

MODEL RESOLUTION FOR STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

Title: Parity for International Medical Graduates with US Medical Graduates in years of GME Requirement for Licensure
Sponsor:

Whereas, Our State License Board (**write the name used in the State**) requires IMGs (International Medical Graduates) to complete *** years of GME (Graduate Medical Education) training to be eligible for licensure while requiring only *** years of GME training for USMGs (LCME accredited US Medical School Graduates); and

Whereas, before being admitted into GME training, IMGs must complete a rigorous credentialing and testing process by the ECFMG (Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates); and

Whereas, the qualifying examinations used by the ECFMG for testing IMGs assess basic science and clinical knowledge, problem solving and clinical encounter skills and match or exceed the standards used for USMGs; and

Whereas, IMGs undergo the same GME training as USMGs at the same ACGME accredited training programs; satisfying all the same educational and performance standards; and

Whereas, The performance of the public assurance and protection goals and duties of our State License Board (**write the name used in the State**) are therefore adequately satisfied without imposing additional requirements on IMGs more than those required for USMGs; and

Whereas, The imposition of additional GME training requirement for IMGs poses gratuitous hardship on IMGs in planning and starting a career after GME training, such as waiting one whole academic year; and

Whereas, This unnecessary delay does not serve our patient population well and exacerbates patient access problems in the continuing physician workforce shortage in our country; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that our *** Medical Association adopt a policy supporting parity in the number of years of GME training required for IMGs and USMGs to obtain state medical licensure, and be it further**

RESOLVED that our *** Medical Association aggressively pursue, including by legislative means, parity in the number of years of GME training requirement for IMGs and USMGs for licensure, and report back the progress in two years.**

**INITIAL LICENSURE OF U. S. MEDICAL GRADUATES AND
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES**

State	Amount of Accredited U.S. or Canadian GME Required – IMGs for Licensure	Amount of Accredited U.S. or Canadian GME Required – U.S. Medical School Graduates for Licensure
Alabama	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Alaska	3 yrs.	2 yrs. (1 yr. if completed medical school before 1/95)
Arizona	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Arkansas	3 yrs. (1 yr. if currently enrolled in prog. at U of Arkansas for Med Sci.)	1 yr.
California	2 yrs. (include. 4 mos. general medicine)	1 yr. (including 4 mos. general medicine)
Colorado	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Connecticut	2 yrs.	2 yrs.
Delaware	3 yrs.	1 yr.
DC	3 yrs.	2 yrs.
Florida	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Georgia	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Guam	3 yrs.	-
Hawaii	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Idaho	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Illinois	1 yr. (entered GME pre-1988) 2 yrs (entered GME post-1988)	2 yrs. (1 yr. if entered GME before 1/88)
Indiana	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Iowa	2 yrs. AOA, ACGME, RCPSC, OR CFPC-accredited GME	1 yr. AOA, ACGME, RCPSC, CFPC-accredited GME
Kansas	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Kentucky	2 yrs.	2 yrs.
Louisiana	3 yrs. (Fifth Pathway may be counted as 1 yr. of required GME)	1 yr. allopathic GME
Maine	3 yrs.	3 yrs. (for those graduating after 7/1/04)
Maryland	2 yrs. AOA or ACGME-accredited GME (as of Oct. 1, 2000)	1 yr. (plus 1 yr. GME if candidate failed any part of an exam 3 times)
Massachusetts	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Michigan	2 yrs.	2 yrs.
Minnesota	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Mississippi	3 yrs. (or 1 yr. plus ABMS certification)	1 yr.
Missouri	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Montana	3 yrs.(or ABMS or AOA certification)	2 yrs.
Nebraska	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Nevada	3 yrs.	3 yrs.
New Hampshire	2 yrs.	2 yrs.
New Jersey	3 yrs. (1 yr. if medical school completed before 7/1/85); 2 yrs. and contract for year 3, if graduated after 7/1/03	2 yrs., and contract for year 3, if graduated after 7/1/03; 1 yr if graduated before 7/1/03

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New Mexico	2 yrs.	2 yrs.
New York	3 yrs.	1 yr.
North Carolina	3 yrs.	1 yr.
North Dakota	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Ohio	2 yrs. (through the 2 nd yr. level)	1 yr.
Oklahoma	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Oregon	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Pennsylvania	3 yrs. (1 yr if GME taken in U.S. before 7/87)	2 yrs. (1 yr. if GME in U.S. before 7/1/87)
Puerto Rico	1 yr.	1 yr.
Rhode Island	3 yrs.	2 yrs.
South Carolina	3 yrs.	1 yr.
South Dakota	Completion of residency (1 yr. if U.S. GME taken before 7/87)	Completion of residency program
Tennessee	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Texas	3 yrs.	1 yr.
Utah	2 yrs.	2 yrs.
Vermont	3 yrs. (Canadian GME not accepted)	1 yr. (Canadian GME accepted if program accredited by RCPSC or CFPC)
Virgin Islands	1 yr U.S. GME	1 yr.
Virginia	2 yrs.	1 yr.
Washington	2 yrs. (1 yr. if medical school completed before 7/28/85)	2 yrs. (1 yr if completed medical school before 7/28/85)
West Virginia	3 yrs. (or 1 yr. plus ABMS cert.)	1 yr.
Wisconsin	1 yr.	1 yr.
Wyoming	2 yrs.	1 yr.