

Multiple Pathways to Medical Licensure for Out of State Physicians



TRADITIONAL ROUTE: INITIAL LICENSURE

32-1422. Basic requirements for granting a license to practice medicine; credentials verification

Graduate of Medical School

Passage of USMLE

US/Canada Medical School Graduate- One-year ACGME approved post-graduate training.

International Medical School Graduates- 36- months of ACGME approved post graduate training. ECFMG Certificate.

LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

Licensed in another State.

The license has not been surrendered, revoked or expired.

The board may require an applicant seeking licensure by endorsement based on successful passage of a written examination or combination of examinations, the most recent of which precedes by more than ten years the application for licensure by endorsement in this state, to take and pass a special purpose licensing examination to assist the board in determining the applicant's ability to safely engage in the practice of medicine. The board may also conduct a records review and physical and psychological assessments, if appropriate, and may review practice history to determine the applicant's ability to safely engage in the practice of medicine.

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (IMLC) EXPEDITED LICENSE

SPL eligibility

In order to receive licensure through the Compact, you must:

- Hold a full, unrestricted medical license in a state that is a member of the Compact – this is called your State of Principal License (SPL).

In addition, at least ONE of the requirements below must apply:

- Your primary residence is in the SPL (State of Principal License)
- At least 25% of your practice of medicine occurs in the SPL
- Your employer is located in the SPL
- You use the SPL as your state of residence for U.S. Federal Income Tax purposes

In order to remain active within the Compact, you must maintain your SPL status at all times. You may re-designate your SPL to another state after you have received your initial qualification – as long as the state is a participant in the Compact.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR A COMPACT LICENSE

In addition to having basic SPL status, there are several General Eligibility requirements. You must:

- Have graduated from an accredited medical school, or a school listed in the International Medical Education Directory
- Have successfully completed ACGME- or AOA-accredited graduate medical education (GME)
- Have passed each **component** of the USMLE, COMLEX-USA, or equivalent in no more than three attempts for each component **PLEASE NOTE: Passing the Canadian Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada, or LMCC, DOES NOT meet this requirement**
- Hold a current specialty certification or time-unlimited certification by an ABMS or AOABOS board

In addition, you must:

- Not have any history of disciplinary actions toward your medical license
- Not have any criminal history
- Not have any history of controlled substance actions toward your medical license
- Not currently be under investigation

******If you completed your GME outside of the United States, please verify that your program is ACGME or AOA accredited before applying******

MANDATORY FINGERPRINTING FOR COMPACT LICENSE

Complete mandatory fingerprinting. After your designated SPL receives your application, it will contact you with instructions on obtaining fingerprints in order to complete a national criminal background check. You will have 60 days to obtain and submit your fingerprints. Along with reviewing your training and other qualifications, the Compact verification process involves querying data banks and completing the criminal background check. **As a result, it may take several weeks for your selected SPL to complete this step.**

COST OF A COMPACT LICENSE

The cost to participate in the Compact is \$700.00 PLUS the cost of a license(s) in any Compact state where you want to practice. All fees are non-refundable.

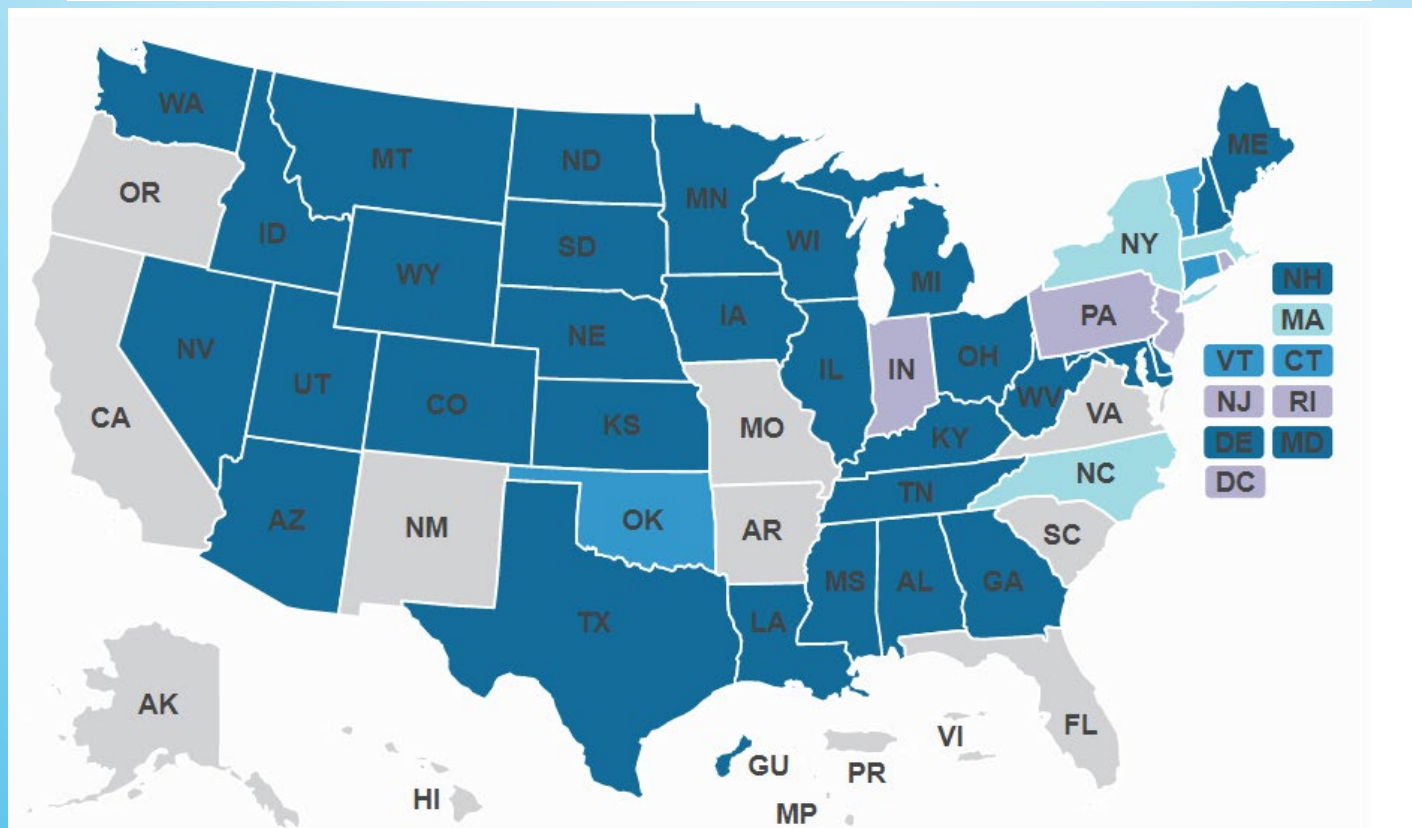
ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS	\$400.00	ARIZONA D.O.
ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD	\$500.00	ARIZONA M.D.

Range: \$75.00 to \$817.00

<https://www.imlcc.org/information-for-physicians/#DoIQualifyForCompactLicensure>

PARTICIPATING STATES IN THE COMPACT

- = Compact Legislation Introduced
- = IMLC Member State serving as SPL processing applications and issuing licenses*
- = IMLC Member State non-SPL issuing licenses*
- = IMLC Passed; Implementation In Process or Delayed*



STATES JOINING THE IMLC

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Indiana
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- Rhode Island

EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF THE COMPACT

FISCAL YEAR	APPLICATIONS PROCESSED	LICENSES ISSUED
FY2017	125	81
FY2018	1,447	2,220
FY2019	2,698	3,980
FY2020	4,430	4,578
FY2021	5,560	10,198
FY2022	10,832	17,973

BENEFIT TO COMPACT LICENSE

**Expedited Licensure from the State
of Primary Licensure (SPL)**

**Expedited license in participating
states (LOQ)**

UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION LICENSE

Signed into law in April 2019 and became effective in August 2019.

Not specific to healthcare providers.

Allows for licensure of those licensed in another state for one year and currently a resident of Arizona.

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSAL MD LICENSE

Licenses shall be issued for applicants who pay all applicable fees and are residents of Arizona or are the accompanying family member of an active-duty member, if: the person is currently licensed in another state for the same discipline and practice level, their license is in good standing, they have been licensed for at least one year.

Fingerprinting required.

Application Fee \$500

License Fee \$500

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF RESIDENCY

- A valid Arizona driver's license
 - A current Arizona motor vehicle registration
- Proof of filing Arizona income taxes in the most recent tax year •Arizona voter registration
- Documentation of a mortgage for an Arizona residence
- A dated rental contract with proof of payment
 - Proof of establishment of Arizona utilities
- Enrollment of children in Arizona schools of grades K -12
- Documentation demonstrating a change in permanent address on all pertinent records
- Military Form 2058

UNRESOLVED COMPLAINTS OR INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-4302; If an applicant has any complaints, allegations or investigations pending the Board will suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the complaint, allegation or investigation is resolved.

PRIOR DISCIPLINE IS NOT AN AUTOMATIC BAR

The Board will consider the matter to determine whether the issues have been corrected, monitored and resolved. If the matter has not been resolved, the board shall determine to its satisfaction that mitigating circumstances exist to prevent resolution.

BENEFIT TO UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION LICENSE

**EXPEDITED PROCESS SINCE IT RELIES ON ANOTHER
STATE'S OBTAINING AND APPROVING LICENSURE
DOCUMENTS.**

**DIFFERS FROM THE COMPACT AS IT ONLY IMPACTS
LICENSURE IN ARIZONA.**

TELEHEALTH REGISTRATION

SIGNED INTO LAW MAY, 2021 (HB2454), COMPREHENSIVE BILL (57 Pages)

INCLUDES MULTIPLE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, NOT ONLY MDS.

REGISTRATIONS ARE PERMITTED FOR QUALIFIED PROVIDERS WHO HOLD LICENSES IN ANOTHER STATE WITH NO DISCIPLINARY HISTORY. DO NOT NEED TO GET A FULL LICENSE IN AZ BUT NEED TO REGISTER.

PROVIDER MUST ABIDE BY ARIZONA PRACTICE LAWS AND SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ARIZONA FOR ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

MAY NOT PROVIDE IN PERSON TREATMENT TO AN ARIZONA PATIENT OR OPEN AN OFFICE IN ARIZONA.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR TELEHEALTH REGISTRATION

**HOLDS A CURRENT LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE WITH NO PAST DISCIPLINE OR
PENDING INVESTIGATION**

EVIDENCE OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.

**DESIGNATION OF STATUTORY AGENT FOR SERVICE OR PROCESS IN
ARIZONA**

**PRIOR TO PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REGISTER WITH AZ
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM**

FEE IS \$500, UPDATE REGISTRATION ANNUALLY (NO FEE)

CURRENTLY, 36 ACTIVE TELEHEALTH REGISTRATIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does my Insurance Coverage need to state Telemedicine Services? Arizona Statute 36-3606 (A)(6) states: "A health care provider who is not licensed in this state may provide telehealth services to a person located in this state if the health care provider complies with all of the following: Complies with all existing requirements of this state and any other state in which the health care provider is licensed regarding maintaining professional liability insurance, including coverage for telehealth services provided in this state".

Does the Statutory Agent need to be in Arizona? Arizona Statute 36-3606 (A)(1)(e) states "A health care provider who is not licensed in this state may provide telehealth services to a person located in this state if the health care provider complies with all of the following (1) Registers with this state's applicable health care provider regulatory board or agency that licenses comparable health care providers in this state on an application prescribed by the board or agency that contains all of the following (e) Designation of a duly appointed statutory agent for service of process in this state".

Where do I find a Statutory Agent in Arizona? The Arizona Medical Board does not provide referrals for statutory agents in Arizona. If you need assistance, an internet search can help to find this service throughout the state.

Do I need an Alternative Contact? An alternate contact is not required for the processing of the telehealth application; however, contact information for urgent communications is required. This information can be your own contact information.

If I have a full MD License in the State of Arizona that is currently active, do I need to apply for a permit to provide Telehealth services? If you have a full, unrestricted license that is active in Arizona, you do not need an additional license/permit to provide telehealth services.

QUESTIONS

IF I MAY BE OF ASSSITANCE :

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