Overview of Ohio Licensing Process for Foreign Educated Medical Doctor

**United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)**

Apply for the USMLE through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG); [www.ecfmg.org](http://www.ecfmg.org).

- **Documentation of Education**: Applicant will need to apply to the Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). ECFMG verifies diploma and that education is comparable to that of a program within the United States.
- **ECFMG assigns applicant an identification number**

**Complete USMLE Exams** ([http://www.usmle.org](http://www.usmle.org))

- Step 1 – Clinical Knowledge (CK)
- 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)**

- Complete *Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)* Application [https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/](https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/) - ERAS creates the application and transmits it to selected residency programs. It does not match applicants to programs.

- To match into a residency program, you must apply to the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) or The Match, [http://www.nrmp.org/](http://www.nrmp.org/), or another matching service.
  - Include:
    - Letters of Recommendation of U.S. work experience (volunteer, full-time, or part-time employment)
    - Personal Statement (one page)

**Complete Graduate Medical Education Program**

- 2 Year Residency or Internship

Pass the USMLE Exam – Step 3, if not already taken
Proof of English Proficiency: Applicant will need to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT). Internet-based version - Score must be 83 or higher. The applicant needs to contact the Educational Testing Services (ETS) at 609-771-7100 or register online at www.ets.org. The Board must receive the test scores directly from ETS.

Must Score:
- Speaking: 26 or higher
- Listening: 26 or higher
- Total Score: 90 or higher

Exceptions:
- Completion of 2 years undergraduate college work in the U.S.
- Passed Clinical Skills Assessment examination given by ECFMG
- Possession of current Medical license in U.S.

Ohio State Licensure Application

Required Documentation:
1. Federal Credential Verification Service (FCVS) application – www.fsmb.org
2. Uniform Application – www.fsmb.org or Ohio Medical Board
3. Ohio Addendum – application through OMB or FSMB
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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