12, 2020</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>  <b>As determined by committee</b>
<p><b>* Expedited Professions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Education / Form L- (not applicable if using FCVS)</li> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Verification of Credentials from NCCPA</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	<p><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Form L / Professional Education</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query accepted electronically</li> </ul>	
<p><b>*Physician Assistant</b></p>			

A separate board regulation, 18VAC85-11, provides for involvement of the public in the development of all regulations of the Virginia Board of Medicine.

**18VAC85-50-35. Fees.**

Unless otherwise provided, the following fees shall not be refundable:

1. The initial application fee for a license, payable at the time application is filed, shall be \$130.
2. The biennial fee for renewal of an active license shall be \$135 and for renewal of an inactive license shall be \$70, payable in each odd-numbered year in the birth month of the licensee. For 2021, the fee for renewal of an active license shall be \$108, and the fee for renewal of an inactive license shall be \$54.
3. The additional fee for late renewal of licensure within one renewal cycle shall be \$50.
4. A restricted volunteer license shall expire 12 months from the date of issuance and may be renewed without charge by receipt of a renewal application that verifies that the physician assistant continues to comply with provisions of § 54.1-2951.3 of the Code of Virginia.
5. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
6. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
8. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.
9. The fee for an application or for the biennial renewal of a restricted volunteer license shall be \$35, due in the licensee's birth month. An additional fee for late renewal of licensure shall be \$15 for each renewal cycle.

**Part II. Requirements for Practice As a Physician's Assistant.**

**18VAC85-50-40. General requirements.**

A. No person shall practice as a physician assistant in the Commonwealth of Virginia except as provided in this chapter.

B. All services rendered by a physician assistant shall be performed only in accordance with a practice agreement with a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or podiatry licensed by this board to practice in the Commonwealth.

**18VAC85-50-50. Licensure: entry requirements and application.**

A. The applicant seeking licensure as a physician assistant shall submit:

1. A completed application and fee as prescribed by the board.
2. Documentation of successful completion of an educational program as prescribed in § 54.1-2951.1 of the Code of Virginia.
3. Documentation of passage of the certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.
4. Documentation that the applicant has not had a license or certification as a physician assistant suspended or revoked and is not the subject of any disciplinary proceedings in another jurisdiction.

B. The board may issue a license by endorsement to an applicant for licensure if the applicant (i) is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth, (ii) holds current certification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, and (iii) holds a license as a physician assistant that is in good standing, or that is eligible for reinstatement if lapsed, under the laws of another state.

**18VAC85-50-55. Provisional licensure.**

Pending the outcome of the next examination administered by the NCCPA, an applicant who has met all other requirements of 18VAC85-50-50 at the time his initial application is submitted may be granted provisional licensure by the board. The provisional licensure shall be valid until the applicant takes the next subsequent NCCPA examination and its results are reported, but this period of validity shall not exceed 30 days following the reporting of the examination scores, after which the provisional license shall be invalid.

**18VAC85-50-56. Renewal of license.**

A. Every licensed physician assistant intending to continue to practice shall biennially renew the license in each odd numbered year in the licensee's birth month by:

1. Returning the renewal form and fee as prescribed by the board; and
2. Verifying compliance with continuing medical education standards established by the NCCPA.

B. Any physician assistant who allows his NCCPA certification to lapse shall be considered not licensed by the board. Any such assistant who proposes to resume his practice shall make a new application for licensure.

**18VAC85-50-57. Discontinuation of employment.**

If for any reason the physician assistant discontinues working with a patient care team physician or podiatrist, a new practice agreement shall be entered into in order for the physician assistant either to be reemployed by the same practitioner or to accept new employment with another patient care team physician or podiatrist.

# RESPIRATORY THERAPIST LICENSURE

<b>Profession</b>  * Expedited Professions	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>  <b>Effective March 12, 2020</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>  <b>As determined by committee</b>
*Respiratory Therapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Credential Verification - NBRC</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query accepted electronically</li> </ul>	

Any violation of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia shall be subject to the statutory sanctions as set forth in the Act.

**18VAC85-40-35. Fees.**

The following fees are required:

1. The application fee, payable at the time the application is filed, shall be \$130.
2. The biennial fee for renewal of active licensure shall be \$135 and for renewal of inactive licensure shall be \$70, payable in each odd-numbered year in the license holder's birth month. For 2021, the fee for renewal of an active license shall be \$108 and the fee for renewal of an inactive license shall be \$54.
3. The additional fee for late renewal of licensure within one renewal cycle shall be \$50.
4. The fee for reinstatement of a license issued by the Board of Medicine pursuant to §54.1-2904 of the Code of Virginia, which has lapsed for a period of two years or more, shall be \$180 and must be submitted with an application for licensure reinstatement.
5. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
6. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
8. The fee for a letter of good standing/verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10; the fee for certification of grades to another jurisdiction shall be \$25.
9. The fee for an application or for the biennial renewal of a restricted volunteer license shall be \$35, due in the licensee's birth month. An additional fee for late renewal of licensure shall be \$15 for each renewal cycle.

**Part II. Requirements for Licensure as a Respiratory Therapist.**

**18VAC85-40-40. Licensure requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-40-35.
2. Verification of professional education in respiratory care as required in 18VAC85-40-45.
3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.
4. Evidence of passage of the national examination as required in 18VAC85-40-50.



5. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of active practice as a respiratory therapist or documentation of 20 hours of continuing education within the 24-month period immediately preceding application and verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

**18VAC85-40-45. Educational requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall:

1. Be a graduate of an accredited educational program for respiratory therapists; or
2. Hold current credentialing as a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) or a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) from the NBRC or any other credentialing body determined by the board to be equivalent.

**18VAC85-40-50. Examination requirements.**

An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed respiratory therapist shall submit to the board evidence that the applicant has passed the NBRC entry level examination for respiratory care, or its equivalent as approved by the board.

**18VAC85-40-55. Registration for voluntary practice by out-of-state licensees.**

Any respiratory therapist who does not hold a license to practice in Virginia and who seeks registration to practice under subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia on a voluntary basis under the auspices of a publicly supported, all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people shall:

1. File a complete application for registration on a form provided by the board at least five business days prior to engaging in such practice. An incomplete application will not be considered;
2. Provide a complete record of professional licensure in each state in which he has held a license and a copy of any current license;
3. Provide the name of the nonprofit organization, the dates and location of the voluntary provision of services;
4. Pay a registration fee of \$10; and
5. Provide a notarized statement from a representative of the nonprofit organization attesting to its compliance with provisions of subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia.

**Part III. Renewal and Reinstatement.**

**18VAC85-40-60. Renewal of license.**

A. Every licensed respiratory therapist intending to continue his licensure shall biennially in each odd-numbered year in his birth month:

# INTERN RESIDENT LICENSURE

Profession  * Expedited Professions	Board Requirements Pre-COVID	COVID Process per Executive Order 57  Effective March 12, 2020	Requirements Going Forward  As determined by committee
Intern Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residency Memorandum from Program Director / Form A</li> <li>• Certificate of Professional Education / Form B</li> <li>• ECFMG for International Medical Graduates</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	Not Applicable	

6. Have no grounds for denial based on provisions of § 54.1-2915 of the Code of Virginia or regulations of the board.

**18VAC85-20-150 to 18VAC85-20-200. [Repealed]**

**Part V. Limited or Temporary Licenses.**

**18VAC85-20-210. Limited licenses to foreign medical graduates.**

A. A physician who graduated from an institution not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board applying for a limited professorial license or a limited fellow license to practice medicine in an approved medical school or college in Virginia shall:

1. Submit evidence of authorization to practice medicine in a foreign country.
2. Submit evidence of a standard Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate or its equivalent. Such required evidence may be waived by the Credentials Committee or its designee based on other evidence of medical competency and English proficiency.
3. Submit a recommendation from the dean of an accredited medical school in Virginia that the applicant is a person of professorial or of fellow rank whose knowledge and special training meet the requirements of §54.1-2936 of the Code of Virginia.

B. The limited professorial license or limited fellow license applies only to the practice of medicine in hospitals and outpatient clinics where medical students, interns or residents rotate and patient care is provided by the medical school or college recommending the applicant.

1. The limited professorial license shall be valid for one year and may be renewed annually upon recommendation of the dean of the medical school and upon continued full-time service as a faculty member.
2. The limited fellow license shall be valid for one year and may be renewed not more than twice upon the recommendation of the dean of the medical school and upon continued full-time employment as a fellow.

C. An individual who has practiced with a limited professorial license for five continuous years may have a waiver when applying for a full license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The limited professorial licensee applying for a full license shall meet the requirements of 18VAC85-20-120 and 18VAC85-20-122.

**18VAC85-20-220. Temporary licenses to interns and residents.**

A. An intern or resident applying for a temporary license to practice in Virginia shall:

1. Successfully complete the preliminary academic education required for admission to examinations given by the board in his particular field of practice, and submit a letter of confirmation from the registrar of the school or college conferring the professional degree, or official transcripts confirming the professional degree and date the degree was received.

2. Submit a recommendation from the applicant's chief or director of graduate medical education of the approved internship or residency program specifying acceptance. The beginning and ending dates of the internship or residency shall be specified.

3. Submit evidence of a standard Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate or its equivalent if the candidate graduated from a school not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board.

B. The intern or resident license applies only to the practice in the hospital or outpatient clinics where the internship or residency is served. Outpatient clinics in a hospital or other facility must be a recognized part of an internship or residency program.

C. The intern or resident license shall be renewed annually upon the recommendation of the chief or director of graduate medical education of the internship or residency program.

A residency program transfer request shall be submitted to the board in lieu of a full application.

D. The extent and scope of the duties and professional services rendered by the intern or resident shall be confined to persons who are bona fide patients within the hospital or who receive treatment and advice in an outpatient department of the hospital or outpatient clinic where the internship or residency is served.

E. The intern and resident shall be responsible and accountable at all times to a fully licensed member of the facility where the internship or residency is served. The intern and resident is prohibited from employment outside of the graduate medical educational program where a full license is required.

F. The intern or resident shall abide by the respective accrediting requirements of the internship or residency as approved by the Liaison Council on Graduate Education of the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Association, American Podiatric Medical Association, or Council on Chiropractic Education.

**18VAC85-20-225. Registration for voluntary practice by out-of-state licenses.**

Any doctor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatry or chiropractic who does not hold a license to practice in Virginia and who seeks registration to practice under subdivision A 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia on a voluntary basis under the auspices of a publicly supported, all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people shall:

1. File a complete application for registration on a form provided by the board at least five business days prior to engaging in such practice. An incomplete application will not be considered;

2. Provide a complete record of professional licensure in each state in which he has held a license and a copy of any current license;

3. Provide the name of the nonprofit organization, the dates and location of the voluntary provision of services;

BEHAVIOR ANALYST  
LICENSURE

<b>Profession</b>  * Expedited Professions	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>  <b>Effective March 12, 2020</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>  <b>As determined by committee</b>
<b>Behavior Analyst</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Verification of Credentials - BACB</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query Mailed Only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<b>WAIVED</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	

behavior analyst and \$35 for an assistant behavior analyst. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee in each odd-numbered year. For 2021, the renewal of an active license as a behavior analyst shall be \$108, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$54; the renewal fee for an active license as an assistant behavior analyst shall be \$54, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$28.

4. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$50 for a behavior analyst and \$30 for an assistant behavior analyst.

5. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for a license shall be \$10.

6. The fee for reinstatement of licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.

7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.

8. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.

B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board shall not be refundable.

## **Part II Requirements for Licensure as a Behavior Analyst or an Assistant Behavior Analyst**

### **18VAC85-150-50. Application requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-150-40.
2. Verification of certification as required in 18VAC85-150-60.
3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.
4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.
5. Verification from the BACB on disciplinary action taken or pending by that body.

### **18VAC85-150-60. Licensure requirement.**

An applicant for a license to practice as a behavior analyst or an assistant behavior analyst shall hold current certification as a BCBA® or a BCaBA® obtained by meeting qualifications and passage of the examination required for certification as a BCBA® or a BCaBA® by the BACB.



BEHAVIOR ANALYST  
ASSISTANT  
LICENSURE

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>
<p><b>* Expedited Professions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Verification of Credentials –BACB</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPPDB Self- Query</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primarily source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Effective March 12, 2020</b></p>	<p><b>As determined by committee</b></p>
<p><b>Behavior Analyst Assistant</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPPDB Self- Query</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primarily source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	

behavior analyst and \$35 for an assistant behavior analyst. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee in each odd-numbered year. For 2021, the renewal of an active license as a behavior analyst shall be \$108, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$54; the renewal fee for an active license as an assistant behavior analyst shall be \$54, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$28.

4. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$50 for a behavior analyst and \$30 for an assistant behavior analyst.

5. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for a license shall be \$10.

6. The fee for reinstatement of licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.

7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.

8. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.

B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board shall not be refundable.

## **Part II Requirements for Licensure as a Behavior Analyst or an Assistant Behavior Analyst**

### **18VAC85-150-50. Application requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-150-40.
2. Verification of certification as required in 18VAC85-150-60.
3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.
4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.
5. Verification from the BACB on disciplinary action taken or pending by that body.

### **18VAC85-150-60. Licensure requirement.**

An applicant for a license to practice as a behavior analyst or an assistant behavior analyst shall hold current certification as a BCBA® or a BCaBA® obtained by meeting qualifications and passage of the examination required for certification as a BCBA® or a BCaBA® by the BACB.

ATHLETIC TRAINER  
LICENSURE

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>  <b>Effective March 12, 2020</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>
<p><b>* Expedited Professions</b></p> <p><b>Athletic Trainer</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• BOC Verification</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	<p>Waived</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	

2. The fee for renewal of licensure shall be \$135 and shall be due in the licensee's birth month, in each odd-numbered year.
3. A fee of \$50 for processing a late renewal within one renewal cycle shall be paid in addition to the renewal fee.
4. The fee for reinstatement of a license that has expired for two or more years shall be \$180 and shall be submitted with an application for reinstatement.
5. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
6. The fee for a duplicate renewal license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
8. The fee for a letter of verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.
9. The fee for an inactive license shall be \$70, and the fee for a late renewal shall be \$25.
10. For 2021, the fee for renewal of an active license shall be \$108, and the fee for renewal of an inactive license shall be \$54.

## **Part II. Requirements for Licensure as an athletic trainer.**

### **18VAC85-120-40. General requirements.**

No person shall practice or hold himself out as practicing as an athletic trainer in the Commonwealth unless licensed by the board except as provided in §54.1-2957.6 of the Code of Virginia.

### **18VAC85-120-50. Requirements for licensure.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit evidence of meeting the following requirements for licensure on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-130-150;
2. Verification of professional activity as required on the application form;
3. Evidence of current NATABOC certification; and
4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of practice as an athletic trainer and verification as to whether there has been any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

### **18VAC85-120-60. (Repealed)**

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TECHNOLOGY LICENSURE

Profession  * Expedited Professions	Board Requirements Pre-COVID Process	COVID Process per Executive Order 57  Effective March 12, 2020	Requirements Going Forward  As determined by committee
Polysomnographic Technologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Provide to the Board evidence or documented proof of one of the three (3) credentialing pathways: <b>RPSGT, NBRC-SDS</b>, or a professional certification or credential approved by the board from an organization or entity which is a member of the <b>National Organization for Competency Assurance.</b></li> <li>• Basic Cardiac Life Support Certification</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	



2. The biennial fee for renewal of active licensure shall be \$135 and for renewal of inactive licensure shall be \$70, payable in each odd-numbered year in the license holder's birth month. For 2021, the renewal fee for an active license shall be \$108, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$54.
3. The additional fee for late renewal of licensure within one renewal cycle shall be \$50.
4. The fee for reinstatement of a license that has lapsed for a period of two years or more shall be \$180 and must be submitted with an application for licensure reinstatement.
5. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
6. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
8. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.

## **Part II**

### **Requirements for Licensure as a Polysomnographic Technologist**

#### **18VAC85-140-45. Practice as a student or trainee.**

A student enrolled in an educational program in polysomnographic technology or a person engaged in a traineeship is not required to hold a license to practice polysomnographic technology, provided that such student or trainee is under the direct supervision of a licensed polysomnographic technologist or a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine.

1. Any such student or trainee shall be identified to patients as a student or trainee in polysomnographic technology.
2. Such student or trainee is required to have a license to practice after 18 months from the start of the educational program or traineeship or six months from the conclusion of such program or traineeship, whichever is earlier.

#### **18VAC85-140-50. Application requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-140-40.
2. Verification of a professional credential in polysomnographic technology as required in 18VAC85-140-60.
3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.

4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

**18VAC85-140-60. Licensure requirements.**

A. An applicant for a license to practice as a polysomnographic technologist shall provide documentation of one of the following:

1. Current certification as a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (RPSGT) by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists;
2. Documentation of the Sleep Disorders Specialist credential from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC-SDS); or
3. A professional certification or credential approved by the board from an organization or entity that meets the accreditation standards of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence.

B. An applicant for licensure shall provide documentation of current certification in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment.

**Part III  
Renewal and Reinstatement**

**18VAC85-140-70. Renewal of license.**

A. Every licensed polysomnographic technologist who intends to maintain an active license shall biennially renew his license each odd-numbered year during his birth month and shall:

1. Submit the prescribed renewal fee;
2. Attest to having current certification in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment; and
3. Attest to having met the continuing education requirements of 18VAC85-140-100.

B. The license of a polysomnographic technologist is lapsed if the license has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required. Practice with a lapsed license may be grounds for disciplinary action. A license that is lapsed for two years or less may be renewed by payment of the renewal fee and a late fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-140-40 and attestation of compliance with continuing education requirements and current Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment certification.

**18VAC85-140-80. Inactive license.**

A licensed polysomnographic technologist who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia shall, upon a request at the time of renewal and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice polysomnographic technology in Virginia.

GENETIC COUNSELOR  
LICENSURE

Profession	Board Requirements Pre-COVID	COVID Process per Executive Order 57 Effective March 12, 2020	Requirements Going Forward As determined by committee
<p><b>* Expedited Professions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Master's degree transcripts</li> <li>• <b>ABGC or ABMG</b> certification</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primarily source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Genetic Counseling</b></p>			

2. The application fee for a temporary license, payable at the time the application is filed, shall be \$50.
3. The biennial fee for renewal of active licensure shall be \$135 and for renewal of inactive licensure shall be \$70, payable in each odd-numbered year in the license holder's birth month. For 2021, the renewal fee for an active license shall be \$108, and the renewal fee for an inactive license shall be \$54.
4. The additional fee for late renewal of licensure within one renewal cycle shall be \$50.
5. The fee for reinstatement of a license that has lapsed for a period of two years or more shall be \$180 and shall be submitted with an application for licensure reinstatement.
6. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
7. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
8. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
9. The fee for a letter of good standing or letter of verification to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.

## **Part II. Requirements for Licensure as a Genetic Counselor.**

### **18VAC85-170-50. Application requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-170-40.
2. Verification of a professional credential in genetic counseling as required in 18VAC85-170-60.
3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.
4. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

### **18VAC85-170-60. Licensure requirements.**

A. An applicant for a license to practice as a genetic counselor shall provide documentation of (i) a master's degree from a genetic counseling training program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council of Genetic Counseling and (ii) a current, valid certificate issued by the ABGC or ABMG to practice genetic counseling.

B. Pursuant to § 54.1-2957.19 D of the Code of Virginia, applicants for licensure who do not meet the requirements of subsection A of this section may be issued a license provided they (i) apply for licensure before December 31, 2018; (ii) comply with the board's regulations relating to the NSGC

Code of Ethics; (iii) have at least 20 years of documented work experience practicing genetic counseling; (iv) submit two letters of recommendation, one from a genetic counselor and another from a physician; and (v) have completed, within the last five years, 25 hours of continuing education approved by the NSGC or the ABGC. For the purpose of this subsection, the board deems the provisions of Part IV (18VAC85-170-110 et seq.) of this chapter to be consistent with the NSGC Code of Ethics.

C. An applicant for a temporary license shall provide documentation of having been granted the active candidate status by the ABGC. Such license shall expire 12 months from issuance or upon failure of the ABGC certification examination, whichever comes first.

### **Part III. Renewal and Reinstatement.**

#### **18VAC85-170-70. Renewal of license.**

A. Every licensed genetic counselor who intends to maintain an active license shall biennially renew his license each odd-numbered year during his birth month and shall:

1. Submit the prescribed renewal fee; and
2. Attest to having met the continuing education requirements of 18VAC85-170-100.

B. The license of a genetic counselor that has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required is lapsed. Practice with a lapsed license may be grounds for disciplinary action. A license that is lapsed for two years or less may be renewed by payment of the renewal fee, a late fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-170-40, and attestation of compliance with continuing education requirements.

#### **18VAC85-170-80. Inactive license.**

A licensed genetic counselor who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia shall, upon a request at the time of renewal and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice genetic counseling in Virginia.

#### **18VAC85-170-90. Reactivation or reinstatement.**

A. To reactivate an inactive license or to reinstate a license that has been lapsed for more than two years, a genetic counselor shall submit evidence of competency to return to active practice to include one of the following:

1. Information on continued active practice in another jurisdiction during the period in which the license has been inactive or lapsed;
2. Attestation of meeting requirements for continuing education as specified in 18VAC85-170-100 for each biennium in which the license has been inactive or lapsed, not to exceed four years;  
or

CHIROPRATIC  
LICENSURE

Profession  * Expedited Professions	Board Requirements Pre-COVID	COVID Process per Executive Order 57  Effective March 12, 2020	Requirements Going Forward  As determined by committee
Chiropractic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Examination Scores from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners</li> <li>• Transcripts</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	



2. The consent to, initiation of, or participation in sexual behavior or involvement with a practitioner by a patient does not change the nature of the conduct nor negate the statutory prohibition.

C. Sexual contact between a practitioner and a former patient.

Sexual contact between a practitioner and a former patient after termination of the practitioner-patient relationship may still constitute unprofessional conduct if the sexual contact is a result of the exploitation of trust, knowledge, or influence of emotions derived from the professional relationship.

D. Sexual contact between a practitioner and a key third party shall constitute unprofessional conduct if the sexual contact is a result of the exploitation of trust, knowledge or influence derived from the professional relationship or if the contact has had or is likely to have an adverse effect on patient care. For purposes of this section, key third party of a patient shall mean: spouse or partner, parent or child, guardian, or legal representative of the patient.

E. Sexual contact between a medical supervisor and a medical trainee shall constitute unprofessional conduct if the sexual contact is a result of the exploitation of trust, knowledge or influence derived from the professional relationship or if the contact has had or is likely to have an adverse effect on patient care.

**18VAC85-20-105. Refusal to provide information.**

A practitioner shall not willfully refuse to provide information or records as requested or required by the board or its representative pursuant to an investigation or to the enforcement of a statute or regulation.

**Part III. Licensure: General and Educational Requirements.**

**18VAC85-20-110. [Repealed]**

**18VAC85-20-120. Prerequisites to licensure.**

Every applicant for licensure shall:

1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18VAC85-20-121 or 18VAC85-20-122 and the examination requirements as specified for each profession in 18VAC85-20-140;
2. File the complete application and appropriate fee as specified in 18VAC85-20-22 with the executive director of the board; and
3. File the required credentials with the executive director as specified below:
  - a. Graduates of an approved institution shall file:
    - (1) Documentary evidence that he received a degree from the institution; and

(2) A complete chronological record of all professional activities since graduation from professional school, giving location, dates, and types of services performed.

b. Graduates of an institution not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board shall file:

(1) Documentary evidence of education as required by 18VAC85-20-122;

(2) A translation made and endorsed by a consul or by a professional translating service of all such documents not in the English language; and

(3) A complete chronological record of all professional activities since graduation from professional school, giving location, dates, and types of services performed.

**18VAC85-20-121. Educational requirements: graduates of approved institutions.**

A. Such an applicant shall be a graduate of an institution that meets the criteria appropriate to the profession in which he seeks to be licensed, which are as follows:

1. For licensure in medicine. The institution shall be approved or accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or other official accrediting body recognized by the American Medical Association, or by the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools or its appropriate subsidiary agencies or any other organization approved by the board.

2. For licensure in osteopathic medicine. The institution shall be approved or accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Committee on Osteopathic College Accreditation or any other organization approved by the board.

3. For licensure in podiatry. The institution shall be approved and recommended by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association or any other organization approved by the board.

B. Such an applicant for licensure in medicine, osteopathic medicine, or podiatry shall provide evidence of having completed 12 months of satisfactory postgraduate training as an intern or resident in one program or institution when such a program or institution is approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board for internship and residency training.

C. For licensure in chiropractic.

1. If the applicant matriculated in a chiropractic college prior to July 1, 1975, he shall be a graduate of a chiropractic college accredited by the American Chiropractic Association or the International Chiropractic Association or any other organization approved by the board.

2. If the applicant matriculated in a chiropractic college on or after July 1, 1975, he shall be a graduate of a chiropractic college accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Chiropractic Education or any other organization approved by the board.

**18VAC85-20-122. Educational requirements: graduates and former students of institutions not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board.**

A. A graduate of an institution not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board shall present documentary evidence that he:

1. Was enrolled and physically in attendance at the institution's principal site for a minimum of two consecutive years and fulfilled at least half of the degree requirements while enrolled two consecutive academic years at the institution's principal site.
2. Has received a degree from the institution.
3. Has fulfilled the applicable requirements of § 54.1-2930 of the Code of Virginia.
4. Has obtained a certificate from the Educational Council of Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), or its equivalent. Proof of licensure by the board of another state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada may be accepted in lieu of ECFMG certification.
5. Has had supervised clinical training as a part of his curriculum in an approved hospital, institution or school of medicine offering an approved residency program in the specialty area for the clinical training received or in a program acceptable to the board and deemed a substantially equivalent experience, if such training was received in the United States.
6. Has completed one year of satisfactory postgraduate training as an intern, resident, or clinical fellow. The one year shall include at least 12 months in one program or institution approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board for internship or residency training or in a clinical fellowship acceptable to the board in the same or a related field. The board may substitute continuous full-time practice of five years or more with a limited professorial license in Virginia and one year of postgraduate training in a foreign country in lieu of one year of postgraduate training.

B. A former student who has completed all degree requirements except social services and postgraduate internship at a school not approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the board shall be considered for licensure provided that he:

1. Has fulfilled the requirements of subdivisions A 1 and A3 through A 6 of this section;
2. Has qualified for and completed an appropriate supervised clinical training program as established by the American Medical Association; and
3. Presents a document issued by the school certifying that he has met all the formal requirements of the institution for a degree except social services and postgraduate internship.

**18VAC85-20-130. [Repealed]**

**18VAC85-20-131. Requirements to practice acupuncture.**

A. To be qualified to practice acupuncture, licensed doctors of medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatry, and chiropractic shall first have obtained at least 200 hours of instruction in general and basic aspects of the practice of acupuncture, specific uses and techniques of acupuncture, and indications and contraindications for acupuncture administration. At least 50 hours of the 200 hours of instruction shall be clinical experience supervised by a person legally authorized to practice acupuncture in any jurisdiction of the United States. Persons who held a license as a physician acupuncturist prior to July 1, 2000, shall not be required to obtain the 50 hours of clinical experience.

B. The use of acupuncture as a treatment modality shall be appropriate to the doctor's scope of practice as defined in §54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia.

#### **Part IV. Licensure: Examination Requirements.**

##### **18VAC85-20-140. Examinations, general.**

A. The Executive Director of the Board of Medicine or his designee shall review each application for licensure and in no case shall an applicant be licensed unless there is evidence that the applicant has passed an examination equivalent to the Virginia Board of Medicine examination required at the time he was examined and meets all requirements of Part III (18VAC85-20-120 et seq.) of this chapter. If the executive director or his designee is not fully satisfied that the applicant meets all applicable requirements of Part III of this chapter and this part, the executive director or his designee shall refer the application to the Credentials Committee for a determination on licensure.

B. A doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine who has passed the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners or of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Federation Licensing Examination, or the United States Medical Licensing Examination, or the examination of the Licensing Medical Council of Canada or other such examinations as prescribed in §54.1-2913.1 of the Code of Virginia may be accepted for licensure.

C. A doctor of podiatry who has passed the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners examination and has passed a clinical competence examination acceptable to the board may be accepted for licensure.

D. A doctor of chiropractic who has met the requirements of one of the following may be accepted for licensure:

1. An applicant who graduated after January 31, 1996, shall document successful completion of Parts I, II, III, and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination (NBCE).

2. An applicant who graduated from January 31, 1991, to January 31, 1996, shall document successful completion of Parts I, II, and III of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination (NBCE).

3. An applicant who graduated from July 1, 1965, to January 31, 1991, shall document successful completion of Parts I, II, and III of the NBCE, or Parts I and II of the NBCE and the Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC), and document evidence of licensure in another state for at least two years immediately preceding his application.

4. An applicant who graduated prior to July 1, 1965, shall document successful completion of the SPEC, and document evidence of licensure in another state for at least two years immediately preceding his application.

E. Applicants who sat for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensure Examination (COMLEX-USA) shall provide evidence of passing all steps within a 10-year period unless the applicant is board certified in a specialty approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association.

F. Applicants for licensure in podiatry shall provide evidence of having passed the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Examination to be eligible to sit for the Podiatric Medical Licensing Examination (PMLEXIS) in Virginia.

**18VAC85-20-141. Licensure by endorsement.**

To be licensed by endorsement, an applicant shall:

1. Hold at least one current, unrestricted license in a United States jurisdiction or Canada for the five years immediately preceding application to the board;
2. Have been engaged in active practice, defined as an average of 20 hours per week or 640 hours per year, for five years after postgraduate training and immediately preceding application;
3. Verify that all licenses held in another United States jurisdiction or in Canada are in good standing, defined as current and unrestricted or, if lapsed, eligible for renewal or reinstatement;
4. Hold current certification by one of the following:
  - a. American Board of Medical Specialties;
  - b. Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists;
  - c. American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery;
  - d. American Board of Podiatric Medicine;
  - e. Fellowship of Royal College of Physicians of Canada;
  - f. Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada; or
  - g. College of Family Physicians of Canada;
5. Submit a current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank; and

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Profession	Board Requirements Pre-COVID	COVID Process per Executive Order 57	Requirements Going Forward
* Expedited Professions  Occupational Therapist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Professional Education</li> <li>• Verification of credentials from NBCOT</li> <li>• State Verification</li> <li>• NPPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	Effective March 12, 2020  <b>WAIVED</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	As determined by committee

record or public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

**18VAC85-80-26. Fees.**

A. The following fees have been established by the board:

1. The initial fee for the occupational therapist license shall be \$130; for the occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$70.

2. The fee for reinstatement of the occupational therapist license that has been lapsed for two years or more shall be \$180; for the occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$90.

3. The fee for active license renewal for an occupational therapist shall be \$135; for an occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$70. The fees for inactive license renewal shall be \$70 for an occupational therapist and \$35 for an occupational therapy assistant. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee in each even-numbered year. For 2020, the fee for renewal of an active license as an occupational therapist shall be \$108; for an occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$54. For renewal of an inactive license in 2020, the fees shall be \$54 for an occupational therapist and \$28 for an occupational therapy assistant.

4. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$50 for an occupational therapist and \$30 for an occupational therapy assistant.

5. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for a license shall be \$10.

6. The fee for reinstatement of licensure pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.

7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.

8. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.

9. The fee for an application or for the biennial renewal of a restricted volunteer license shall be \$35, due in the licensee's birth month. An additional fee for late renewal of licensure shall be \$15 for each renewal cycle.

B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board shall not be refundable.

**Part II. Requirements of Licensure as an Occupational Therapist.**

**18VAC85-80-30. (Repealed)**

**18VAC85-80-35. Application requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-80-26.



2. Verification of professional education in occupational therapy as required in 18VAC85-80-40.
3. Verification of practice as required in 18VAC85-80-60 and as specified on the application form.
4. Documentation of passage of the national examination as required in 18VAC85-80-50.
5. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

**18VAC85-80-40. Educational requirements.**

A. An applicant who has received his professional education in the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an accredited educational program as verified by the ACOTE.

B. An applicant who has received his professional education outside the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and clinical fieldwork requirements of a program approved by a member association of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists as verified by the candidate's occupational therapy program director and as required by the NBCOT and submit proof of proficiency in the English language by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score acceptable to the board. TOEFL may be waived upon evidence of English proficiency.

C. An applicant who does not meet the educational requirements as prescribed in subsection A or B of this section but who has received certification by the NBCOT as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall be eligible for licensure in Virginia and shall provide the board verification of his education, training and work experience acceptable to the board.

**18VAC85-80-45. Practice by a graduate awaiting examination results.**

A. A graduate of an accredited occupational therapy educational program may practice with the designated title of "Occupational Therapist, License Applicant" or "O.T.L.-Applicant" until he has received a failing score on the licensure examination from NBCOT or for six months from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. The graduate shall use one of the designated titles on any identification or signature in the course of his practice.

B. A graduate of an accredited occupational therapy assistant educational program may practice with the designated title of "Occupational Therapy Assistant-License Applicant" or "O.T.A.-Applicant" until he has received a failing score on the licensure examination from NBCOT or for six months from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. The graduate shall use one of the designated titles on any identification or signature in the course of his practice.

**18VAC85-80-50. Examination requirements.**

A. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapist shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapist and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

B. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapy assistant and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

**18VAC85-80-60. Practice requirements.**

An applicant who has been practicing occupational therapy in another jurisdiction and has met the requirements for licensure in Virginia shall provide evidence that he has engaged in the active practice of occupational therapy as defined in 18VAC85-80-10. If the applicant has not engaged in active practice as defined in 18VAC85-80-10, he shall serve a board-approved practice of 160 hours, which is to be completed within 60 consecutive days, under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

**18VAC85-80-61. (Repealed.)**

**18VAC85-80-65. Registration for voluntary practice by out-of-state licensees.**

Any occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who does not hold a license to practice in Virginia and who seeks registration to practice under subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia on a voluntary basis under the auspices of a publicly supported, all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people shall:

1. File a complete application for registration on a form provided by the board at least five business days prior to engaging in such practice. An incomplete application will not be considered;
2. Provide a complete record of professional licensure in each state in which he has held a license and a copy of any current license;
3. Provide the name of the nonprofit organization, the dates and location of the voluntary provision of services;
4. Pay a registration fee of \$10; and
5. Provide a notarized statement from a representative of the nonprofit organization attesting to its compliance with provisions of subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia.

**Part III. Renewal of Licensure; Reinstatement.**

**18VAC85-80-70. Biennial renewal of licensure.**

A. An occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall renew his license biennially during his birth month in each even-numbered year by:

1. Paying to the board the renewal fee prescribed in 18VAC85-80-26;

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Occupational Therapist Asst.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Verification of Professional Education</li> <li>• Verification of credentials from <b>NBCOT</b></li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	

record or public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

**18VAC85-80-26. Fees.**

A. The following fees have been established by the board:

1. The initial fee for the occupational therapist license shall be \$130; for the occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$70.

2. The fee for reinstatement of the occupational therapist license that has been lapsed for two years or more shall be \$180; for the occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$90.

3. The fee for active license renewal for an occupational therapist shall be \$135; for an occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$70. The fees for inactive license renewal shall be \$70 for an occupational therapist and \$35 for an occupational therapy assistant. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee in each even-numbered year. For 2020, the fee for renewal of an active license as an occupational therapist shall be \$108; for an occupational therapy assistant, it shall be \$54. For renewal of an inactive license in 2020, the fees shall be \$54 for an occupational therapist and \$28 for an occupational therapy assistant.

4. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$50 for an occupational therapist and \$30 for an occupational therapy assistant.

5. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for a license shall be \$10.

6. The fee for reinstatement of licensure pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.

7. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.

8. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.

9. The fee for an application or for the biennial renewal of a restricted volunteer license shall be \$35, due in the licensee's birth month. An additional fee for late renewal of licensure shall be \$15 for each renewal cycle.

B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board shall not be refundable.

**Part II. Requirements of Licensure as an Occupational Therapist.**

**18VAC85-80-30. (Repealed)**

**18VAC85-80-35. Application requirements.**

An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-80-26.

2. Verification of professional education in occupational therapy as required in 18VAC85-80-40.
3. Verification of practice as required in 18VAC85-80-60 and as specified on the application form.
4. Documentation of passage of the national examination as required in 18VAC85-80-50.
5. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

**18VAC85-80-40. Educational requirements.**

A. An applicant who has received his professional education in the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an accredited educational program as verified by the ACOTE.

B. An applicant who has received his professional education outside the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and clinical fieldwork requirements of a program approved by a member association of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists as verified by the candidate's occupational therapy program director and as required by the NBCOT and submit proof of proficiency in the English language by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score acceptable to the board. TOEFL may be waived upon evidence of English proficiency.

C. An applicant who does not meet the educational requirements as prescribed in subsection A or B of this section but who has received certification by the NBCOT as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall be eligible for licensure in Virginia and shall provide the board verification of his education, training and work experience acceptable to the board.

**18VAC85-80-45. Practice by a graduate awaiting examination results.**

A. A graduate of an accredited occupational therapy educational program may practice with the designated title of "Occupational Therapist, License Applicant" or "O.T.L.-Applicant" until he has received a failing score on the licensure examination from NBCOT or for six months from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. The graduate shall use one of the designated titles on any identification or signature in the course of his practice.

B. A graduate of an accredited occupational therapy assistant educational program may practice with the designated title of "Occupational Therapy Assistant-License Applicant" or "O.T.A.-Applicant" until he has received a failing score on the licensure examination from NBCOT or for six months from the date of graduation, whichever occurs sooner. The graduate shall use one of the designated titles on any identification or signature in the course of his practice.

**18VAC85-80-50. Examination requirements.**

A. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapist shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapist and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

B. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapy assistant and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.

**18VAC85-80-60. Practice requirements.**

An applicant who has been practicing occupational therapy in another jurisdiction and has met the requirements for licensure in Virginia shall provide evidence that he has engaged in the active practice of occupational therapy as defined in 18VAC85-80-10. If the applicant has not engaged in active practice as defined in 18VAC85-80-10, he shall serve a board-approved practice of 160 hours, which is to be completed within 60 consecutive days, under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

**18VAC85-80-61. (Repealed.)**

**18VAC85-80-65. Registration for voluntary practice by out-of-state licensees.**

Any occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who does not hold a license to practice in Virginia and who seeks registration to practice under subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia on a voluntary basis under the auspices of a publicly supported, all volunteer, nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people shall:

1. File a complete application for registration on a form provided by the board at least five business days prior to engaging in such practice. An incomplete application will not be considered;
2. Provide a complete record of professional licensure in each state in which he has held a license and a copy of any current license;
3. Provide the name of the nonprofit organization, the dates and location of the voluntary provision of services;
4. Pay a registration fee of \$10; and
5. Provide a notarized statement from a representative of the nonprofit organization attesting to its compliance with provisions of subdivision 27 of §54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia.

**Part III. Renewal of Licensure; Reinstatement.**

**18VAC85-80-70. Biennial renewal of licensure.**

A. An occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall renew his license biennially during his birth month in each even-numbered year by:

1. Paying to the board the renewal fee prescribed in 18VAC85-80-26;

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Profession  * Expedited Professions	Board Requirements Pre-COVID	COVID Process per Executive Order 57  Effective March 12, 2020	Requirements Going Forward  As determined by committee
Radiologic Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Form L / Professional Education</li> <li>• ARRT or NMTCB Verification of Certification</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">WAIVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	

C. An applicant who fails the ARRT examination for radiologist assistants shall follow the policies and procedures of the ARRT for successive attempts.

### **Part III. Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist.**

#### **18VAC85-101-30. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists.**

An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist shall be a graduate of an educational program acceptable to the ARRT for the purpose of sitting for the ARRT certification examination.

#### **18VAC85-101-40. Licensure requirements.**

A. An applicant for board licensure shall:

1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18VAC85-101-30;
2. Submit the required application, fee, and credentials to the board; and
3. Submit evidence of passage of an examination resulting in certification by the ARRT or the NMTCB.

B. If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction, he shall provide information on the status of each license or certificate held and verification from that jurisdiction of any current, unrestricted license.

C. An applicant who fails the ARRT or NMTCB examination shall follow the policies and procedures of the certifying body for successive attempts.

#### **18VAC85-101-50. (Repealed).**

### **Part IV. Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist-Limited.**

#### **18VAC85-101-55. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists-limited.**

A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited shall be trained by one of the following:

1. Successful completion of educational coursework that is directed by a radiologic technologist with a bachelor's degree and current ARRT certification, has instructors who are licensed radiologic technologists or doctors of medicine or osteopathic medicine who are board-certified in radiology, and has a minimum of the following coursework:

- a. Image production/equipment operation —25 clock hours;
- b. Radiation protection —15 clock hours; and

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<b>Profession</b>	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>  <b>Effective March 12, 2020</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>  <b>As determined by committee</b>
<p><b>* Expedited Professions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Verification of Education and Clinical training</li> <li>• ARRT Examination Scores</li> <li>• Completion of Clinical Training State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	<p><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	
<p>Limited Radiologic Technology</p>			

C. An applicant who fails the ARRT examination for radiologist assistants shall follow the policies and procedures of the ARRT for successive attempts.

### **Part III. Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist.**

#### **18VAC85-101-30. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists.**

An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist shall be a graduate of an educational program acceptable to the ARRT for the purpose of sitting for the ARRT certification examination.

#### **18VAC85-101-40. Licensure requirements.**

A. An applicant for board licensure shall:

1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18VAC85-101-30;
2. Submit the required application, fee, and credentials to the board; and
3. Submit evidence of passage of an examination resulting in certification by the ARRT or the NMTCB.

B. If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction, he shall provide information on the status of each license or certificate held and verification from that jurisdiction of any current, unrestricted license.

C. An applicant who fails the ARRT or NMTCB examination shall follow the policies and procedures of the certifying body for successive attempts.

#### **18VAC85-101-50. (Repealed).**

### **Part IV. Licensure Requirements - Radiologic Technologist-Limited.**

#### **18VAC85-101-55. Educational requirements for radiologic technologists-limited.**

A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist-limited shall be trained by one of the following:

1. Successful completion of educational coursework that is directed by a radiologic technologist with a bachelor's degree and current ARRT certification, has instructors who are licensed radiologic technologists or doctors of medicine or osteopathic medicine who are board-certified in radiology, and has a minimum of the following coursework:

- a. Image production/equipment operation —25 clock hours;
- b. Radiation protection —15 clock hours; and

c. Radiographic procedures in the anatomical area of the radiologic technologist-limited's practice—10 clock hours taught by a radiologic technologist with current ARRT certification or a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry or chiropractic;

2. An ACRRT-approved program;
3. The ISCD certification course for bone densitometry; or
4. Any other program acceptable to the board.

B. A radiologic technologist-limited who has been trained through the ACRRT-approved program or the ISCD certification course and who also wishes to be authorized to perform x-rays in other anatomical areas shall meet the requirements of subdivision A 1 of this section.

**18VAC85-101-60. Licensure requirements.**

A. An applicant for licensure by examination as a radiologic technologist-limited shall submit:

1. The required application and fee as prescribed by the board;
2. Evidence of successful completion of an examination as required in this section; and
3. Evidence of completion of training as required in 18VAC85-101-55.

B. To qualify for limited licensure to practice under the direction of a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine with the exception of practice in bone densitometry, the applicant shall:

1. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the core section of the ARRT examination for Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography;

2. Meet one of the following requirements:

a. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the section of the ARRT examination on specific radiographic procedures, depending on the anatomical areas in which the applicant intends to practice; or

b. Until the ARRT offers an examination for limited licensure in the radiographic procedures of the abdomen and pelvis, the applicant may qualify for a limited license by submission of a notarized statement from a licensed radiologic technologist or doctor of medicine or osteopathy attesting to the applicant's training and competency to practice in that anatomical area as follows:

(1) To perform radiographic procedures on the abdomen or pelvis, the applicant shall have successfully performed during the traineeship at least 25 radiologic examinations on patients of the abdomen or pelvis under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. The notarized statement shall further attest to the applicant's competency in the areas of radiation safety, positioning, patient instruction, anatomy, pathology and technical factors.

(2) When a section is added to the limited license examination by the ARRT that includes the abdomen and pelvis, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has received a passing score on that portion of the examination as determined by the board; and

3. Provide evidence of having successfully performed in a traineeship at least 10 radiologic examinations on patients in the anatomical area for which he is seeking licensure under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. A notarized statement from the supervising practitioner shall attest to the applicant's competency in the areas of radiation safety, positioning, patient instruction, anatomy, pathology and technical factors.

C. To qualify for limited licensure to practice in bone densitometry under the direction of a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or chiropractic, the applicant shall either:

1. Provide evidence that he has received a passing score as determined by the board on the core section of the ARRT examination for Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography; and

a. The applicant shall provide a notarized statement from a licensed radiologic technologist or doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or chiropractic attesting to the applicant's training and competency to practice in that anatomical area. The applicant shall have successfully performed at least 10 examinations on patients for bone density under the direct supervision and observation of a licensed radiologic technologist or a doctor of medicine or osteopathy; or

b. When a section is added to the limited license examination by the ARRT that includes bone densitometry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has received a passing score on that portion of the examination as determined by the board; or

2. Provide evidence that he has taken and passed an examination resulting in certification in bone densitometry from the ISCD or any other substantially equivalent credential acceptable to the board.

D. To qualify for a limited license in the anatomical areas of the spine or extremities or in bone densitometry to practice under the direction of a doctor of chiropractic, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has met the appropriate requirements of subsection B, taken and passed the appropriate requirements of subsection C for bone densitometry only, or taken and passed an examination by the ACRRT.

E. To qualify for a limited license in the anatomical area of the foot and ankle to practice under the direction of a doctor of podiatry, the applicant shall provide evidence that he has taken and passed an examination acceptable to the board.

F. An applicant who fails the examination shall be allowed two more attempts to pass the examination after which he shall reapply and take additional educational hours which meet the criteria of 18VAC85-101-70.

**18VAC85-101-61. (Repealed.)**

**18VAC85-101-70 to 18VAC85-101-90. (Repealed.)**

**RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT  
TECHNOLOGY LICENSURE**



<b>Profession</b>  * Expedited Professions	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>  <b>Effective March 12, 2020</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>  <b>As determined by committee</b>
<b>Radiologist Assistant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Transcripts</li> <li>• Verification of ARRT Certification</li> <li>• Current certification in Advanced <b>Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)</b></li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	

E. Other fees.

1. The application fee for a traineeship as a radiologic technologist or a radiologic technologist-limited shall be \$25.
2. The fee for a letter of good standing or verification to another state for licensure shall be \$10; the fee for certification of scores to another jurisdiction shall be \$25.
3. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
4. The fee for a duplicate license shall be \$5.00, and the fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.

**18VAC85-101-26. Current name and address.**

Each licensee shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee. Any change of name or address of record or the public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

**Part II. Licensure Requirements - Radiologist Assistants.**

**18VAC85-101-27. Educational requirements for radiologist assistants.**

An applicant for licensure as a radiologist assistant shall be a graduate of an educational program that is currently recognized by the ARRT for the purpose of allowing an applicant to sit for the ARRT certification examination leading to the Registered Radiologist Assistant credential.

**18VAC85-101-28. Licensure requirements.**

A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologist assistant shall:

1. Meet the educational requirements specified in 18VAC85-101-27;
2. Submit the required application, fee, and credentials to the board;
3. Hold certification by the ARRT as an R.T.(R) or be licensed in Virginia as a radiologic technologist;
4. Submit evidence of passage of an examination for radiologist assistants resulting in national certification as an Registered Radiologist Assistant by the ARRT; and
5. Hold current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

B. If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction as a radiologist assistant or a radiologic technologist, he shall provide information on the status of each license or certificate held.

# LICENSED ACUPUNCTURE

Profession  * Expedited Professions	Board Requirements Pre-COVID Process	COVID Process per Executive Order 57  Effective March 12, 2020	Board Requirements Going Forward  As determined by committee
Licensed Acupuncture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> <li>• Transcripts</li> <li>• U.S. evaluation of international education (for foreign trained applicants.)</li> <li>• <b>NCCAOM</b> verification of Certification</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• NPDB Self- Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WAIVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form B / Employment Verification</li> </ul>	

5. The fee for a letter of good standing/verification of a license to another jurisdiction shall be \$10.
6. The fee for reinstatement of a license pursuant to §54.1-2408.2 of the Code of Virginia shall be \$2,000.
7. The fee for a duplicate wall certificate shall be \$15.
8. The fee for a duplicate renewal license shall be \$5.
9. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
10. The fee for an application or for the biennial renewal of a restricted volunteer license shall be \$35, due in the licensee's birth month. An additional fee for late renewal of licensure shall be \$15 for each renewal cycle.

**18VAC85-110-36. Current name and address.**

Each licensee shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee. Any change of name or address of record or the public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

**Part II. Requirements for Licensure.**

**18VAC85-110-40. [Repealed]**

**18VAC85-110-50. Educational requirements: graduates of approved institutions or programs in the United States.**

A. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained prior to July 1, 1990, shall be as provided in this subsection.

1. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as an acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college of acupuncture accredited by the ACAOM or other accrediting agencies approved by the Board of Medicine, which confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of successful completion of an acupuncture course of study in an accredited school or college for acupuncture, providing evidence of not less than 1,000 hours of schooling in not less than a continuous 18-month period.

2. The studies shall include not less than 700 didactic hours and not less than 250 clinical hours. Additional hours may be in either didactic or clinical hours based upon the school or college curriculum.

B. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained after July 1, 1990, shall be as provided in this subsection.

An applicant applying for licensure to practice as a licensed acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college for acupuncture accredited by ACAOM or any other accrediting agency approved by the Board of Medicine, that confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of having a minimum of three academic years in length equivalent to 90 semester credit hours or 135 quarter credit hours.

One academic year means full-time study completed in four quarters, two semesters, or three trimesters. A full-time continuous study program shall be a concentrated educational process in acupuncture which requires individual study with assigned materials in a classroom or clinical setting.

C. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained after July 1, 1999, shall be as provided in this subsection. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as a licensed acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college for acupuncture accredited by ACAOM or any other accrediting agency approved by the Board of Medicine, which confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of having a minimum of 1,725 hours of entry-level acupuncture education to include at least 1,000 didactic hours and 500 clinical hours. Clinical hours may include observation, as well as internship or treatment hours; the remaining 225 hours may be earned as either didactic or clinical. Correspondence programs or courses in acupuncture are excluded and may not be used to meet the requirements for acupuncture education.

D. Requirements for acupuncture education obtained after February 1, 2011, shall be as provided in this subsection. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as a licensed acupuncturist on the basis of successful completion of education in a school or college for acupuncture accredited by ACAOM or any other accrediting agency approved by the Board of Medicine, which confers a degree or certificate in acupuncture in the United States, shall submit evidence of having a minimum of 1,905 hours of entry-level acupuncture education to include at least 1,155 didactic hours and 660 clinical hours. Clinical hours may include observation, as well as internship or treatment hours; the remaining 90 hours may be earned as either didactic or clinical hours. Correspondence programs or courses in acupuncture are excluded and may not be used to meet the requirements for acupuncture education.

E. An applicant from an acupuncture program in a school or college that has achieved candidacy status for accreditation by ACAOM shall be eligible for licensure provided the program meets the applicable requirements of subsection A, B, C, or D of this section, with the exception of full ACAOM accreditation.

**18VAC85-110-60. Requirements of foreign graduates of nonaccredited educational programs in acupuncture.**

A. An applicant who has completed an educational course of study in a school or college outside the United States or Canada that is not accredited by ACAOM or any other board-approved accrediting agency shall:

1. Submit a transcript from his educational course of study in acupuncture to a credential evaluation service approved by the board to determine equivalency in education and training to that required in 18VAC85-110-50.

2. Meet the examination requirements as prescribed in 18VAC85-110-80 and 18VAC85-110-90.

B. All documents submitted to the board which are not in English must be translated into English and certified by the embassy of the issuing government or by a translating service.

**18VAC85-110-70. [Repealed]**

**18VAC85-110-80. Examination requirements for licensure.**

The examination requirements for licensure shall consist of:

1. Passing the NCCAOM comprehensive written examination, resulting in current, active certification by the NCCAOM at the time the application is filed with the board;
2. Passing the Point Location Examination; and
3. Completing the CNT course as administered by the CCAOM.

**18VAC85-110-90. Test of spoken English requirements.**

A. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as an acupuncturist whose native language is not English and whose acupuncture education was also not in English shall submit evidence of having achieved a passing score as acceptable to the board on either the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Services.

B. An applicant applying for licensure to practice as an acupuncturist whose native language is not English and whose acupuncture education was also not in English shall be exempt from the requirement for TSE or TOEFL if the majority of his clients speak the language of the acupuncturist.

**Part III. Scope of Practice.**

**18VAC85-110-100. General requirements.**

Prior to performing acupuncture, a licensed acupuncturist shall obtain written documentation that the patient has received a diagnostic examination within the past six months by a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, or podiatry acting within the scope of his practice or shall provide to the patient a written recommendation for such a diagnostic examination on a form specified by the board and signed by the patient. The original of the signed form shall be maintained in the patient's chart and a copy provided to the patient.

**18VAC85-110-110. Limitation of titles.**

A person practicing as a licensed acupuncturist is restricted to the use of the titles "Lic.Ac." or "L.Ac." and shall not use the terms "physician" or "doctor" in his name or practice unless he simultaneously uses a clarifying title, initials, abbreviation or designation or language.

# LICENSED MIDWIFERY



<b>Profession</b>	<b>Board Requirements Pre-COVID</b>	<b>COVID Process per Executive Order 57</b>	<b>Requirements Going Forward</b>
<p>* Expedited Professions</p>	<p>Effective March 12, 2020</p>	<p>As determined by committee</p>	
<p>Licensed Midwife</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verification of Certification from North American Registry of Midwives (NARM)</li> <li>• State Verifications</li> <li>• Form A - Claims History</li> <li>• NPDB Self-Query mailed only</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified, and may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	

8. The fee for a duplicate renewal license shall be \$5.
9. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.
10. For 2021, the fee for renewal of an active license shall be \$250, and the fee for renewal of an inactive license shall be \$125.

**18VAC85-130-31. Current name and address.**

Each licensee shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee. Any change of name or address of record or the public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

**Part II.  
Requirements for Licensure and Renewal of Licensure.**

**18VAC85-130-40. Criteria for initial licensure.**

- A. An applicant for board licensure shall submit:
1. The required application on a form provided by the board and the application fee as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30;
  2. Evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification as a CPM; and
  3. A report from NARM indicating whether there has ever been any adverse action taken against the applicant.
- B. If an applicant has been licensed or certified in another jurisdiction, the applicant shall provide information on the status of each license or certificate held and on any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.

**18VAC85-130-45. Practical experience under supervision.**

A person may perform tasks related to the practice of midwifery under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, a certified nurse midwife, or a licensed midwife while enrolled in an accredited midwifery education program or during completion of the North American Registry of Midwives' Portfolio Evaluation Process Program without obtaining a license issued by the board until such person has taken and received the results of any examination required for CPM certification or for a period of 10 years, whichever occurs sooner.

**18VAC85-130-50. Biennial renewal of licensure.**

- A. A licensed midwife shall renew licensure biennially during the midwife's birth month in each odd-numbered year by:
1. Paying to the board the renewal fee as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30; and
  2. Attesting to having current, active CPM certification by NARM.

B. A licensed midwife whose license has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required shall not be considered licensed in Virginia.

C. An additional fee to cover administrative costs for processing a late application renewal shall be imposed by the board as prescribed by 18 VAC 85-130-30.

**18VAC85-130-60. Inactive licensure.**

A. A licensed midwife who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia shall, upon a request on the renewal application and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license.

1. The holder of an inactive license shall not be required to maintain current, active certification by NARM.

2. An inactive licensee shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice midwifery in Virginia.

B. An inactive licensee may reactivate licensure by:

1. Payment of the difference between the current renewal fee for inactive licensure and the renewal fee for active licensure for the biennium in which the license is being reactivated; and

2. Submission of documentation of having current, active certification by NARM.

C. The board reserves the right to deny a request for reactivation to any licensee who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of § 54.1-2915 of the Code of Virginia or any provision of this chapter.

**18VAC85-130-70. Reinstatement.**

A. A licensed midwife who allows licensure to lapse for a period of two years or more and chooses to resume practice shall submit to the board a reinstatement application, information on practice and licensure in other jurisdictions for the period in which the license was lapsed in Virginia, proof of current, active certification by NARM, and the fee for reinstatement of licensure as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30.

B. A licensed midwife whose license has been revoked by the board and who wishes to be reinstated must make a new application to the board, hold current, active certification by NARM, and pay the fee for reinstatement of a revoked license as prescribed in 18 VAC 85-130-30.

**Part III.  
Practice Standards.**

**18VAC85-130-80. General disclosure requirements.**

A licensed midwife shall provide written disclosures to any client seeking midwifery care. The licensed midwife shall review each disclosure item and obtain the client's signature as evidence that the disclosures have been received and explained. Such disclosures shall include:

1. A description of the licensed midwife's qualifications, experience, and training;

2. A written protocol for medical emergencies, including hospital transport, particular to each client;

3. A statement as to whether the licensed midwife has hospital privileges;

LICENSED SURGICAL ASST.

Profession	Board Requirements Pre-COVID	COVID Process per Executive Order 57 Effective March 12, 2020	Requirements Going Forward
<p><b>* Expedited Professions</b></p>	<p><b>Licensed Surgical Assistants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide to the Board evidence or documented proof of one of the three (3) credentialing pathways: A current credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA), or the National Commission for Certification of Surgical Assistants (NCCSA) or their successors; or Successful completion of a surgical assistant training program during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or Practice as a surgical assistant in the Commonwealth at any time in the six months immediately prior to July 1, 2020.</li> <li>• State Verification</li> <li>• Employer's letter of prior practice</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified; may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p>Not Applicable</p> <p>No Form B-Employment Verification*</p>	

**18VAC85-160-10. Definitions.**

The following word and term when used in this chapter shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Board" means the Virginia Board of Medicine.

**18VAC85-160-20. Public participation.**

A separate regulation, 18VAC85-11, Public Participation Guidelines, provides for involvement of the public in the development of all regulations of the Virginia Board of Medicine.

**18VAC85-160-30. Current name and address.**

Each licensee or certificate holder shall furnish the board his current name and address of record. All notices required by law or by this chapter to be given by the board to any such licensee or certificate holder shall be validly given when sent to the latest address of record provided or served to the licensee or certificate holder. Any change of name or address of record or public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days of such change.

**18VAC85-160-40. Fees.**

A. The following fees have been established by the board:

1. The fee for licensure as a surgical assistant or certification as a surgical technologist shall be \$75.
2. The fee for renewal of licensure or certification shall be \$70. Renewals shall be due in the birth month of the licensee or certificate holder in each even-numbered year. For 2020, the renewal fee shall be \$54.
3. The additional fee for processing a late renewal application within one renewal cycle shall be \$25.
4. The handling fee for a returned check or a dishonored credit card or debit card shall be \$50.

B. Unless otherwise provided, fees established by the board are not refundable.

**18VAC85-160-50. Requirements for licensure as a surgical assistant.**

A. An applicant for licensure shall submit a completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-160-40 on forms provided by the board.

B. An applicant for licensure as a surgical assistant shall provide evidence of:

1. A current credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or the National Commission for Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors;
2. Successful completion of a surgical assistant training program during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or
3. Practice as a surgical assistant in the Commonwealth at any time in the six months immediately prior to July 1, 2020.

**18VAC85-160-51. Requirements for certification as a surgical technologist.**

- A. An applicant for certification as a surgical technologist shall submit a completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-160-40 on forms provided by the board.
- B. An applicant for certification as a surgical technologist shall provide satisfactory evidence of:
  1. Successful completion of an accredited surgical technologist training program and a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor; or
  2. Successful completion of a training program for surgical technology during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

**18VAC85-160-60. Renewal of licensure for a surgical assistant.**

A surgical assistant who was licensed based on a credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors shall attest that the credential is current at the time of renewal.

**SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST  
LICENSURE**



Profession	Board Requirements Pre-COVID	COVID Process per Executive Order 57 Effective March 12, 2020	Requirements Going Forward
<p><b>* Expedited Professions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide to the Board evidence or documented proof of one of the three (3) credentialing pathways: A current credential as a certified surgical technologist issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) or its successor; or Successful completion of a surgical assistant training program during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or Practice as a surgical assistant at any time in the six months immediately prior to July 1, 2021.</li> <li>• State Verification</li> <li>• Employer's letter of prior practice</li> <li>• Non-routine questions 5-7 answered on application require supporting documentation from the applicant.</li> <li>• Required documents received at the Board must be primary source verified; may be electronically transmitted from the source to the licensing specialist.</li> </ul>	<p>Not Applicable</p> <p>No Form B-Employment Verification*</p>	
<p><b>Certified Surgical Technologists</b></p>			

1. A current credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or the National Commission for Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors;
2. Successful completion of a surgical assistant training program during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or
3. Practice as a surgical assistant in the Commonwealth at any time in the six months immediately prior to July 1, 2020.

**18VAC85-160-51. Requirements for certification as a surgical technologist.**

A. An applicant for certification as a surgical technologist shall submit a completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-160-40 on forms provided by the board.

B. An applicant for certification as a surgical technologist shall provide satisfactory evidence of:

1. Successful completion of an accredited surgical technologist training program and a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor; or
2. Successful completion of a training program for surgical technology during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

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A surgical assistant who was licensed based on a credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors shall attest that the credential is current at the time of renewal.

# USMLE ATTEMPTS LIMIT

## **Virginia Board of Medicine Policy on USMLE Step Attempts**

This document captures the position of the Board on the number of attempts that will be allowed for the Step Exams of the USMLE.

The following is the response to an inquiry of NBME regarding its policy for the number of attempts allowed for each Step Exam of the USMLE.

"The USMLE Program announced in August 2011 that it was introducing a limit on the total number of times an examinee can take the same Step or Step Component. Effective January 1, 2013, an examinee is ineligible to take a Step or Step Component if the examinee has made six or more prior attempts to pass that Step or Step Component, including incomplete attempts. All attempts at a Step or Step Component are counted toward the limit, regardless of when the exams were taken. The sole exception to this policy allows a state medical board to request an additional administration in unique and specific cases in which the board feels strongly about doing so on behalf of an individual with a nexus to the state who would be eligible for licensure in that state if he/she passed USMLE. You may ask a state medical board (such as that in the state where you reside or have some other compelling connection), which is fully aware of your complete testing history, to petition the USMLE program to grant you an additional attempt."

At its February 21, 2013 meeting, the Board of Medicine indicated its concurrence with the recommendation to limit attempts at Step 3 to six, and directed staff to indicate to those that inquired that it was Board policy not to authorize extra attempts at Step 3.

At its October 24, 2013 meeting, the Board reviewed the NBME policy statement above and indicated its concurrence, to include all four exams in the Step sequence. Staff is directed to inform those who inquire that it is policy of the Board of Medicine that additional attempts past six are not be authorized for any Step Exam.

# Attempt Limit

## Change to the USMLE Attempt Limit Policy

The USMLE program is changing the limit on the total number of times an examinee may take the same Step or Step Component. After this policy is implemented, an examinee will be ineligible to take a Step or Step Component if the examinee has made four (4) or more prior attempts on that Step or Step Component, including incomplete attempts. This policy change will reduce the total number of attempts an examinee may take per Step or Step Component from six (6) to four (4). The new policy will be implemented no earlier than July 1, 2021.

The USMLE Composite Committee, the governing body of USMLE comprised of medical educators, regulators and members of the public, considers all aspects of the examination as they seek to ensure that the program fulfills its mission to protect the public by providing meaningful information to licensing authorities in the United States. The committee voted to change the number of allowed attempts to protect the integrity of the exam and more closely match the USMLE attempt limits imposed by state medical boards in the majority of states. As part of the review, the committee reviewed information showing that it is uncommon for individuals with multiple repeated attempts on USMLE examination Steps or Components to complete the examination sequence successfully, gain access to postgraduate training and, ultimately, receive a license to practice medicine in the United States.

For more information regarding the policy change, please [click here](#).

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## Attempt Limit

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### 1. **What is the USMLE policy on attempt limits?**

The total number of attempts allowed per Step is four (4).

**If you have attempted a Step four or more times, including incomplete attempts, and have not passed, you are ineligible to apply for any Step in the USMLE exam sequence. Attempts at the formerly administered Step 2 CS count toward the limit.**

### 2. **Why did the policy change?**

The USMLE Composite Committee, the governing body of USMLE, considers all aspects of the examination as they work to ensure that the program fulfills its mission to support medical licensing authorities in the United States. The committee voted to change the number of allowed attempts to protect the integrity of the exam and to more closely match the USMLE attempt limits imposed by the majority of state medical boards.

As part of the review, the committee was also presented with information showing that it is uncommon for individuals with more than four repeated attempts on USMLE Steps to complete the examination sequence successfully, gain access to postgraduate training and ultimately receive a license to practice medicine in the United States.

### 3. **When did the change to the attempt limit policy take effect?**

The policy change is effective for all applications submitted on or after July 1, 2021.

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# STATE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL MEDICAL LICENSURE

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## Alabama

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 4<sup>th</sup> attempt at USMLE Step 3 following proof of formal training after the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt
- 10 attempts at all USMLE Steps
- No limit on COMLEX

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year ACGME training for US grads
- 3 years ACGME training for IMG's

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 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

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 2 attempts per USMLE Step
- 2 attempts per COMLEX Level

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 2 years
- 3 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete USMLE
- 10 years for MD/PhD candidates
- 7 years to complete COMLEX





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## Arkansas

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts per USMLE Step
- 3 attempts per COMLEX Level

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG unless currently enrolled in training program through University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on USMLE or COMLEX
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## California Medical

- ✓ Limited acceptance of FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 4 attempts at USMLE Step 3

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 3 years

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- Passing scores on a written/computerized exam shall be valid for a period of 10 years from the month of the examination



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## California Osteopathic

- ✓ Limited Acceptance of FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on COMLEX
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## Colorado

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on USMLE
- No information available on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years from first sitting to complete USMLE or COMLEX
- 10 years for MD/PhD or DO/PhD candidates



## Connecticut

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on USMLE
- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 2 years

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE
  - No limit on COMLEX
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## Delaware

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No more than 6 attempts to pass each step

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE



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## Washington, DC

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts at USMLE Step 3; After which one additional year of postgraduate training is required.
- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE; No limit on COMLEX
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## Florida Medical

- ✓ Highly recommends FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on USMLE

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 2 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on USMLE



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## Florida Osteopathic

- ✓ Highly recommends FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- Contact the board for information

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year in an AOA-approved program

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on COMLEX
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## Georgia

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts per USMLE Step
- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 1 year if IMG is on list
- 3 years IMG if not on list

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE
- 9 years to complete USMLE if in MD/PhD program
- No limit on COMLEX



## Guam

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No information at this time

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- No information at this time

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No information at this time
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## Hawaii

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on USMLE or COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 2 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on USMLE or COMLEX



## Idaho

- ✓ Accepts FCVS
- ✓ Requires Uniform Application

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- Failure to pass USMLE after 2 attempts may lead to Board interview or evaluation
- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG (can be licensed after 2 years if in good standing with Idaho residency training program, and has signed an agreement to complete residency in Idaho)

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE: 10 years for MD/PhD candidates
- No limit on COMLEX

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## Illinois

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 5 attempts at all USMLE Steps combined
- 5 attempts at COMLEX Levels combined

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 24 months of training

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE
- No limit on COMLEX



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## Indiana

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts per USMLE Step
- 5 attempts per COMLEX Level

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 2 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 10 years to complete USMLE
  - 7 years to complete COMLEX
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## Iowa

- ✓ Accepts FCVS
- ✓ Utilizes Uniform Application

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 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
- 3 years of approved postgraduate training required if outside the attempt limit.

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year





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**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 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.

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## Kansas

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3+ attempts at USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX Level 3

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG (minimum 2 years in an ACGME approved program)

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
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## Kentucky

- ✓ Requires FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 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



- 2 years
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### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No limit on USMLE or COMLEX
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## **Louisiana**

- ✓ Requires FCVS

### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 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

### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
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## **Maine Medical**

- ✓ Requires FCVS

### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at USMLE Step 3. More than 3 attempts requires a request for a waiver.



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- US/Canadian medical school graduates who graduated after July 1, 2004 must complete 3 years of ACGME accredited postgraduate training. (Those who graduated before July 1, 2004 are only required to complete 2 years of ACGME accredited PGT.) IMGs 3 years of ACGME accredited.

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete exam sequence (NBME, USMLE, and FLEX) More than 7 years requires a waiver.

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## Maine Osteopathic

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at each Step/Level

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year in AOA approved program

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No limit on COMLEX

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## Maryland

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- Unlimited attempts at each USMLE Step or COMLEX Level



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- 1 year
  - 2 years IMG

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No time limit. There are additional requirements if an applicant fails an exam 3 or more times (See Health Occupations Article, Section 14-307(g))

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## **Massachusetts**

- ✓ Requires FCVS

#### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX (See Board Regulations 243 CMR 2.02 (3)(b).)

#### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 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.

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 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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## **Michigan Medical**

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

#### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**




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#### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 2 years

#### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- Must pass all Steps of the USMLE within 7 years from the date of first passing any Step of the exam. Must pass Step 3 within 4 years of the first attempt at Step 3 or must complete 1 year of post-graduate training before making additional attempts at Step 3.
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## Michigan Osteopathic

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

#### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 6 attempts total for each examination

#### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year in AOA approved program

#### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- Pass all components of the COMLEX-USA within 7 years from the date you first passed any component of the COMLEX-USA
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## Minnesota

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

#### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts at each USMLE Step. 4 attempts allowed if current license in another State and current



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### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- USMLE or COMLEX Step or Level 3 must be passed within 5 years of Step or Level 2 or before the end of residency training.

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## Mississippi

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts at each Step
- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 1-3 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE
- No limit on COMLEX

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## Missouri

- ✓ Accepts FCVS



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- 3 attempts on COMLEX

#### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete USMLE (waived for MD/PhD candidates)
- No limit on COMLEX

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## **Montana**

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

#### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- If an applicant fails to pass the first attempt at USMLE Step III, the applicant may be reexamined no more than five additional times.
- No limit on COMLEX

#### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- Completion of an approved residency program
- 3 years IMG

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete USMLE (exceptions possible for MD/PhD candidates)
- No limit on COMLEX

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 4 attempts+ at each USMLE Step
- 4 attempts+ at each COMLEX Level

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX beginning with date first Step/Level is passed.

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## Nevada Medical

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 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

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 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 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 60 days after the scheduled completion of the program.

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 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.





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## Nevada Osteopathic

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 3 years for full license OR 2 years if resident signs commitment to practice in NV

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on COMLEX
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## New Hampshire

- ✓ Requires FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts at each USMLE Step or COMLEX Level

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 2 years

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on USMLE or COMLEX



## New Jersey

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 5 attempts at USMLE Step 3
- No information available on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- US and IMG graduates who graduated after July 1, 2003 must complete 2 years of postgraduate training and have signed a contract for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year in an accredited program. At least 2 of the years must be in the same field. Graduates prior to July 1, 2003: 1 year; 3 years IMG.

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE
- No information available on COMLEX

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## New Mexico Medical

- ✓ Highly recommends FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 6 attempts per USMLE Step

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 2 years

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE
- 10 years for MD/PhD candidates



## New Mexico Osteopathic

- ✓ Highly recommends FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- Within 7 years of having passed the first level

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## New York

- ✓ Accepts FCVS for domestic graduates
- ✓ IMGs-FCVS required

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No limit on USMLE or COMLEX

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- Domestic 1 year
- IMG 3 years

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on USMLE or COMLEX



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## North Carolina

- ✓ Accepts FCVS
- ✓ Highly recommends FCVS for Physicians with an established FCVS Profile and for IMG's

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts per USMLE Step
- 3 attempts per COMLEX Level

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No time limit for passing all 3 steps

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## North Dakota

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts at each USMLE Step or COMLEX Level

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 30 months IMG of ACGME accredited training

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX



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## Northern Mariana Islands

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- No information available at this time

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- No information available at this time

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No information available at this time
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## Ohio

- ✓ Requires FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- An applicant for licensure has a total of 5 attempts (or 5 times to fail) a USMLE Step or COMLEX Level. The applicant must have passed on the 6<sup>th</sup> attempt.

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 2 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX (possible waiver good cause if over 10 years)



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## Oklahoma Medical

- ✓ Accept FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts at each USMLE Step (Step 2 = CK & CS)

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 2 years IMG

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 10 years to complete USMLE
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## Oklahoma Osteopathic

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- Contact the board for information

### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year

### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- No limit on COMLEX
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- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at USMLE step 3/COMLEX level 3. 4<sup>th</sup> attempt after additional 1 year postgraduate training. Waiver of attempt requirement may be available if ABMS/AOA certified.

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
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## Pennsylvania Medical

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- No more than 4 attempts at each Step or Step Component

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 2 years
- 3 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No time limit
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- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- No limit on COMLEX

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No limit on COMLEX
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## Puerto Rico

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- No limit on USMLE

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- USMLE Step 3 shall be passed within 7 years of the date of passing Step 1.
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## Rhode Island





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**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at each USMLE Step
- 3 attempts at each COMLEX Level

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 2 years
- 2 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete USMLE
  - No information available on COMLEX
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## American Samoa

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- No information available at this time

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- No information available at this time

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No information available at this time
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## South Carolina

- ✓ Requires FCVS



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- 4 attempts per USMLE Step and COMLEX Level

#### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 10 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
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## **South Dakota**

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

#### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- Allowed 3 attempts, must pass on third, for the USMLE or COMLEX examination

#### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- Successful completion of residency program

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete USMLE or COMLEX
  - 10 years for Dual Program Degree MD-PhD Applicant
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## **Tennessee Medical**

- ✓ Accepts FCVS



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certification & proof of meeting requirements for maintenance of certification to be considered for licensure.

#### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- All three steps must be taken and passed within ten (10) years of the first successful step, unless you qualify under an exception.

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## **Tennessee Osteopathic**

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

#### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts

#### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year

#### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No limit on COMLEX

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## **Texas**

- ✓ Accepts FCVS



...attempts at each written step of COMLEX Level 3 (exceptions may apply for applicants who hold a Texas Physician in Training permit on or before September 1, 2005 or who have been licensed in good standing in another state for 5 years. See **TMB website** for more information.)

#### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 1 year
- 2 years IMG

#### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 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.)

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## Utah Medical

- ✓ Requires FCVS

#### Number of attempts at Licensing Exam

- 3 attempts at USMLE Step 3

#### Minimum Postgraduate Training Required

- 2 years completed - OR - 1 year of training complete, with a second year in the state of Utah in progress

#### Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence

- 7 years to complete USMLE
- 10 years for MD/PhD candidates



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- ✓ Requires FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at each COMLEX Level

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 2 years completed OR 1 year of training complete, with a second year in the state of Utah in progress

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete COMLEX
- 10 years for DO/PhD candidates

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## Vermont Medical

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at USMLE Step 3

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years to complete USMLE

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- No information available at this time

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year rotating internship or 3 year residency program

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No information available at this time
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## Virgin Islands

- ✓ Requires FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- Must take SPEX (only given in May and November) and an oral exam. 2 attempts

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 6 months required after 2 attempts for SPEX exam

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 3 years to pass the 2 attempts allowed for re-examination. 1 year limitation to take the oral exam after passing written.
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## Virginia



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**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- No limit on USMLE

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 2 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 10 years to complete USMLE; Greater than 10 years if candidate is ABMS certified.

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## Washington Medical

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at USMLE Step 3

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 2 years

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years+ to complete USMLE

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## Washington Osteopathic

- ✓ Accepts FCVS



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**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No limit on COMLEX
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## West Virginia Medical

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 6 attempts per USMLE Step or Step component

**Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 1 year
- 3 years IMG

**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 10 years to complete USMLE
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## West Virginia Osteopathic

**Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- No limit on COMLEX





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### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- No limit on COMLEX

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## **Wisconsin**

- ✓ Accepts FCVS

### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 3 attempts at each USMLE step/COMLEX level

### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**

- 2 years

### **Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- USMLE Step 3 shall be passed within 10 years of the date of passing Step 1
- N/A on COMLEX

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## **Wyoming**

- ✓ Requires FCVS

### **Number of attempts at Licensing Exam**

- 7 total attempts on USMLE or COMLEX in 7 years

### **Minimum Postgraduate Training Required**



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**Time Limit for Completing Licensing Examination Sequence**

- 7 years (8 years if in combined DO or MD/PhD program)