

Arkansas Licensure Tips

Licensure Requirements: U.S. Medical School Graduates

- Submit a complete application with fee
- Be 21 years of age
- Be of good moral character and have not been guilty of acts constituting unprofessional conduct
- Complete a background check
- Have graduated from an approved medical school
- Have completed at least one year of internship or residency in an ACGME approved program in U.S.
- Have passed an approved examination (FLEX, NBME, USMLE, NBOME, COMLEX, LMCC)
- Present indisputable identification
- Physicians with past DWI or DUI must have documented 3 years of sobriety to apply

USMLE Attempts

- Each step may be attempted 3 times
- All steps must be taken and passed within seven years
- Time starts upon successful completion of either step 1 or step 2, whichever is passed first
- The Board goes year-to-year, i.e. if first exam was passed in 2000, the last exam must be passed before the end of 2007
- Time period is extended to 10 years if the applicant was in a combined MD/PhD program
- Applicant may request a waiver. Waiver must be submitted with the application.

Licensure Requirements: International Medical School Graduates

- Complete all requirements of a U.S. graduate
- Provide Verification of clinical clerkship
- Provide Verification of certification of ECFMG
- Have completed at least 3 years of residency(not fellowship) in an ACGME approved program in the U.S. OR have completed at least (1) year of internship in an ACGME approved program in the U.S. AND currently enrolled in a UAMS training program
- Be able to read, write and speak English fluently and also demonstrate adequate training and ability to practice medicine in accordance with accepted medical practice in the State of Arkansas

Verification Requirements

- ALL medical education, training, professional affiliations and other activities since the START of medical school must be verified directly by the primary source.
- Verification can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the board.
- License are NOT granted by reciprocity.
- Verifications can not be sent by the physician.
- Arkansas does NOT accept information from the FCVS.

Application Errors

- Applications received before completion of required training will be returned to the applicant in full.
- Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant in full.
- All signatures must be the physician's. Stamped signatures, electronic signatures, signatures by proxy or by power of attorney are NOT acceptable on the application or any supporting documents.
- Applications received without appropriate fees will be held in a pending file and a notification letter sent to the physician that the application will not be processed until ALL required fields are received.