

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE  
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2050

7 By: Stinson

8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
10 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, which relates  
11 to foreign applicants and requirements; adding  
12 international medical school graduates; modifying  
13 foreign licensure body; adding limited licensure;  
14 providing parameters; providing for employment;  
15 providing for training programs; providing for  
16 supervision; providing for obtaining full licensure;  
17 providing for unprofessional conduct; providing for  
18 professional competence and good moral character; and  
19 providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 493.2. A. ~~Foreign~~ Unless otherwise provided by this  
24 section, foreign applicants and international medical school  
graduate applicants shall otherwise meet all requirements for full  
and unrestricted licensure as provided in Sections 492.1 and 493.1  
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 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:

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1           a. verification of successful completion of a three-year  
2           post-graduate training program in the graduate's  
3           licensing country, or

4           b. otherwise practiced as a medical professional  
5           performing the duties of a physician for at least  
6           three (3) of the last five (5) years outside the  
7           United States verified by the employer or health care  
8           provider.

9           3. An applicant under subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 2 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 post-graduate training program accredited by  
14          the 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 2 of this subsection shall only  
19          provide medical services at a health care provider that has in place  
20          post-graduate training programs 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  
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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 2 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 post-graduate 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~~

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

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

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

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

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