

## Ohio Licensure Requirements for Foreign Medical School Graduates

### Application\* for USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Examination) through ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates)

- ECFMG verifies diploma &
- Assigns identification number

\*Unless completed Fifth Pathway Program

### USMLE Exams

- Step 1
  - Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)
  - Step 3 Clinical Skills (CS)
- Cannot fail more than 3 times and must complete within 10 years

### ECFMG Certificate is GRANTED

### Graduate Medical Education Program (Residency Application)

- ERAS Application
  - NRMP Application
- Include:
- Letters of Recommendation of U.S. work experience (volunteer, full-time, or part-time employment)
  - Personal Statement (one page)

### Graduate Medical Educational Program

- Residency or Internship
- 2 Years
  - 1 year if completed Fifth Pathway Program
- USMLE Exam Step 3, if not already taken

### TOEFL IBT [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

- Speaking: 26 or higher
- Listening: 26 or higher
- Total score: 90

#### Exceptions:

- Completion of Fifth Pathway Program
- Completion of 2 years undergraduate college work in the US
- Passed Clinical Skills Assessment examination given by ECFMG
- Possession of current medical license in US

### Ohio State Licensure Application

#### Required Documentation:

1. Federal Credential Verification Service (FCVS) application-[www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org)
2. Uniform Application- [www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org) or Ohio Medical Board
3. Ohio Addendum – application through OMB or FSMB
4. American Medical Association profile - [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)
5. Criminal Background Check
6. 2 recommendation forms from physicians who have known the applicant 6 months

### License to Practice Medicine in Ohio CONFERRED

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1. Hold a valid ECFMG certificate unless he/she has completed a Fifth Pathway program;
2. Successfully complete not less than 2 years of graduate medical education through the second-year level of training or have completed a Fifth Pathway program plus 1 year of graduate medical education, or its equivalent as determined by the Board;
  - a. NOTE: Graduate medical education means an internship or residency accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), a clinical fellowship conducted at an institution that has an ACGME accredited residency program in the same or a related field, a Canadian internship accredited by the National Joint Committee for Approval of Pre-Registration Physicians Training Program and a Canadian residency accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College of Family Physicians.
3. Achieve a score of at least 26 in speaking and 26 in listening with a total score of 90 on the TOEFL iBT offered by the Educational Testing Service;
  - a. NOTE: The following are exceptions to the TOEFL iBT requirement:
    - i. Completion of 2 years of undergraduate college work in the U.S.; or
    - ii. Possession of a current medical license in the U.S. pursuant to which the holder has actively practiced medicine and surgery, including accredited graduate medical education training, for the last 5 years (must have been actively practicing medicine in the U.S. for at least 9 full months during each of the 5 years); or
    - iii. Completion of Fifth Pathway program; or
    - iv. Passed the Clinical Skills Assessment examination given by ECFMG on or after 7/1/98.
4. Achieve a passing score on the USMLE Steps 1, 2 CS, 2 CK and 3. An applicant cannot have failed any step more than 3 times and all steps must be completed within 10 years. If an applicant has failed a step more than 3 times, the applicant must take an additional year of graduate medical education beyond what is noted above and retake the testing sequence. If the steps are not completed within 10 years, an applicant must retake any steps necessary to bring the testing sequence within the 10 year limit or request a good cause exception from the Ohio Medical Board.

In addition, the Board may require additional training or examination or both if an applicant has not been engaged in clinical practice as an active practitioner for more than 2 years immediately preceding the date of application.

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1. Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) application (completed online through the Federation of State Medical Boards- [www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org));
2. Uniform Application (completed online through the Federation of State Medical Boards or obtain paper copy from Ohio Medical Board);
3. Ohio Addendum (paper application available through the Ohio Medical Board or Federation of State Medical Boards);
4. American Medical Association (AMA) profile (requested through the AMA- [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org));
5. Criminal Background Check (In Ohio through a Webcheck vendor; outside Ohio contact Ohio Medical Board to request appropriate forms);
6. 2 recommendation forms from physicians who have known the applicant for at least 6 months (available through the Ohio Medical Board or Federation of State Medical Boards);
7. Any other information the Board determines based on a review of the information provided.