

4731-6-14 Eligibility for licensure by examination.

(A) The board shall issue its certificate to each individual who passes the medical and osteopathic examination as provided in rules 4731-6-03, 4731-6-05 and 4731-6-07 of the Administrative Code; who has completed the graduate medical education required by sections 4731.091, 4731.092 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code; who demonstrates proficiency in spoken English as required by section 4731.142 of the Revised Code; and who has paid the certificate issuance fee required by section 4731.14 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the applicant passed the USMLE step 3 administered by the USMLE program or the COMLEX-USA level 3 administered by the COMLEX-USA program for Ohio, the board shall deny issuance of a certificate if it finds that the applicant does not meet the requirements of section 4731.08, 4731.09 or 4731.091 of the Revised Code or the applicable provisions of this chapter of the Administrative Code.

(C) An applicant for a certificate to practice medicine or surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery who has not previously held a license from another state is eligible for consideration under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code without board examination in Ohio if the applicant otherwise meets the eligibility requirements as set forth in sections 4731.09, 4731.091, 4731.14 and 4731.142 of the Revised Code for licensure by board examination in Ohio and has passed one of the following examinations:

(1) Part I of the national board of medical examiners examination or step 1 of the USMLE, part II of the national board of medical examiners examination or step 2 of the USMLE, and part III of the national board of medical examiners examination or step 3 of the USMLE or component 2 of the FLEX. All steps, parts or components must have been administered prior to January 2000. The score achieved on each step, part or component must have equaled or exceeded the figure established by the USMLE program, the national board of medical examiners or the federation as a passing score for that step, part or component, respectively; or

(2) Component 1 of the FLEX and step 3 of the USMLE. The component and step must have been administered prior to January 2000. A performance of seventy-five or above must have been achieved on component 1. The performance achieved on step 3 must have been recognized by the USMLE program as a recommended passing performance; or

(3) USMLE steps 1, 2 and 3. All three steps must have been passed within a seven year period and the performance achieved on each step must have been recognized by the USMLE program as a recommended passing performance. A limited exception to this rule may be granted by the board to an applicant who in conjunction with a medical degree is actively pursuing a doctoral degree in an institution or program accredited by the LCME and regional university accrediting body and the applicant was a student in good standing when enrolled in the institution or program. The

doctoral degree must be in a field of biological sciences tested in the step 1 content. These fields include, but are not necessarily limited to, anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, pharmacology, genetics, neuro-science and molecular biology. Fields not accepted include, but are not necessarily limited to, business, economics, ethics, history and other fields not directly related to biological science. Limited exceptions to this rule may also be granted to an applicant who suffered from a significant health condition which by its severity would necessarily cause a delay to the applicant's medical study, or as the board deems appropriate. Regardless, all three steps must have been passed within a ten year period; however, the board may grant a further exception beyond the ten year period for those applicants who have obtained a medical degree in conjunction with a doctoral degree in a field of biological sciences tested in the step 1 content from an institution or program described in this paragraph; taken step 1 of the USMLE prior to December 1, 1999; have not failed any step of the USMLE; and have shown good cause for why they did not complete the examination sequence in a ten year period; a limited exception to this rule may also be granted by the board to an applicant who passes all three steps within a ten-year period if the applicant shows good cause for why he or she did not complete the examination sequence in a seven-year period and has not failed any step of the USMLE three times or more. Good cause requires a showing that the applicant is current in his or her medical knowledge at the time of application. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, participating in graduate medical education as defined in Ohio Revised Code section 4731.091 for a period of time greater than that required by statute for initial licensure in Ohio; or

(4) COMLEX-USA levels 1, 2 and 3. All three levels must have been passed within a seven year period and the performance achieved on each level must have been recognized by the NBOME as a recommended passing performance. A limited exception to this rule may be granted by the board to an applicant who in conjunction with a medical degree is actively pursuing a doctoral degree in an institution accredited by the AOA and regional university accrediting body and the applicant was a student in good standing when enrolled in the institution or program. The doctoral degree must be in a field of biological sciences tested in the level 1 content. These fields include, but are not necessarily limited to, anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, pharmacology, genetics, neuro-science and molecular biology. Fields not accepted include, but are not necessarily limited to, business, economics, ethics, history and other fields not directly related to biological science. Limited exceptions to this rule may also be granted to an applicant who suffered from a significant health condition which by its severity would necessarily cause a delay to the applicant's medical study, or as the board deems appropriate. Regardless, all three levels must have been passed within a ten year period; however, the board may grant a further exception beyond the ten year period for those applicants who have obtained an osteopathic medical degree in conjunction with a doctoral degree in a field of biological sciences tested in the level 1 content from an institution or program described in this paragraph; taken level 1 of the COMLEX-USA prior to December 1, 1999; have not failed any level of the COMLEX-USA; and have shown good cause for why they did not complete the examination sequence in a ten year period; a

limited exception to this rule may also be granted by the board to an applicant who passes all three steps within a ten-year period if the applicant shows good cause for why he or she did not complete the examination sequence in a seven-year period and has not failed any step of the COMLEX-USA three times or more. Good cause requires a showing that the applicant is current in his or her medical knowledge at the time of application. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, participating in graduate medical education as defined in Ohio Revised Code section 4731.091 for a period of time greater than that required by statute for initial licensure in Ohio; or

(5) Component 1 and 2 of the FLEX. Both components must have been administered prior to January 2000. The score achieved on each component must have equaled or exceeded the figure established by the FLEX program as a passing score for that component.

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