

# Overview of Licensing Requirements



Note: Refer to the Florida Statutes for detailed information and to ensure eligibility.

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Licensure by Examination – s. 458.311, F.S.	<p>American Medical Graduate (AMG) - Graduate of an allopathic medical school or allopathic college recognized and approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Office of Education or is a graduate of an allopathic medical school or allopathic college within a territorial jurisdiction of the United States recognized by the accrediting agency of the governmental body of that jurisdiction</p> <p>or</p> <p>International Medical Graduate (IMG)- Graduate of an allopathic foreign medical school which has not been certified pursuant to s.458.314, F.S. and has not been excluded from consideration under s.458.314(8), F.S.</p>	<p>AMG-successfully completed an approved residency of at least one (1) year.</p> <p>IMG-successfully completed an approved residency or fellowship of at least two (2) years in one specialty area. However, to be acceptable, the fellowship experience and training must be counted toward regular or subspecialty certification by a board recognized and certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties.</p> <p>Approved residency or fellowship is defined in Rule 64B8-4.004, Florida Administrative Code.</p>	<p>United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE); Federation of State Medical Boards (FLEX); National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Special Purpose Examination of the Federation of State Medical Boards (SPEX) – Must have been licensed on the basis of a state board examination and is currently licensed in at least one other jurisdiction of the U.S. or Canada and has practiced for at least ten (10) years.</p> <p>or</p> <p>State Board Examination prior to 1974 - Must be currently licensed in at least three other jurisdictions of the U.S. or Canada and has practiced for at least twenty (20) years.</p>	IMGs are required to be ECFMG certified except for graduates who completed a fifth pathway program.	No valid license in any state	Not required	<p>\$350.00 application \$350.00 initial license \$5.00 unlicensed activity</p> <p>and</p> <p>Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation (NICA)</p> <p>-\$250.00 NICA (non-participating physicians) or -\$5000.00 NICA (participating physicians) or -\$0 NICA (exemption)</p> <p>Optional: \$100.00 Dispensing</p>

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<p>Licensure by Examination – s. 458.311(8)(d), F.S.</p> <p>Physician considered for licensure under this provision who has held a medical faculty certificate under s. 458.3145, F.S. for at least three (3) years and has held a full-time faculty appointment for at least three (3) consecutive years to teach in a program of medicine listed under s. 458.3145(1)(i).</p>	<p>American Medical Graduate (AMG) - Graduate of an allopathic medical school or allopathic college recognized and approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Office of Education or is a graduate of an allopathic medical school or allopathic college within a territorial jurisdiction of the United States recognized by the accrediting agency of the governmental body of that jurisdiction</p> <p>or</p> <p>International Medical Graduate (IMG)- Graduate of an allopathic foreign medical school which has not been certified pursuant to s.458.314, F.S. and has not been excluded from consideration under s.458.314(8), F.S.</p>	<p>Approved postgraduate training is not required.</p>	<p>Examination is not required.</p>	<p>ECFMG certification is not required.</p>	<p>Has held an active medical faculty certificate under s. 458.3145, F.S. for at least three (3) years.</p>	<p>Has held a full-time faculty appointment for at least three (3) consecutive years to teach in a program of medicine listed under s.458.3145(1)(i), F.S.</p>	<p>\$350.00 application \$350.00 initial license \$5.00 unlicensed activity and Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation (NICA)  -\$250.00 NICA (non-participating physicians) or -\$5000.00 NICA (participating physicians) or -\$0 NICA (exemption)  Optional: \$100.00 Dispensing</p>

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Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement (MOBILE) – s. 456.0145, F.S.	-Licensed allopathic physician (AMG or IMG) -Licensed physician assistant -Licensed anesthesiologist assistant	Not required	<b>For a licensed allopathic physician</b> -Passed a national licensure examination recognized by the board for which the applicant is seeking licensure.  <b>For a licensed physician assistant or anesthesiologist assistant</b> -Holds a national certification recognized by the board for which the applicant is seeking licensure.	Not Required	Holds an active and unencumbered license issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States in a profession with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board or department.	Has actively practiced medicine for at least three years during the four-year period immediately preceding the date of submission of the application.	<b>Fees for a licensed allopathic physician:</b> \$350.00 application \$350.00 initial license \$5.00 unlicensed activity  and Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation (NICA)  -\$250.00 NICA (non-participating physicians) or -\$5000.00 NICA (participating physicians) or -\$0 NICA (exemption)  Optional: \$100.00 Dispensing

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							<b>Fees for a licensed physician assistant:</b>  \$100.00 application \$200.00 initial license \$5.00 unlicensed activity  <b>Fees for a licensed anesthesiologist assistant:</b>  \$150.00 application \$100.00 initial license \$5.00 unlicensed activity

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Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – s. 456.4501, F.S.  (Requirements for an allopathic medical doctor)	Graduate of a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education  or  Graduate of a medical school listed in the International Medical Education Directory or its equivalent.	Successfully completed a graduate medical education approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)  and  Holds specialty certification or a time-unlimited specialty certificate recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties; however, the specialty certification or a time-unlimited specialty certificate does not have to be maintained once a physician is initially determined to be eligible for expedited licensure through compact.	Passed the USMLE within three attempts or any of its predecessor examinations accepted by a state medical board as an equivalent examination for licensure purposes.	Not Required	Full and unrestricted license to engage in the practice of medicine issued by a member board.  -No prior convictions or criminal activity -No history of licensure actions -No active investigations -No prior DEA actions	Not required	<b>IMLC Application Fee:</b>  -IMLC application fee when applying for a State of Principal Licensure (SPL)/Letter of Qualification (LOQ)  \$700.00 (non-refundable)  <b>For an Expedited License in Florida:</b>  \$350.00 – initial license \$5.00 - unlicensed activity  and  Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation (NICA)  -\$250.00 NICA (non-participating physicians) or -\$5000.00 NICA (participating physicians) or -\$0 NICA (exemption)

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Limited License - Graduate Assistant Physicians s. 458.317(2), F.S.	American Medical Graduate (AMG) or International Medical Graduate (IMG) of an allopathic medical school or allopathic college approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.	Has not received and accepted a residency match from the National Resident Match Program within the first year following graduation from medical school.	Passed USMLE Step I, II, and III.	Not Required	Not Required	<p>In addition to meeting the requirements, an applicant will be required to submit documentation of the written protocol agreement drafted by a physician with a full, active, and unencumbered license prior to issuance of the license.</p> <p>A limited license will be issued for a duration of two (2) years.</p> <p>A Graduate Assistant Physician may apply for a one-time renewal of his or her limited license. This one-time renewal terminates after one year.</p>	\$0

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Limited License - s. 458.317(1), F.S.	American Medical Graduate (AMG) or an International Medical (IMG)	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Has been licensed to practice medicine in any jurisdiction in the U.S. for at least ten (10) years and intends to practice only pursuant to the restrictions of a limited license.	If it has been more than three (3) years since active practice was conducted, the full-time director of the county health department or a licensed physician, approved by the board, must supervise the applicant for a period of six (6) months after issuance of a license unless the board determines that a shorter period of supervision will be sufficient to ensure qualifications for licensure.	<p><b>Fees for Compensation:</b>            \$300.00 application            \$350.00 initial license            \$5.00 unlicensed activity            and            Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation (NICA)            -\$250.00 NICA (non-participating physicians)            or            -\$5000.00 NICA (participating physicians)            or            -\$0 NICA (exemption)</p> <p>Optional:            \$100.00 Dispensing</p> <p><b>Non-compensation</b>            – Fees waived.</p>



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Temporary Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need – s.458.315, F.S.	-Licensed allopathic physician (AMG or IMG)  -Licensed Physician Assistant	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Current and valid license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction of the United States as a physician or a physician assistant.	<p>If an applicant has not actively practiced during the three-year period immediately preceding the application and the board determines that the applicant may lack clinical competency, possess diminished or inadequate skills, lack necessary medical knowledge, or exhibit patterns of deficits in clinical decisionmaking, the board may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deny the application</li> <li>- Issue a temporary certificate having reasonable restrictions that may include, but not limited to, a requirement for the applicant to practice under the supervision of a physician approved by the board.</li> <li>- Issue a temporary certificate upon receipt of documentation confirming that the applicant has met any</li> </ul>	<p><b>Physician Fees for Compensation:</b></p> <p>\$300.00 application \$350.00 initial licensing \$5.00 unlicensed activity</p> <p>and</p> <p>Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation (NICA) -\$250.00 NICA (non-participating physicians) or -\$5000.00 NICA (participating physicians) or -\$0 NICA (exemption) Optional: \$100.00 Dispensing</p> <p><b>Physician Fees for Non-compensation</b> – Fees waived.</p> <p><b>Physician Assistant Fees:</b> Fees waived.</p>

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						<p>reasonable conditions of the board which may include, but are not limited to, completing continuing education or undergoing an assessment of skills and training.</p>	<p>Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation (NICA)</p> <p>-\$250.00 NICA (non-participating physicians) or -\$5000.00 NICA (participating physicians) or -\$0 NICA (exemption)</p> <p>Optional: \$100.00 Dispensing</p> <p><b>Physician Fees for Non-compensation</b> – Fees waived.</p> <p><b>Physician Assistant Fees:</b> Fees waived.</p>

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