

RULE

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Medical Examiners

Licensure and Certification; Reciprocity
(LAC 46:XLV.311 and 353)

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1261-1292, and in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., has amended §311 and §353 of its rules governing Licensure and Certification of Physicians. The amended rules are set forth below.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification

Chapter 3. Physicians

Subchapter B. Graduates of American and Canadian Medical School and Colleges

§311. Qualifications for License

A. To be eligible for a license, an applicant shall:

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6. have completed at least one year of postgraduate clinical training in a medical internship or equivalent program accredited by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) of the American Medical Association, or by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (RCPS) of Canada, and approved by the board. A combined postgraduate year one training program that is not accredited shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this Section provided each program comprising the combined program is accredited by the ACGME or by the AOA or by the RCPS.

B. Pursuant to Paragraph A.5 of this Section applicants are required to have successfully completed all steps, components, parts, or levels of an approved examination within the prior 10 years and within a span of not more than 10 years. An applicant who is otherwise fully qualified for licensure, but whose successful completion of all steps, components, parts, or levels of an approved examination spanned a period of more than 10 years, shall nonetheless be eligible for licensing provided that such applicant:

1. has within the past three years, completed a medical residency training program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, or RCPS; and

2. is continuing training in a postgraduate year four or fellowship program in the same specialty or subspecialty; or

3. has been practicing or is commencing practice in the same specialty or subspecialty in

which the physician completed residency or fellowship training.

C. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications and eligibility of the applicant for licensure shall be upon the applicant. An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications in the manner prescribed by, and to the satisfaction of, the board.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270, 37:1271, 37:1272, 37:1274 and 37:1275.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 10:908 (November 1984), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 16:513 (June 1990), LR 27:836 (June 2001), LR 31:1583 (July 2005), LR 37:337 (January 2011).

Subchapter E. Licensure by Reciprocity

§353. Qualifications for Medical Licensure by Reciprocity

A. An applicant who possesses and meets all of the qualifications and requirements specified by §§311-313 of this Chapter, including but not limited to the restrictions and limitations prescribed by §387, save for successfully passing the examinations in the manner specified by §311.A.5.a-h within the prior 10 years, shall nonetheless be eligible for licensing if such applicant possesses, as of the time the application is filed and at the time the board passes upon such application, a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine issued by the medical (whether allopathic or osteopathic) licensing authority of another state, and the applicant has, within 10 years prior to the date of application, taken and successfully passed a written certification or recertification examination administered by and leading to certification or recertification by a specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

B. ...

C. The waiver of qualifications provided by §311.B of this Chapter shall be available to reciprocity applicants.

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