

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2050

3 By: Stinson of the House

4 and

5 Rosino of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
8 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, which relates
9 to foreign applicants and requirements; requiring
10 international medical school graduates to meet
11 certain licensure requirements; updating references
12 to foreign licensure body; providing for limited
13 licensure; establishing parameters for obtaining
limited licensure and full licensure; defining term;
requiring original source verification of certain
medical certifications; restricting applicants from
licensure under certain circumstances; making certain
applicants subject to separate competency
requirements; and providing an effective date.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, is

18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 493.2. A. Foreign Unless otherwise provided by this
20 section, foreign applicants and international medical school
21 graduate applicants shall otherwise meet all requirements for full
22 and unrestricted licensure as provided in Sections 492.1 and 493.1
23 of this title.

1 B. 1. A foreign applicant for full and unrestricted licensure
2 shall possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or a Board-approved
3 equivalent based on satisfactory completion of educational programs
4 from a foreign medical school as evidenced by ~~recognized national~~
5 ~~and international resources available to the Board~~ the Educational
6 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

7 2. In the event the foreign medical school utilized clerkships
8 in the United States, its territories or possessions, such
9 clerkships shall have been performed in hospitals and schools that
10 have programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate
11 Medical Education (ACGME).

12 C. A 1. An international medical school graduate may apply for
13 limited licensure. The Board may issue a limited license of defined
14 duration to an international medical school graduate upon finding
15 sufficient evidence that the international medical school graduate
16 has:

- 17 a. graduated from a medical school which meets the
18 requirements of the Educational Commission for Foreign
19 Medical Graduates (ECFMG), and
20 b. paid any application fee as set by the Board.

21 2. The Board shall also find sufficient evidence of the
22 competency of the international medical school graduate through the
23 following:

- 1 a. verification of successful completion of a three-year
2 postgraduate training program in the graduate's
3 licensing country, or
4 b. verification that the applicant otherwise practiced as
5 a medical professional performing the duties of a
6 physician for at least three (3) of the last five (5)
7 years outside the United States verified by the
8 employer or health care provider.

9 3. An applicant under subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of
10 this subsection shall submit sufficient evidence that the applicant
11 is an international medical school graduate and has an offer for
12 employment as a physician at a health care provider that operates in
13 this state and has a postgraduate training program accredited by the
14 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in
15 place.

16 4. During the term of the limited license, an international
17 medical school graduate who is granted a limited license under
18 subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall only
19 provide medical services at a health care provider that has in place
20 postgraduate training program accredited by the Accreditation
21 Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) .

22 5. An international medical school graduate who is granted a
23 limited license shall be supervised by the chair of the department

1 within the applicant's intended practice during the term of the
2 limited license.

3 6. Three (3) years after the first date the limited licensee
4 begins to practice medicine at a health care provider in this state,
5 the Board may grant a full and unrestricted license to practice
6 medicine to a limited licensee under subparagraphs a and b of
7 paragraph 1 of this subsection who:

- 8 a. is in good standing without disciplinary actions or
9 investigations pending from his or her limited
10 licensure period, and
- 11 b. provides documentation of a passing score for United
12 States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1, 2
13 CK, and 3.

14 7. A limited licensee who obtains a full and unrestricted
15 license is not thereafter subject to the restriction of practicing
16 at a health care provider with a postgraduate training program.

17 8. As used in this subsection, "health care provider" means a
18 facility that will be employing the licensee within an academic
19 health system or the Oklahoma State University College of
20 Osteopathic Medicine.

21 D. Any foreign applicant or international medical school
22 graduate shall have a command of the English language that is
23 satisfactory to the State Board of Medical Licensure and
24 Supervision, demonstrated determined by the passage of an oral

1 English competency examination Educational Commission for Foreign
2 Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

3 D. E. The Board may promulgate rules requiring all foreign
4 applicants to satisfactorily complete at least twelve (12) months
5 and up to twenty-four (24) months of Board-approved progressive
6 graduate medical training as determined necessary by the Board for
7 the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

8 E. F. All credentials, diplomas and other required
9 documentation in a foreign language submitted to the Board by such
10 applicants shall be accompanied by notarized English translations
11 performed by an institution accredited by the North Central
12 Association of Colleges and Schools.

13 F. G. Foreign applicants and international medical school
14 graduates shall provide satisfactory evidence of having met the
15 requirements for permanent residence or temporary nonimmigrant
16 status as set forth by the United States Immigration and
17 Naturalization Service.

18 G. Foreign applicants shall provide a certified copy H. The
19 Board requires original source verification of the Educational
20 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Certificate to the
21 Board at such time and in such manner as required by the Board. The
22 Board may waive the requirement for an Educational Commission for
23 Foreign Medical Graduates Certificate by rule for good cause shown

1 Certification or Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination
2 (MCCQUE) Certification.

I. The applicant shall not have committed or been found guilty by a competent authority, United States or foreign, of any conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this act or rules by the Board. The Board may modify this restriction for cause.

J. If the applicant has not been practicing medicine for more than two (2) years, the applicant shall be subject to Section 495h of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Presiding Officer of the Senate