



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

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## U.S. OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE SUMMARY

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### HOW TO USE THIS SUMMARY

#### INTRODUCTION

*The Osteopathic Licensing Summary contains relevant information about the licensing requirements in each state. DOs who graduated more than 25 years ago, with fewer “standardized” credentials, may be subject to different standards of eligibility for licensure. Their questions should be addressed to the specific licensing board involved.*

*Generally, a license can be obtained in one of two ways:*

- 1. Examination administered by the board. The board may prepare its own examination or administer an examination that has been prepared and purchased from a specialized agency. Today, the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) are the most widely used tests.*
- 2. Reciprocity or endorsement of a license previously received from another state. No applicant is ever entitled to automatic reciprocity, for all licensing boards reserve the right to exercise discretion individually in evaluating an applicant's personal, professional, and moral qualifications. Also, the license presented for reciprocity or endorsement must usually have been issued on the basis of a written examination. Many licensing boards are not specific about the states with which they would reciprocate; while we have attempted to list as much reciprocity information as we have, DOs having a question about the eligibility of a particular state's license should address it to the specific board, giving details. At one time a majority of states had basic science requirements and administered a written examination. This explains why certain boards will reciprocate with certificates once issued by states that have now abolished their basic science law.*

*Pre-professional education requirements are not described, although they are retained in many licensing statutes. Some statutes even continue to specify the extent of a high school education that an applicant must have. The admissions requirements of all accredited osteopathic colleges serve to insure that virtually all recipients of the DO degree now have a minimum of three years in college, and most have a BA or BS degree.*

*Fees have been given where information was available, but since fees change more frequently than any other requirement, users should expect to find occasional changes, and should, of course, rely on the latest information supplied by a particular board.*

#### MEANING OF TERMS

*Scope of practice - Many states do not adequately define the scope of a physician's practice rights in their licensing statute, be he/she a DO or a MD. Depending on the state, a DO may receive a license to practice “medicine and surgery,” “osteopathic medicine and surgery,” “osteopathy and surgery,” or “osteopathy,” and all may convey the same rights. For brevity, the AOA uses the term “unlimited” practice rights, which for practical purposes, means the treatment of human ailments, etc., by any and all methods; and can be comparably described as the same rights received by MDs. If the scope of practice is not listed under an individual state's requirements, it is “unlimited.”*

*Educational requirements - As previously indicated, this heading is usually limited to summarizing the state's definition of an approved osteopathic college. As a practical matter, graduation from an AOA accredited college should satisfy the professional educational requirements of all states.*

*Postgraduate training - This section details the number of years and the type of programs that will satisfy the postgraduate training requirement. All states require at least one year of postgraduate training. Some states require two or three years of training.*

Board - This term refers to the licensing board empowered to recommend or actually issue osteopathic licenses. There are basically three types of boards: (1) DO - composed entirely of osteopathic physicians and has the responsibility of granting unlimited licenses to DOs; (2) MD - composed entirely of MDs but having responsibility for granting unlimited licenses to both DOs and MDs; (3) Composite - composed of DOs and MDs in varying ratios, but usually with a majority of MDs, and has the responsibility of granting unlimited licenses to DOs and MDs. In addition to the physicians who sit on state licensing boards, public members are now included on the board, regardless of the board composition.

Board address - This section lists the official name, contact person, address and phone number for each state's licensing board.

Osteopathic members - Those DOs who sit on the state licensing boards are included in this section.

Sunset laws - Many states include "sunset" provisions when enacting licensing boards. In such cases, the authority of the board expires, or "sunset," on a given date unless specifically re-authorized by the legislature.

Examinations accepted - This section lists the examinations accepted by state licensing boards. Currently, the two national examinations recognized by state licensing boards are the COMLEX-USA and the USMLE. Both the COMLEX exam and the USMLE are three-part national examinations consisting of both written examinations and clinical skills examinations. COMLEX Level 1 or USMLE Step 1 is usually taken during the second year of medical school; COMLEX Level 2 or USMLE Step 2, both the written portion and the Performance Evaluation, is usually taken in the fourth year of medical school; and COMLEX Level 3 or USMLE Step 3 can be taken during the first year of postgraduate training. So when it states that an examination, i.e., COMLEX, USMLE, etc., is recognized, it means all the Levels or Steps must be successfully passed.

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) develops and administers a complete and comprehensive examination program for DOs -- the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX). The COMLEX replaced the NBOME exam. The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is the one, single medical licensing examination for allopathic physicians and replaced the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) and the National Board Medical Examination (NBME).

License fee - This area contains the cost for securing an unlimited license. Fees change more frequently than any other requirement, so be sure to check with the specific licensing board for exact amounts.

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) - The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) created the FCVS to verify a physician's core credentials -- identity, medical education and training, and examination history. While a majority of states will accept the FCVS, there are some licensure jurisdictions that will not accept the FCVS. These jurisdictions that will not accept the FCVS require direct source verification for physician licensure.

Reciprocity or Endorsement - See the appropriate paragraph in the Introduction.

Special licenses - This section lists information about availability of temporary permits granting practice privileges pending the issuance of unlimited license.

Renewal - States require periodical re-registration. Dates and fees are given when known.

CME requirement - Continuing medical education shall be in an area of the physician's practice, reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public and include at least one contact hour of training or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, (C) sexual assault, and (D) domestic violence. Additionally, for registration periods beginning on and after October 1, 2010, coursework in cultural competency is also required.

Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) - OCC is a process in which AOA board certified DOs can maintain currency and demonstrate competency in their specialty area. Each AOA specialty certifying board developed OCC requirements implemented as of Jan. 1, 2013. OCC is comprised of 5 components: 1) unrestricted licensure; 2) lifelong learning and continuing medical education; 3) cognitive assessment; 4) practice performance assessment and improvement; and 5) continuous AOA membership. Some states have begun to accept OCC, or the related Maintenance of Certification (MOC), requirements as acceptable in place of CME requirements.

Malpractice insurance - Information regarding the state requirements for and availability of malpractice insurance coverage has been provided by some states. For information about specific insurance carriers, contact the divisional osteopathic society in the appropriate state.

Those interested in additional information about states' licensing requirements may contact the individual licensing boards or AOA's Director of State Government Affairs, 142 East Ontario, Chicago IL 60611; (888) 626-9262 ext. 8199.



## STATE REQUIREMENTS

### **ALABAMA**

Educational Requirements: Graduation from osteopathic college approved by medical board

Postgraduate Training: 1 year of approved AOA or ACGME training for graduates of accredited schools; 3 years for graduates of schools not accredited

Board: 15 MDs

Board Address: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, William M. Perkins, Associate Executive Director, 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36101-0946 Phone (334) 242-4116 or (800) 227-2606 Fax (334) 242-4155

Osteopathic Member: Gary R. Hill, DO

Website: [www.albme.org](http://www.albme.org)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, state examinations administered before FLEX (except Florida

& Puerto Rico)

License Fee: \$75; application fee - \$175; application packet - \$20; criminal background check - \$65 (total fee - \$335)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Endorsement: SPEX examination required if applicant has not passed a written certification exam for licensure or has not been Board certified or re-certified by an AOA or an ABMS member within the last 10 years.

Special Licenses: No temporary permits

Re-registration: Annual, by December 31 - \$300; Effective May 25, 2012, grace period (January 1 through January 31) additional \$100 fee

CME Requirements: 25 hours of Category 1 every year; OCC/MOC not accepted as a substitute. All Alabama Controlled Substance Certificate (ACSC) holders must complete 2 Category 1 hours every 2 years in the area of controlled substance prescribing practices, recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, or controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

### **ALASKA**

Educational Requirements: Graduation from osteopathic college approved by state medical board

Postgraduate Training: 1 year in AOA or AMA approved hospital if graduated prior to January 1, 1995; 2 years if the graduation date is after January 1, 1995.

Board: 5 physicians, 2 public members, 1 PA (1 vacancy)

Board Address: Alaska State Medical Board, Alysia D. Jones, Executive Administrator, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, State Office Building, Juneau, AK 99801-1770. Phone (907) 269-8163 Fax (907) 269-8196

Osteopathic Member: None

Website: [www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard.aspx](http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard.aspx)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other Requirements: In person interview requested at the discretion of the Board

License Fee: Non-refundable application fee \$400, Initial license fee \$425 (total fee \$825). A fee analysis will be conducted Summer 2020 in preparation of upcoming renewal at the end of 2020.

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): accepts

Reciprocity or Endorsement: SPEX may be required

Special Licenses: Temporary permit until board meets to consider endorsement application, \$75; Locum Tenens permit to substitute for Alaskan physician, Non-refundable application fee \$150, LT permit fee \$150; Courtesy license \$100 non-refundable application fee; \$150 courtesy license. NOTE: Emergency Courtesy License (no fees) for COVID-19. Expires 11/15/2020 or upon governor's declaration that the public health emergency no longer exists.

Renewal: Biennial, December 31 of even numbered years - active - \$300; inactive - \$125 Renewal fees: Active \$425, inactive \$275, retired \$150. Will be reassessed Summer 2020 in preparation for upcoming renewal.

CME Requirements: Requires 50 hours in AMA Category 1 or AOA Category 1 or 2 every 2 years; OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. Physicians may not be exempted from more than 15 hours of continuing education in a five-year period. For each licensee who holds a DEA number, at least two (2) hours must be devoted to pain management and opioid use and addiction.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

### **ARIZONA**

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA approved college of osteopathic medicine.

Postgraduate Training: 1 year approved by AOA or ACGME

Board: 5 DOs, 2 public members

Board Address: Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, Justin Bohall, Executive Director, 1740 W. Adams Street, Suite 2410, Phoenix, AZ 85007 Phone (480) 657-7703 Fax (480) 657-7715

Osteopathic Members: Douglas Cunningham, DO; Dawn Walker, DO; Ken S. Ota, DO; Gary Erbstoesser, DO; Jonathan Maitem, DO

Website: [www.azdo.gov](http://www.azdo.gov)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX (75% or better on both components)

License Fee: application fee - \$400 plus pro-rated licensure fee

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Arizona allows doctors to be licensed based on "continuous practice". If a physician passed the licensing exam more than 7 years ago and has been in advanced training (residency or fellowship) or in practice continuously from the date of first licensure in any State, the physician can substitute "continuous practice" for having recent exam scores. The same application form is used.

Personal interview may be required; interview given intermittently.

Special Licenses: 30 day Temporary License for COVID-19 – No fee at this time. 250 day Temporary License -\$200 (Must have applied for a full license.) Expires 250 days after issued or on approval or denial of a full license; Accept applications for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; Locum Tenens issued for 90 day period - \$300; can be renewed once for another 90 days - \$300; Education Teaching Permit \$318; Training Permit for individuals in accredited internship, residency or clinical fellowship training programs - \$50; Short Term Permit for individuals in accredited internship, residency or clinical fellowship training programs in Arizona for the purpose of CME - \$50.

Renewal: First year on December 31, thereafter every 2 years from date of license issuance on or before January 1st- \$636

CME Requirements: Arizona requires that licensees receive 40 hours of CME during the two proceeding years before the licensing renewal date, which must include at least 24 hours of category 1A AOA CME and no more than 16 hours are obtained annually by completing a CME classified as AMA Category 1, or that licensee has participated in an approved internship, residency, or fellowship; OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. Effective April 2018, all health professionals with a valid DEA registration number who are renewing their licenses are required to complete a minimum of three (3) hours of opioid-related, substance use disorder-related or addiction-related CME each renewal cycle.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## ARKANSAS

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year in an AOA or ACGME accredited program

Board: 11 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members

Board Address: Arkansas State Medical Board, Amy Embry, Executive Director, Victory Building, 1401 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 340, Little Rock, AR 72201 Phone (501) 296-1802 Fax (501) 296-1805

Osteopathic Member: Veryl D. Hodges, DO

Website: [www.armedicalboard.org](http://www.armedicalboard.org)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, State Board exam taken prior to 1975

Other Requirements: Criminal background checks. Must be U.S. citizen or legal resident of United States

License Fee: application fee - \$400; CCVS fee - \$100 (total fee - \$500); temporary permit fee also required - \$50

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Yes, preferred

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No

Special Licenses: Temporary permit can be issued after every detail of the application process has been completed and is ready for Board approval. Temporary Permits must be requested in writing with required fee -\$50

Renewal: Effective January 2014: Annual - \$220, due in month of birth. License expires on the last day of the applicant's birth month.

CME Requirements: 20 credit hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 or 2 per year; 10 hours must be Category 1 and in the area of the physician's primary practice; OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute, but hours are granted for time spent in preparation for specialty board certification or recertification examination. One hour must be in the area of prescribing opioids and benzodiazepines.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## CALIFORNIA

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA and California Board approved college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year approved by AOA or ACGME, which includes at least 4 months of direct patient care medicine in an approved postgraduate training program. Effective January 1, 2020—36 months of AOA or ACGME accredited training. At least 24 consecutive months are required in the same training program.

However, if an applicant has satisfactorily completed at least 1 year of approved postgraduate training, is certified by a specialty board authorized by the AOA or approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties and has held an unlimited license as a physician and surgeon in another state(s) for a period of 4 years or more, not including any time spent in approved postgraduate training, he or she may be eligible for licensure.

Basic Science Board: Yes

Board: 5 DOs, 4 public members

Board Address: Osteopathic Medical Board of California, Mark M. Ito, Executive Director, 1300 National Drive, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95834-1991 Phone (916) 928-8390 Fax (916) 928-8392

Osteopathic Members: Cyrus Buhari, DO; Elizabeth Jensen-Blumberg, DO; Joseph Zammuto, DO; Hemesh M. Patel, DO

Website: [www.ombc.ca.gov/](http://www.ombc.ca.gov/)

Sunset Law: Yes



Examinations Accepted: COMLEX: Levels 1-3 and Performance Evaluation (PE) completed and passed; COMLEX: Levels 1 & 2 plus FLEX; COMVEX; or an equivalent state written exam that tests for osteopathic principles.

Other Requirement: Applicants should allow 16 weeks for fingerprint card to clear proper channels.

License Fee: application fee - \$200; fingerprint check fee - \$49 (total fee - \$249)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No reciprocity or endorsement with any other state.

Special Licenses: Effective January 1, 2020, a Postgraduate Training License (PTL) will be required for all residents participating in an AOA or ACGME accredited postgraduate training program in California in order to practice medicine as part of their training program. A PTL must be obtained within 180 days after enrollment in the program and will not be required to be renewed. The profile of a holder of a PTL will be displayed on the Board's website for public view.

Any resident participating in an accredited postgraduate training program at the time the law goes in effect, and who is not eligible for full physician licensure (requires completion of 36 months of postgraduate training, 24 consecutive months of which must be completed in a single training program), will need a PTL by June 30, 2020, to continue in the program. Applicants may apply for their PTL as soon as they have graduated from osteopathic medical school, completed COMLEX Level 1 and 2 and received confirmation of acceptance into an AOA or ACGME accredited California program.

The PTL is valid for a (nonrenewable) period of 39 months, which includes a 90 day grace period following completion of 36 months of postgraduate training, during which time residents must obtain a full license in order to continue in their program.

Renewal: Biennial renewable every other year in the applicant's birth month: Active - \$400

CME Requirements: Each licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon shall complete a minimum of 100 hours of AOA continuing education hours during each two year cycle, of which 40 hours must be completed in AOA Category 1A or 1B continuing education hours as a condition for renewal of an active license. In addition, all physicians must complete a one-time requirement of 12 hours of CME in subjects of pain management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients within 4 years of being licensed or by the 2nd renewal whichever occurs first. Pathology and Radiology specialists are exempt. As an alternative, a physician or surgeon may complete a one-time CME course of 12 credit hours in the subjects of treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients, including 8 hours of training in buprenorphine treatment or other similar medicinal treatment for opioid use disorders. Those who choose to comply with this alternative shall complete the requirement by the next license renewal. General internists and family physicians which have over 25% of the patient population at least 65 year of age are required to complete at least 20% of their mandatory CME in the field of geriatric medicine. If the CME is listed on the certificate as AMA, it will count as AOA Category 2. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. In addition, physicians may receive .5 units of Category 2 CME for each individual journal read.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required. However, a physician is required to carry liability insurance in an outpatient surgery setting pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2216.2. A physician must also follow the reporting requirements cited in Business and Professions Code section 802 in regard to lawsuit settlements and arbitration awards.

## COLORADO

Educational Requirements: Graduation from a recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year in a hospital approved by the AOA or ACGME

Board: 8 MDs, 3 DOs, 1 PA-C, and 4 Public Members

Board Address: Colorado Medical Board, Paula E. Martinez, Program Director, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1300, Denver, CO 80202 Phone (303) 894-7690 Fax (303) 894-7692

Osteopathic Members: Teresa K. Braden, DO; Scott Strauss, DO; Vacancy

Website: [https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Medical Board](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Medical_Board)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, State Examinations and LMCC

License Fee: \$412

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Endorsement

Special Licenses: Physician Training License

Renewal: Biennial odd number years, April 30 - \$140 + \$250 = \$390 (Renewal Fee subject to change)

CME Requirements: None

Malpractice Insurance: Insurance companies that write malpractice insurance in Colorado are required to report all settlements or judgments against physicians licensed by the state. Physicians practicing medicine in Colorado must meet financial responsibility standards in the amount of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate per year.

## CONNECTICUT

Educational Requirements: Graduated with the MD or DO degree from a medical school accredited by the LCME or the AOA

Postgraduate Training: Completed at least 2 years of progressive, post graduate medical training as a resident physician in a program accredited by the ACGME or the AOA

Board: 12 MDs, 1 DO, 1 PA, 7 public members

Board Address: Connecticut Medical Examining Board, Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist Board Liaison, 410 Capitol Ave., MS#13PHO, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134 Phone (860) 509-7648 Fax (860) 509-7553.

Examination and Licensure, Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, 410 Capitol Ave, 12 APP, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 Phone (860) 509-7590.

Osteopathic Member: Andrew Yuan, DO; Marie Eugene, DO

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Connecticut-Medical-Examining-Board/Connecticut-Medical-Examining-Board>

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, LMCC, state board licensing exam before June 1, 1979

License Fee: \$565

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: None

Special Licenses: None

Renewal: Annually, the first birth month following issuance. Renewal fee - \$570; reinstatement fee - \$565

CME Requirements: A licensed physician shall earn a minimum of 50 contact hours of qualifying continuing medical education every 2 years commencing on the first date of license renewal; 1 contact hour means a minimum of 50 minutes of continuing education activity. Once every 6 years, 1 CME hour in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural competency, and (F) behavioral health. Beginning January 1, 2020, such behavioral health CME must include at least 2 contact hours on diagnosing and treating (i) cognitive conditions, including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, delirium, related cognitive impairments and geriatric depression, or (ii) mental health conditions, including, but not limited to, those common to veterans and family members of veterans such as post-traumatic stress, risk of suicide, depression and grief. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. The commissioner may grant a waiver for not more than 10 contact hours of CME for physicians who: (1) engage in activities related to the physician's service as a member of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, (2) engage in activities related to the physician's service as a member of a medical healing panel, or (3) assist the state Department of Public Health with its duties to board and commissions (described in Ch. 368a. Sec. 10a-14).

Malpractice Insurance: Each DO licensed to practice osteopathic medicine that provides direct patient care services shall maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for malpractice. The insurance must be no less than \$500,000 for one person, per occurrence, with an aggregate of not less than \$1,500,000.

## DELAWARE

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA or AMA approved medical school

Postgraduate Training: 1 year in an AOA or AMA approved hospital; if foreign-trained, 3 years is required

Board: 7 MDs, 2 DOs (must include at least 1 DO), 7 public members

Board Address: Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Devashree Singh, Executive Director, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 203, Dover, DE 19904 Phone (302) 744-4500 Fax (302) 739-2711

Osteopathic Member: Joseph M. Parise, DO; Barry L. Bakst, DO

Website: [www.dpr.delaware.gov](http://www.dpr.delaware.gov)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state examinations taken prior to January, 1973

Other Requirements: Recommendation from Chief of Staff, verification of licensure in good standing on all licenses, and self-query from the NPDB and HIPDB, and criminal background check. Also required, service letters at each facility for the past 3 years; and sex offender and adult abuse registries.

License Fee: \$354

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No

Special Licenses: No

Renewal: Biennial, renewal by March 31 every odd year

CME Requirements: 40 hours every 2 years - must be Category 1 AMA or AOA; OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. Starting with 2017 renewals, a physician must complete 2 hours of continuing education biennially in the areas of controlled substance prescribing practices, treatment of chronic pain, or other topics related to prescribing controlled substances. A physician who is renewing his registration for the first time and who has been licensed to practice medicine in Delaware for less than one year shall not be required to meet any CME requirements until the time of the next subsequent renewal.

Malpractice Insurance: State law provides for revision of judicial process in health care malpractice claims, appropriation for implementing malpractice review panels, and establishment of Health Care Injury Insurance Study Commission. No minimum insurance requirement.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Educational Requirements: The equivalent of 4 years of instruction and training at a school which is legally chartered or organized in the United States or Canada and was accredited at the time of the applicant's graduation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) of the American Medical Association (AMA), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or the Committee on the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools. Applicants must be in receipt of the degree of MD or DO

Postgraduate Training: All postgraduate clinical training must be at a hospital or health care facility licensed in the United States in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or in Canada accredited by the LMCC.

US Medical Graduates: All US medical school graduates must complete one year of postgraduate training to be eligible for full licensure.

**Foreign Medical Graduates:** All foreign medical school graduates must complete three years of postgraduate training to be eligible for full licensure.

**Board:** The Board, currently by statute, shall be composed of no more than fifteen (15) members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Ten (10) members must be licensed physicians in the District of Columbia, four (4) shall be consumer members, and one (1) member must be the Director of the Department of Health or his/her designee.

There are currently 11 members serving on the Board – 6 physician members, 1 Department Designee, and 4 consumer members. The Board meets the last Wednesday of every month unless noted otherwise.

**Board Address:** District of Columbia Board of Medicine, Frank B. Meyers, JD, Executive Director, 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002; Phone (202) 724-4900 Fax (202) 442-8117.

**Osteopathic Member:** None

**Website:** <http://doh.dc.gov/bomed>

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, NBME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

**Other Requirements:** Beginning 2010 new applicants for a health care license, registration or certification in the District of Columbia will be required to undergo a criminal background check as part of the licensure process. Adverse information will be reviewed by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine for professions falling under the Board's purview.

**License Fee:** application and licensing fee - \$805; renewal fee - \$500

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** No reciprocity or endorsement; applicants may apply by "waiver of examination" if an accepted exam was successfully completed.

**Special Licenses:** No temporary permits, a postgraduate physician may practice medicine in a clinical training program approved by the AOA, ACGME, or the Board. Medical Training License for residents and fellows in training is currently under congressional review and the anticipated DC law date is March 21, 2012.

The Board does offer licensure by eminence. This provides a different pathway for practitioners who are of eminent qualifications from a foreign county and who would not meet normal licensure requirements (e.g., passage of exam, three (3) years of ACGME training, etc.).

**Renewal:** Biennial (even years), December 31 - \$500

**CME Requirements:** Physicians with an active DC license shall submit proof of having completed fifty (50) American Medical Association Physician Recognition Award (AMA/PRA) Category I or Category I-equivalent hours, that includes the completion of three (3) hours in the subject of HIV/AIDS, two (2) hours in cultural competence or appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (LGBTQ), and at least one (1) course in the subject of pharmacology.

**Malpractice Insurance:** Not required

## FLORIDA

**Educational Requirements:** Graduation from an AOA accredited college

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year AOA or ACGME approved rotating first year. (This change is pending the Governor's signature in 2020.) Must have completed at least three years pre-professional postsecondary education.

**Board:** 5 DOs, 2 public members

**Board Address:** Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Kama Monroe, JD, Executive Director, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN #C-06, Tallahassee, FL 32399 Phone (850) 245-4161 Fax (850) 921-6184

**Osteopathic Members:** Michelle Mendez, DO; Joel Rose, DO; Sandra Schwemmer, DO; Anna Hayden, DO; Bridget Bellingar, DO

**Website:** [www.floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov](http://www.floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, COMVEX (state board exam must be reviewed and approved by board)

**Examination Requirements:** Exam must be taken no more than 5 years prior to making application in Florida, or if the applicant holds an active, valid license in another state, the initial licensure in the other state occurred no later than 5 years after the applicant successfully passed the NBOME or other examination approved by the board.

**Other Requirements:** Fingerprints – Fee to be determined (Each Livescan vendor charges different amounts for this service.)

**License Fee:** \$305 plus application fee - \$200 (total fee - \$505)

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Yes, strongly recommended

**Special Licenses:** Limited and Faculty; Area of Critical Need; Osteopathic Expert Witness

**Renewal:** Biennial, March 31 every even year, Active - \$429 (and if licensed before 1/1/2013 \$405); Inactive - \$229 (and if licensed before 1/1/2013 \$205)

**CME Requirements:** 40 hours biennially; 20 hours must be AOA Category 1-A relating to the practice of osteopathic medicine or under osteopathic auspices. The following three CME credits must be obtained via live, participatory courses: 1 hour in Florida Laws and Rules/Professional and Medical Ethics, and 2 hours in Prevention of Medical Errors. In addition, licensees must complete a 2 hour Domestic Violence Course as part of every third biennial renewal; a one-time 1 hour HIV/AIDS course no later than upon the first biennial renewal; and licensees who are registered with the US DEA and authorized to prescribe controlled substances must complete a 2 hour course on prescribing controlled substances at each biennial renewal of licensure. The aforementioned 5 CME hours may be completed in a distance learning format (see [F.A.C. Chapter 64B15-13](#) for detailed requirements and approved CME course providers). For fellows, interns and residents in approved AOA, AMA or ACGME educational training programs, 10 CME credit hours shall be awarded for successful completion of each 6-month training program period. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute.



**Malpractice Insurance:** Must carry at least \$100,000 in malpractice coverage to practice medicine, and must carry \$250,000 in malpractice coverage to have hospital privileges. Allows for no malpractice insurance if the physician posts a sign in his or her office indicating to patients that he or she does not carry medical malpractice insurance.

## GEORGIA

**Educational Requirements:** Graduation from an osteopathic college in good standing with the board

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year AOA or ACGME approved postgraduate internship/residency training

**Board:** 11 MDs, 2 DO, 2 consumer members, 1 Ex-Officio member

**Board Address:** Georgia Composite State Board, LaSharn Hughes, MBA, Executive Director, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303 Phone (404) 656-3913 Fax (404) 656-9723

**Osteopathic Members:** Barby J. Simmons, DO; William Bostock, DO

**Website:** [www.medicalboard.georgia.gov](http://www.medicalboard.georgia.gov)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC, STATE BOARD, NBME

**License Fee:** initial & reinstatement fee - \$500; renewal fee - \$230

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** No, must start at the beginning of the process

**Special Licenses:** Teacher's License - \$300; institutional physician renewal - \$80; provisional physician renewal - \$50

**Renewal:** Biennial, \$230. All active licenses must be renewed every two years, by the last day of the month in which the applicant's birthday falls, based on initial licensure; late fee-\$455 for 3 months after birth month (license revoked for non-renewal after 3 months)

**CME Requirements:** 40 hours over 2 years, 25% of which must be AOA Category 1 or AMA Category 1, AAFP Prescribed Credit, ACOG Category 1 or ACEP Category 1. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. For physicians who do not hold a certification in pain management or palliative medicine, and whose opioid pain management patients comprise 50% or more of the patient population, 20 of the above hours must pertain to pain management or palliative medicine. Effective January 1, 2018, every physician not subject to the aforementioned requirement who maintains an active DEA certificate and prescribes controlled substances, except those holding a residency training permit, shall complete at least three (3) hours of AMA/AOA Category 1 CME that is designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices before their next renewal. The controlled substance prescribing CME shall include instruction on controlled substance prescribing guidelines, recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. Any controlled substances prescribing guidelines coursework taken within two years of the physician's last renewal will count toward this requirement. Completion of this requirement may count as three hours toward the CME requirement for license renewal.

**Malpractice Insurance:** Not required by state law, but physicians must disclose to the public if they do not carry malpractice insurance.

## HAWAII

**Educational Requirements:** Graduation from an AOA approved college

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year internship in AOA approved training program, ACGME accredited training program, Canadian training program accredited by Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

**Board:** 7 MDs, 2 DOs, 2 public members

**Board Address:** Hawaii Medical Board, Ahlani K. Quiogue, Executive Officer, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 335 Merchant Street, Room 301, Honolulu, HI 96801 Phone (808) 586-2699 Fax (808) 586-2689

**Osteopathic Members:** Michael Jaffe, DO; Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO

**Website:** [www.cca.hawaii.gov](http://www.cca.hawaii.gov)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

**License Fee:** \$510 licensed July 1 even-numbered year to June 30 odd-numbered year / \$384 July 1 odd-numbered year to June 30 even-numbered year.

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** Yes; an osteopath may obtain a license by endorsement. Must hold a license in another jurisdiction with equal to or greater requirements than the Board's current license requirements; submits proof to the board that the applicant has actively practiced medicine in another jurisdiction for at least two of the immediate preceding five years; and no disciplinary action.

**Special Licenses:** Board can issue temporary licenses to osteopathic residents.

**Renewal:** Biennial, June, even numbered years - \$312 (on time); \$392 (late)

**CME Requirements:** Complete 40 Category 1 or 1A CME hours during each 2 year licensing cycle (even years) if the initial license was issued prior to February 1, 2018; or 20 Category 1 or 1A CME hours if the initial license was issued between 7/1/18 – 6/30/19 (only 20 hours are required for the initial renewal). Beginning with the 2020 renewal and thereafter, 40 Category 1 or 1A hours will be required. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute.

**Malpractice Insurance:** Not required

## IDAHO

**Educational Requirements:** Graduation from an AOA approved college

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year in an AOA or AMA hospital approved for internships – for US graduates

**Board:** 5 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members and the Director of Idaho State Police

**Board Address:** Idaho Board of Medicine, Anne K. Lawler, JD, RN, Executive Director, 345 Bobwhite Ct., Suite 150, Boise, ID 83706

**Phone** (208) 327-7000 **Fax** (208) 327-7005

**Osteopathic Member:** Mark Grajcar, DO

**Website:** [bom.idaho.gov](http://bom.idaho.gov); website for licensing inquiries [Licensing@bom.idaho.gov](mailto:Licensing@bom.idaho.gov)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

**Other Requirements:** Interview may be required

**License Fee:** \$200 application fee + \$200 license fee + prorated fee

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** An expedited method of obtaining full physician licensure in Idaho that is available to all physicians who meet the Licensure Endorsement criteria, Section 53. Endorsement is not a temporary license process nor is it reciprocity.

**Special Licenses:** None

**Renewal:** Annual - \$200 Active; \$100 Inactive

**CME Requirements:** 40 hours must be completed every 2 years; all hours must be Category 1. OCC/MOC not mentioned, but the Board accepts certification or recertification with a board of the ABMS, AOA, or RCPSC in lieu of compliance with CME requirements.

**Malpractice Insurance:** Not required

## ILLINOIS

**Educational Requirements:** Satisfactory completion of 6 year post-secondary course of study consisting of 2 academic years of a course of instruction in a college or university and 4 academic years of medical education from a medical or osteopathic college accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Bureau on Professional Education.

**Postgraduate Training:** 12 months in hospital approved by state if applicant is a graduate of a medical or osteopathic college in the United States; 24 months if applicant is a graduate of a medical college outside of the United States.

**Board:** Illinois Medical Licensing Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 DC. Disciplinary Board: 5 MDs, 1 DC, 2 public members.

**Board Address:** Brian S. Zachariah, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Coordinator, 320 W. Washington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Springfield, IL 62786 **Phone** (217) 524-7534 **Fax** (217) 524-2169

**Website:** <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/boards/medlic.asp>

**Osteopathic Member:** Nicholas Parise, DO; Karen O'Mara, DO

**Sunset Law:** Yes

**Examinations:** NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC, SPEX, COMVEX

**License Fee:** Before July 1, 2018, fee is \$700. Beginning July 1, 2018, fee is \$500.

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** Applicant must be currently licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches in another jurisdiction.

Applicants considered on individual basis - Part 3 of USMLE may be required if not certified by an American specialty board, received special honors or awards, had articles published in reputable journals, or participated in the writing of textbooks on medicine. Interview and/or SPEX or COMVEX may be required.

**Special Licenses:** Temporary certificates for residency training programs - \$230; visiting physicians - \$100; visiting professors - \$300. An inactive category for retired or otherwise non-practicing physicians which contains provisions for reinstatement to active standing.

**Renewal:** Licenses expire every three years from July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1990. (Example: July 31<sup>st</sup> on the years 2017, 2020, 2023 etc.)- Beginning July 1, 2018, fee is \$501 for three years (in-state resident); and \$750 for three years (non-resident)

**CME Requirement:** Licensees are required to complete a total of 150 hours every 3 years. A minimum of 60 hours of the total required hours must be Category 1; the remaining 90 hours shall be obtained in informal CME programs or activities. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. 1 hour of sexual harassment prevention is required for all physicians in order to renew a license. For physicians renewing a controlled substance license, 3 hours of safe opioid prescribing education is also required. All physicians renewing this license will need to complete the opioid prescribing education offered or accredited by a state government agency, federal government agency or a professional association prior to renewal (no later than July 31, 2020). CME taken by physicians as a requirement for licensure in another state, or for purposes of board certification application or renewal, count towards this requirement.

**Malpractice Insurance:** Available through commercial carriers.

## INDIANA

**Educational Requirements:** Diploma and transcript from recognized college

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year, prior to licensure, AOA or ACGME approved; 2 years for graduates of foreign medical schools.

**Board:** 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 public member

**Board Address:** Medical Licensing Board of Indiana, Laura A. Turner, JD, Board Director, 402 W. Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, IN 46204 **Phone** (317) 234-2060 **Fax** (317) 233-4236

**Osteopathic Member:** Kirk Masten, DO

**Website:** [www.in.gov/pla/medical.htm](http://www.in.gov/pla/medical.htm)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

**License Fee:** \$250

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** By endorsement on the basis of unlimited license, if equivalent to Indiana exam or passing National Boards - personal interview and/or SPEX may be required.

**Special Licenses:** Temporary Medical Permit (TMP) for postdoctoral training - \$100; renewal fee - \$50

**Renewal:** Biennial, October 31, odd years - \$200

**CME Requirements:** Beginning July 1, 2019, each physician or osteopathic physician applying for or renewing their controlled substances registration will need to have completed two (2) hours of continuing education in the topic of opioid prescribing and opioid abuse during the previous two (2) years. A list of approved continuing education organizations can be found at <https://www.in.gov/pla/4040.htm>.

**Malpractice Insurance:** Not required

## IOWA

**Educational Requirements:** Diploma issued after May 10, 1963, by colleges of osteopathic medicine and surgery approved by the Board, or equivalent education approved by the Board. Those with diplomas issued before May 10, 1963, should write to the Board.

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year in post graduate training program approved by the Board (2 years for IMG's only)

**Board:** 5 MDs, 2 DOs, 3 public members

**Board Address:** Iowa Board of Medicine, Kent Nebel, Executive Director, 400 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA, 50309-4686  
Phone (515) 281-7088 Fax (515) 281-8641, Email: [ibm@iowa.gov](mailto:ibm@iowa.gov)

**Osteopathic Members:** Brian Wilson, DO

**Website:** [www.medicalboard.iowa.gov](http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

**Permanent License Fee:** \$495

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept, but not required

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements for permanent licensure may qualify for expedited endorsement if they meet all of the following requirements:

- Hold at least one permanent U.S. state/jurisdiction or Canadian medical license
- Hold an unrestricted license in every jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed
- Have no formal disciplinary actions or active or pending investigations by a board, licensing authority, medical society, professional society, hospital, medical school, federal agency, or institution staff sanctions in any state, country or jurisdiction
- Hold current specialty board certification by an AOA or ABMS specialty board - lifetime certification is excluded
- Have been in continuous active practice during the past five years - time spent in post-graduate training is not considered continuous active practice

Applicants who meet these criteria are not required to submit the certification of medical education, medical education transcript, copy of diploma, verification of post-graduate training or ECFMG Status Report in the application process.

A veteran with an unrestricted professional license in another jurisdiction, who does not meet the licensure requirements in Iowa, may apply for licensure in Iowa through reciprocity. A military service applicant may apply for credit for verified military education, training, or service toward any experience or educational requirement for licensure by submitting a military service application form to the board office. A veteran or military service applicant must pass any examinations required for licensure to be eligible for licensure through reciprocity. A fully completed application for licensure submitted under this sub-rule by a veteran or military service applicant shall be given priority and shall be expedited (effective 1/28/15). Iowa joined the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact on July 2, 2015. The Compact offers a new, voluntary expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple member states. Interstate Medical Licensure FAQs, an Interactive Map, News and more can be found on the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact page: [www.imlcc.org](http://www.imlcc.org) (effective April 2017).

### **Other Licenses:**

- Administrative Medicine license, \$495, issued to advise organizations, both public and private, on health care matters; authorize and deny financial payments for care; organize and direct research programs; review care provided for quality; and other similar duties that do not require direct patient care. Administrative medicine does not include the authority to practice clinical medicine, examine, care for or treat patients, prescribe medications including controlled substances, or delegate medical acts or prescriptive authority to others.
- Resident physician's license, \$145, issued for practice in an Iowa program approved for residency training.
- Temporary license, \$145, issued for Board approved activities.
- Special license, \$345, issued to a physician who is an academic staff member of a college of medicine if that physician does not meet the qualifications for a permanent license. The physician should be held in high esteem for unique contributions they have made to medicine, and will make by practicing in Iowa.

**Renewal:** Biennial, first license can be issued for a shorter period of time in order to get the license expiration date into the birth month and year cycle. A physician born in an even year will have a license that expires on the first day of the physician's birth month in even years. Similarly a physician born on an odd year. Renewal Fee - \$450 online; \$550 paper. Exemption to the permanent licensure renewal fee for physicians on full-time duty in US Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard (effective 8/28/13).

**CME Requirement:** 40 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 required biennially, which include training for identifying and reporting abuse, chronic pain management and end-of-life care; this may include up to 20 hours of credit carried over from the previous licensing period. For licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children: 2 hours of training in child abuse identification and

reporting in the previous 5 years; for a licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults: 2 hours of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting in the previous 5 years. For licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults and children: separate courses of 2 hours each as outlined before or a combined 2 hour course that includes curricula for identifying and reporting child abuse and dependent adult abuse. Iowa-licensed physicians are required to complete 2 hours of Category 1 activity for chronic pain management and 2 hours of Category 1 activity for end-of-life care every five years. These requirements, which became effective August 17, 2011, are for physicians who provide primary care to patients (e.g., emergency physicians, family physicians, general practice physicians, internists, neurologists, pain medicine specialists, psychiatrists.) Exemption to the continuing education requirements for physicians on full-time duty in US Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard (effective 8/28/13). No formal recognition of OCC/MOC, however, physicians who certifies or re-certifies with an ABMS or AOA specialty board during the license renewal period may claim 50 Category 1 credit hours.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## KANSAS

Educational Requirements: Graduation from approved college of osteopathic medicine.

Postgraduate Training: 1 year AOA or Board approved

Board: 5 MDs, 1 DPM, 3 DOs, 3 public members, 3 DCs

Board Address: Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Tucker Poling, JD, Interim Executive Director, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612 Phone (785) 296-7413 Fax (785) 296-0852

Osteopathic Members: Ronald M. Varner, DO; Robin Durrett, DO; Stephanie Suber, DO

Website: [www.ksbha.org](http://www.ksbha.org)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: USMLE or COMLEX. See K.A.R. 100-7-1(b)(2)

License Fee: \$300

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept for professional school, transcripts, diploma, residency, and score report

Reciprocity or Endorsement: SPEX may be required. Endorsement may be available for those who qualify. See K.S.A. 65-2833. Also member of the IMLC.

Special Licenses: Institutional license - \$200; Limited Permit - \$30; Postgraduate training permit - \$50; Temporary Permit - \$50

Renewal: Annual, expires June 30, Active: \$330 online/\$400 paper; Exempt or Inactive: \$150

CME Requirements: 50 hours per 18 month period, at least 20 in Category 1 and the remaining credits in Category 2; 100 hours per 30 month period, at least 40 in Category 1 and the remaining credits in Category 2; 150 hours per 60 month period, at least 60 in Category 1 and the remaining credits in Category 2. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute.

Malpractice Insurance: State requires physician to carry \$200,000 per occurrence, \$600,000 per annual aggregate.

## KENTUCKY

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate Training: 2 years AOA or ACGME approved postgraduate training

Board: 10 MDs, 2 DOs, 3 public members

Board Address: Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, Michael S. Rodman, Executive Director, 310 Whittington Parkway, Suite 1B, Louisville, KY 40222 Phone (502) 429-7150 Fax (502) 429-7158

Osteopathic Member: Dana Shaffer DO, Bill A. Webb, DO

Website: [kbml.ky.gov](http://kbml.ky.gov)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License Fee: \$300; Graduates of Kentucky medical schools who remain in Kentucky for postgraduate training -\$175

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: None

Special Licenses: Temporary permits to those with an unlimited license in another state, \$75 (licensure fee required in full – must be paid online); an Institutional Practice Limited license (IP) or a Residency Training (R) license is required of all trainees in order to enter their second year of postgraduate training, \$75

Renewal: Annual, by March 31; Active - \$150 (online), \$160 (paper); Inactive - \$250

CME Requirements: 60 hours over 3 years; 30 hours must be AMA or AOA Category 1; 2 hours must be AIDS/HIV every 10 year period. A one-time domestic violence course must be completed by primary care physicians. For each 3 year continuing education cycle beginning on January 1, 2015, at least 4.5 hours of approved continuing education must be completed relating to KASPER, pain management, addiction disorders or a combination of 2 or more of those subjects for licensees who are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances within the Commonwealth. No specific mention of OCC/MOC, however, a passing certification or recertification examination of one of the specialty boards that are members of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists counts for 60 credit hours.

Malpractice Insurance: Currently available to physicians in the state.

## LOUISIANA

Educational Requirements: Graduation from a recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year. Those serving as interns/residents in Louisiana must register with State Board of Medical Examiners.

Board: 9 MDs, 1 Consumer



Board Address: Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, Vincent A. Culotta, Jr, MD, Executive Director, 630 Camp St, New Orleans, LA 70130 Phone (504) 568-6820 Fax (504) 568-5754

Osteopathic Member: None

Website: [www.lsbme.louisiana.gov](http://www.lsbme.louisiana.gov)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: USMLE, FLEX, COMLEX and NBOME

Other Requirements: Fingerprints - \$40.75; all physicians renewing their license for the FIRST time must attend a Board sponsored seminar prior to renewal. The orientation is available 4 times a year and acquaints new licensees with the Louisiana medical Practice Act, function of the Board and its rules, etc. Physicians residing and practicing in another state at the time of initial renewal are exempt.

License Fee: \$382

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Special Licenses: Postgraduate Year 1 Registration - \$50.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Interview and/or SPEX may be required.

Renewal: Annual, on or before the last day of the month in which the licensee was born - \$332

CME Requirements: 20 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 per year. Effective January 1, 2018, all licensees with a CDS license are required to complete a one-time 3 hour CME course on drug diversion training, best practices in prescribing controlled substances, and appropriate treatment for addiction. Additionally, licensees are required to complete a one-time board orientation course to acquaint new licensees with the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, the function of the Board and its rules, opportunities available in rural and professional health shortages, etc. OCC/MOC not specifically addressed, but physicians who have been certified or recertified within the past year by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or specialty board recognized by the AOA are exempt from CME requirements.

Malpractice Insurance: Most hospitals have established minimum malpractice coverage requirements for staff physicians.

## MAINE

Educational Requirements: DO degree received following a total of 36 months of professional study.

Postgraduate Training: 1 year, AOA or ACGME approved

Board: 6 DOs, 2 PAs, 3 public members

Board Address: Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure, Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary, 142 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0142 Phone (207) 287-2480 Fax (207) 536-5811

Osteopathic Members: John Brewer, DO; James Pisini, DO; Scott Thomas, DO; Brian J. Gillis, DO; John F. Gaddis, DO; Ryan Smith, DO

Website: [www.maine.gov/osteo/](http://www.maine.gov/osteo/)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other Requirements: OPP is required if USMLE or FLEX was taken.

License Fee: \$350

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept but is not required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: On individual basis – no reciprocity

Special Licenses: Temporary registration for interns and residents - \$200; Locum Tenens - \$200; camp physicians - \$200; visiting instructor - \$150.

Renewal: Biennial. An original issue license goes from the date of the issue until their next birth date depending on whether the licensee is born in an even or odd year. Renewals are then every two years from issuance - \$525.

CME Requirements: 100 hours of Board approved CME per 2 year period; 40 hours must be AOA Category 1A for FP, FM, GP and IM. All specialists may obtain 40 hours of Category 1 CME in their specialty. Physicians who prescribe controlled substances must complete 3 hours of CME on the prescription of opioid medication every 2 years.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## MARYLAND

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an LCME accredited college or any other medical school and have successfully completed the requirements for and obtained ECFMG certification.

Postgraduate Training: For AMGs, 1 year of postgraduate training in a program accredited by AOA, ACGME or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. FMGs require 2 years of training.

Board: 13 MDs, 2 DOs, 1 Physician Assistant, 6 public members

Board Address: Maryland Board of Physicians, Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, PO Box 2571, Baltimore, MD 21215 Phone (410) 764-4777 or (800) 492-6836 Fax (410) 358-2252

Osteopathic Member: Damean Freas, DO; Ann Marie Stephenson, DO

Website: [www.mbp.state.md.us](http://www.mbp.state.md.us)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: USMLE, NBME, NBOME, FLEX weighted average, FLEX components 1 and 2, MCC, and a passing score on all parts of the examination of any state board or the District of Columbia Board of Medicine in the United States.

License Fee: Graduates of medical schools in the U. S., its territories, Puerto Rico, and Canada - \$790; graduates of foreign medical schools - \$890 (includes foreign credentials evaluation - \$100).

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept



Reciprocity or Endorsement: Yes, reciprocity

Special Licenses: Limited license for postgraduate teaching for 1 year only for purpose of post graduate teaching; Conceded Eminence.

Renewal: Maryland licensure operates on a 24-month cycle. A physician whose last name begins with the letters A-L must renew his/her license by September 30, in even-numbered years; a physician whose last name begins with M-Z must renew his/her license by September 30, in odd-numbered years, Physician biennial license renewal - \$486 (subject to change)

CME Requirements: A physician applying for renewal shall earn at least 50 credit hours of Category 1 CME during the 2 year period immediately preceding the expiration of the physician's license. A physician applying for reinstatement shall earn at least 50 credit hours of Category 1 CME during the 2 year period immediately preceding the submission of the reinstatement application. OCC/MOC is not specifically mentioned, but the rules recognize participation in a program of self-instruction to prepare for an approved specialty board certification or recertification examination under the ABMS which occurs solely within a 2 year period, on the basis of 5 hours of study equals 1 hour of CME Category 1 credit up to a maximum of 10 credit hours.

Malpractice Insurance: Physicians licensed in Maryland may obtain coverage from commercial insurance. Any physician practicing medicine in Maryland must provide written notification to a patient if the physician does not maintain medical professional liability insurance coverage (insurance) or if the insurance has lapsed for any period of time and has not been renewed.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Educational Requirements: 4 years of not less than 32 weeks each in a legally chartered medical school.

Postgraduate Training: 2 years AOA or ACGME approved program or accredited Canadian program for US and Canadian graduates; 3 years for international medical graduates

Board: 5 MDs, 2 public members

Board Address: Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, George Zachos, JD, Executive Director, 200 Harvard Mill Square, Suite 330, Wakefield, MA 01880 Phone (781) 876-8200 or (800) 377-0550 Fax (781) 876-8384

Osteopathic Member: None

Website: [www.mass.gov/massmedboard](http://www.mass.gov/massmedboard)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, All parts of MCCQE; and a state exam given prior to June 19, 1970

Other Requirements: Criminal background checks

License Fee: \$600

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): The Board requires the FCVS for full license applicants for verification of core credentials which includes medical school (for primary source), postgraduate training, examination scores and ECFMG verification. The Board accepts the FCVS for verification of core credentials for limited license applicants.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No

Special Licenses: Limited registration for fellows, interns, and medical officers - \$100. Temporary registration to a physician: 1) holding a faculty appointment at a teaching hospital (issued for no more than 12 months at a time and may be renewed twice); 2) substituting for a registered physician (no more than 3 months); and 3) enrolling in CME credits requiring licensure (to terminate at the end of the CME program or after 3 months, whichever comes first) - \$250.

Renewal: Renewal of a physician's medical license will occur on his/her first birthday after the license issue date, unless that birthday falls within ninety (90) days of obtaining initial licensure. If the physician's birthday falls within this time frame, the physician is not required to renew until the following birthday. Renewals thereafter will be on a two-year birthday cycle. - \$600

CME/CPD Requirements: Beginning on January 1, 2018, whenever a licensee's next license renewal is due, a newly created CME Pilot Program will be effect until the Board promulgates a new regulation incorporating the subject matter of this Policy into 243 CMR 2.00. The CME Pilot Program requires 50 credits of CME during the biennial licensing period, to include 2 CME credits in End-of-Life Care issues as a one-time requirement; 3 CME credits in opioid education and pain management if the physician prescribes controlled substances; 10 CME credits in Risk Management, which may be Category 1 or 2; 2 CME credits for studying each chapter of the Board's regulations, 243 CMR 1.00 – 3.00 and these credits may be applied to the Risk Management requirement; 3 CME credits in electronic health records as required under M.G.L. c. 112, § 2, a one-time requirement; the child abuse and neglect training required under M.G.L. c. 51A(k), a one-time requirement; the domestic violence and sexual violence training required under M.G.L. c. 112, § 264, a one-time requirement. Note: if a licensee has already satisfied a one-time-only requirement prior to January 1, 2018, there is no need to retake the requirement. During the Pilot Program, biennial CME credits required may be in alternative learning formats such as quality assurance, self or practice audits, HEDIS® reports, meeting MACRA measures, etc. In addition, licensees may claim 1.00 credit for every hour of reading a journal or a point of care (POC) resource accessed in the process of delivering patient care or updating clinical knowledge. The Pilot Program applies to all active licensees who have a CME requirement. It does not apply to inactive or limited licensees. Full licensees serving active military duty in a uniformed service or the National Guard during a national emergency or crisis may be eligible for an exemption from the CME requirement. The Board has expanded experiences that will support risk management CME hours to include many topics dealing with physician burnout and wellness.

All physicians who serve adult populations must complete a one-time CME course on the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with cognitive impairments including Alzheimer's disease and dementia by November 6, 2022. The Board of Medicine is currently working to develop the course, and applicants who apply for a license between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021 are granted an administrative waiver of this requirement for this licensing cycle.

## MICHIGAN

Educational Requirements: 4 years in AOA approved osteopathic college

Postgraduate Training: 1 post-graduate year of residency in a program accredited by the AOA or ACGME.

Board: 7 DOs, 3 public members, 1 PA

Board Address: Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Debra Gagliardi, JD, Executive Director, 611 W. Ottawa St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lansing, MI 48933 Phone (517) 241-0199 Fax (517) 241-9416

Osteopathic Members: Diane L. Parrett, DO; Walker Foland, DO; Stephen Bell, DO; Jennifer Cory Behler, DO; Craig S. Glines, DO; Jesse Guasco, DO; Stacey Beltz, DO

Website: [www.michigan.gov/healthlicense](http://www.michigan.gov/healthlicense)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX

License Fee: \$367.70, Controlled Substance License \$254.10

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement with all states with substantially equivalent criteria

Special Licenses: Limited License, Interns and Residents - \$91.85 with Controlled Substance License; Controlled Substance License - \$91.90; Military Spouse Temporary License; Special Volunteer License

Renewal: Every three years from issuance, December 31 - \$308.25, Controlled Substance - \$244.40

CME Requirements: 150 hours over 3 years - 60 hours must be earned through Category 1 CME, with a minimum of 40 hours earned in Category 1. A maximum of 90 hours may be earned in Category 2. OCC/MOC not recognized as substitute. Effective December 2017, requirement of Pain & Symptom Management-Minimum 3 hours per 3-year period (LARA R 338.143) - applies to all osteopathic physicians, including residents, whether or not they are in active practice (ex. retired, administrative, academic teaching, etc.). Also, one-time requirement, Training on Human Trafficking (LARA R 338.120)

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## MINNESOTA

Educational Requirements: Degree from osteopathic college recognized by the Board

Postgraduate Training: 1 year in graduate clinical medical training in a program accredited by the AOA or ACGME, or other graduate training approved by the Board.

Board: 16 (must include 1 MD, 1 DO, 5 public members)

Board Address: Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, Ruth M. Martinez, MA, Executive Director, 2829 University Ave SE, Suite 500, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3246 Phone (612) 617-2130 Fax (612) 617-2166

Osteopathic Member: None

Website: [www.bmp.state.mn.us](http://www.bmp.state.mn.us)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC, NBME, State

Other Requirements: Interview at Licensure Committee discretion.

License Fee: application fee - \$200; annual registration fee - \$192; criminal background check \$33.25

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Accepted but not required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With similar boards in states where license issued by examination with grade not less than 75 - SPEX will be required if physician is not currently board certified and has not taken a licensing examination within the last 10 years.

Special Licenses: Medical Faculty Physician, limited license option; and issuing licenses as a member board through the IMLC.

Residency permits for physicians in postgraduate clinical training programs, \$20. Telemedicine registration is available to physicians providing telemedicine services from another state.

Renewal: Annual, month of birth - \$192

CME Requirements: 75 hours per 3 year period - must be AOA or AMA Category 1; OCC/MOC accepted in lieu of CME requirements; exempt if in a full time postgraduate training program.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## MISSISSIPPI

Educational Requirements: Diploma from a college approved by AOA

Postgraduate Training: 1 year AOA or ACGME

Board: 8 MDs, 1 DOs, 3 Public Members

Board Address: Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, Kenneth E. Cleveland MD, Executive Director, 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200-B, Jackson, MS 39216 Phone (601) 987-3079 Fax (601) 987-4159

Osteopathic Member: Kirk Kinard, DO

Website: [www.msbl.ms.gov](http://www.msbl.ms.gov)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME (taken after Feb. 13, 1973), USMLE, FLEX

Other Requirements: Background check

License Fee: \$550 (online)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: All states with equal requirements. SPEX may be required - exam given by the FSMB.

Special Licenses: Temporary licenses issued under extreme conditions by examination/reciprocity.

Renewal: Annual, June 30 - \$300

CME Requirements: 40 hours every 2 years of AOA Category 1A or AMA Category 1. OCC/MOC not recognized as substitute. If physician possesses a current DEA certificate, 5 hours must be in prescribing medications with an emphasis on controlled substances.

Malpractice Insurance: None

## MISSOURI

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year for graduates of AOA approved schools

Board: 6 MDs, 2 DOs, 1 public member (Can have up to 9 members.)

Board Address: Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, Connie Clarkston, Executive Director, 3605 Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65102 Phone (573) 751-0098 Fax (573) 751-3166

Osteopathic members: James A. DiRenna, DO; David Tannehill, DO

Website: [www.pr.mo.gov/healingarts.asp](http://www.pr.mo.gov/healingarts.asp)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other Requirements: Medical jurisprudence examination

License Fee: \$75

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With states granting equal practice rights, at the Board's discretion.

Special Licenses: Temporary permits for interns, residents, fellows - \$25

Renewal: Annual, January 31 - \$100. All physicians with Missouri licenses must renew by January 31 of each year.

CME Requirements: 50 hours biennially in AOA Category 1A and/or 2A, AMA Category 1, or American Academy of Family Practice Prescribed Credits; or 40 hours of Category 1 or AOA Category 1A with proof of testing. OCC/MOC not specifically addressed, but a licensee who obtained American Specialty Board certification or recertification during the reporting period shall be deemed to have obtained the required hours of CME.

Malpractice Insurance: A physician or surgeon on the medical staff of any hospital in a county that has a population of more than 75,000 people must (as a condition to his/her admission to or retention on the hospital medical staff) have a medical malpractice insurance policy of at least \$500,000. These requirements do not apply to physicians or surgeons who limit their practice exclusively to patients seen or treated at the hospital and are insured exclusively under the hospital's insurance policy or the hospital's self-insurance program.

## MONTANA

Educational Requirements: Graduation from a school accredited by the AOA, LCME, WHO

Postgraduate Training: Completion of a residency. Graduates of medical school pre-2000 who did not complete residency can meet requirement with training and experience the Board determines is equivalent of an approved residency program. 3 years residency required for FMGs.

Board: 1 DO, 5 MDs, 1 DPM, 1 PA-C, 1 RD, 2 Public Members, 1 Volunteer ECP, 1 LAc

Board Address: Montana Board of Medical Examiners, Samuel Hunthausen, Executive Director, PO Box 200513, Helena, MT 59620-0513 Phone (406) 841-2360 Fax (406) 841-2305

Osteopathic Member: Molly Biehl, DO

Website: <http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/med>

Sunset Law: No, although Legislature can order review of boards. Last review in 2011.

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBME, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC, ECFMG

License Fee: New application fee - \$500; initial license via Interstate Compact: \$500

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No reciprocity. Statute repealed in 2015.

Special Licenses: Resident license--1 yr, renewable as long as licensee remains in program. (MCA 37-3-301) Temporary and Telemedicine licenses repealed 2015. The Board can grant short-term non-disciplinary licenses at its discretion. (MCA 37-3-305).

Renewal: Biennial from the year of issuance, online renewals Feb 1 - March 31 - \$500 Active; \$250 Inactive; \$60 Montana Prescription Drug Registry fee assessed at renewal for prescribers.

CME Requirements: None

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## NEBRASKA

Educational Requirements: Graduation after January 1, 1963, approved by the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Professional Education, or prior to January 1963 upon Board approval.

Postgraduate Training: 1 year at an AOA or ACGME approved program.

Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members

Board Address: Nebraska Board of Medicine and Surgery, Jesse Cushman, Program Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509 Phone (402) 471-2118 Fax (402) 472-8355

Osteopathic Member: Jodanne W. Hedrick, DO

Website: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License Fee: \$300

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Complete profiles may be submitted. The profile will be reviewed to determine if its components meet the documentation requirements for licensure. A profile is not automatic acceptance of the documentation verified by FCVS.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: For applicants who took a state board, upon Board approval

Special Licenses: None

Renewal: Biennial, even numbered years, October 1 - \$121

CME Requirements: 50 hours Category 1 every 2 years, approved by AOA or ACCME. Effective October 1, 2018, physicians who prescribe controlled substances must complete at least 3 hours of CME biennially regarding opioid prescribing, of which 1 half hour shall cover PDMPs. OCC/MOC not recognized as substitute.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required, but requires mandatory reporting of cancelled professional liability insurance, or the decision not to carry professional liability insurance.

NEVADA

Educational Requirements: DO degree from college requiring actual attendance of 36 months, and offering courses specified in the statute.

Postgraduate Training: Prior to January 1, 1995: 1 year internship; after January 1 1995: 3 years of ACGME or AOA postgraduate training. A DO who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in Nevada can receive an unlimited license to practice medicine after completion of 24 months of the program in this state and has committed, in writing, that he/she will complete the program.

Board: 5 DOs, 2 public members

Board Address: Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Sandy L. Reed, MPA, Executive Director, 2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210, Henderson, NV 89074 Phone (702)732-2147 Fax (702)732-2079

Osteopathic Members: Ronald Hedger, DO; Samir Pancholi, DO; Paul Mausling, DO; Richard Almaguer, DO; C. Dean Milne, DO

Website: [www.bom.nv.gov](http://www.bom.nv.gov)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, SPEX

Other Requirements: Criminal background check (fingerprints) and interview

License Fee: application and initial fee- New Fee reduction as of January 1, 2020: \$500 (DO), \$300 (PA). (Fingerprint fees are reduced from \$70 to \$50 per application, see below).

Fingerprint Fees: \$50

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Accepted, but not required – DOs or PAs

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No reciprocity; we have license by endorsement.

Special Licenses: For residents

Renewal: Annual, January 1 – New Fee reduction as of January 1, 2020: \$350 (DO), \$150 (PA), \$200 (Residents); Inactive - \$200

CME Requirements: 35 hours AOA, AMA or ACCME per year with at least 10 hours completed in Category 1A courses. As a part of the biennial continuing education requirement for an osteopathic physician, the Board requires at least two (2) credit hours in ethics, pain management, or addiction care. The Board will add this requirement on every odd-year renewal application. After July 1, 2018, within two (2) years after initial licensure and at least once every four (4) years thereafter, must take instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention, intervention, and prevention. After July 1, 2018, at least two (2) credits annually of prescribing of controlled substances or addiction.

Malpractice Insurance: Physicians licensed and actively practicing in Nevada must carry professional liability insurance in an amount of \$1,000,000 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence (not required by law).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Educational Requirements: DO degree from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate Training: 2 years of formal postgraduate training at an institution accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or its equivalent

Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 PA, 3 Public Members, the Commissioner or the Medical Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or in the case of a vacancy in the Office of Medical Director, the Commissioner shall appoint a designee

Board Address: New Hampshire Board of Medicine, Penny Taylor, Board Administrator, Philbrook Building, 121 S. Fruit Street, Suite 301, Concord, NH 03301-2412 Phone (603) 271-1203 Fax (603) 271-6702

Osteopathic Member: John H. Wheeler, DO

Website: <http://www.state.nh.us/medicine>

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: NBME, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC, COMLEX

License Fee: \$300

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Reviewed on an individual basis

Special Licenses: Locum Tenens - \$150

Renewal: Biennial, even years for licenses issued on even years and odd years for licenses issued on odd years, June 30 - \$350

CME Requirements: Proof at every biennial license renewal that the licensee has completed 100 hours of approved CME within the preceding 2 years, 40 hours of which shall be in Category 1, and no more than 60 credit hours of which shall be in Category 2. Licensees must complete 3 hours of online continuing education or pass an online examination, in the area of pain management and addiction disorder or a combination, as a condition for license renewal. OCC/MOC accepted, as licensees who show proof of being up to date on a program of maintenance of certification by the physician's specialty organization, deemed adequate by the Board, shall be considered to



*have completed their continuing medical education requirement for the preceding 2 years. Physicians required to register with the NH Prescription Drug Monitoring Program who possess a U.S. DEA license number must include documentation of 3 credits of CME in the area of pain management and/or addiction disorder, pursuant to RSA 318-B:40, as part of the 100 credits.*

*Malpractice Insurance: State law requires a consortium of companies to provide malpractice insurance to physicians in the state. It is not required for licensure.*

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*Educational Requirements: DO degree from an AOA approved college*

*Postgraduate Training: 2 years of formal postgraduate training at an institution accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or its equivalent  
Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 PA, 3 Public Members, the Commissioner or the Medical Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or in the case of a vacancy in the Office of Medical Director, the Commissioner shall appoint a designee*

*Board Address: New Hampshire Board of Medicine, Penny Taylor, Board Administrator, Philbrook Building, 121 S. Fruit Street, Suite 301, Concord, NH 03301-2412 Phone (603) 271-1203 Fax: (603) 271-6702*

*Osteopathic Member: John H. Wheeler, DO*

*Website: <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/medicine/>*

*Sunset Law: No*

*Examinations Accepted: NBME, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC, COMLEX*

*License Fee: \$300*

*Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required*

*Reciprocity or Endorsement: Reviewed on an individual basis*

*Special Licenses: Locum Tenens - \$150*

*Renewal: Biennial, even years for licenses issued on even years and odd years for licenses issued on odd years, June 30 - \$350*

*CME Requirements: Proof at every biennial license renewal that the licensee has completed 100 hours of approved CME within the preceding 2 years, 40 hours of which shall be in Category 1, and no more than 60 credit hours of which shall be in Category 2. Licensees must complete 3 hours of online continuing education or pass an online examination, in the area of pain management and addiction disorder or a combination, as a condition for license renewal. OCC/MOC accepted, as licensees who show proof of being up to date on a program of maintenance of certification by the physician's specialty organization, deemed adequate by the Board, shall be considered to have completed their continuing medical education requirement for the preceding 2 years. Physicians required to register with the NH Prescription Drug Monitoring Program who possess a U.S. DEA license number must include documentation of 3 credits of CME in the area of pain management and/or addiction disorder, pursuant to RSA 318-B:40, as part of the 100 credits.*

*Malpractice Insurance: State law requires a consortium of companies to provide malpractice insurance to physicians in the state. It is not required for licensure.*

#### **NEW JERSEY**

*Educational Requirements: 4 years in board approved osteopathic college*

*Postgraduate Training: Graduated from medical school prior to July 1, 2003: 1 year AOA or ACGME-approved program; graduated after July 1, 2003: 2 years of AOA or ACGME approved postgraduate training and has signed a contract for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year (2 years must be in the same field or would, when considered together, be credited toward the criteria for certification by a single specialty board recognized by ABMS or AOA).*

*Board: 11 MDs, 2 DOs, 1 DPM, 1 lab director, 1 government member, 1 PA, 1 CNM, 3 public members, State Commissioner of Health*

*Board Address: New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, William V. Roeder, JD, Executive Director, 140 East Front Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608 Phone (609) 826-7100 Fax (609) 826-7117*

*Osteopathic Members: Otto Sabando DO; John D'Angelo, DO; Joseph A. Racanelli, DO*

*Website: [www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/bme/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/bme/index.html)*

*Sunset Law: No*

*Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, individual state licensing examinations taken prior to December 31, 1972*

*License Fee: \$610*

*Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept*

*Reciprocity or Endorsement: Applicants must start at beginning of application process. Interview may be required.*

*Special Licenses: None*

*Renewal: Biennial odd years, June 30<sup>th</sup> - \$580 if paid during 1<sup>st</sup> year of a biennial renewal period; \$290 in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a biennial renewal period*

*CME Requirements: 100 hours of CME credits during each biennial license renewal cycle, with 40 of which being Category 1 credits, 60 hours can be in Category 2. 6 hours of cultural competence are required. For physicians licensed prior to March 2, 2003, the cultural competence hours are in addition to the 100 hour requirement. 2 hours of the required Category 1 credits must be in end-of-life care. For 2019 renewals and every renewal thereafter, one (1) of the required Category 1 credits needs to be in topics concerning prescription opioid drugs, including responsible prescribing practices, alternatives to opioids for managing and treating pain, and the risks and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion. For newly licensed physicians, the Board requires attendance at an orientation program (no CME credit). OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute.*

*Malpractice Insurance: Physicians are required to show proof of carrying medical liability insurance. They are required to carry \$1,000,000/occurrence and \$3,000,000/year, and also to carry tail end coverage of \$500,000. Licensure applicants are required to provide the medical board a letter of credit from the insurer, and the law imposes penalties for those who don't. Certain exemptions are made for*



*military physicians and temporary out of state physicians.*

## NEW MEXICO

*Educational Requirements:* Graduate of an AOA approved medical school of osteopathic medicine and surgery

*Postgraduate Training:* 2 year AOA or ACGME accredited internship program.

*Board:* 4 DOs, 1 public member and 1 PA

*Board Address:* New Mexico Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Roberta Perea, Board Administrator, P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87505

*Phone (505) 476-4622 Fax (505) 476-4665*

*Osteopathic Members:* William Barkman, DO; Jeremy Edmonds, DO; James Baum, DO; John Cruickshank, DO

*Website:* [www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Osteopathy.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Osteopathy.aspx)

*Sunset Law:* No

*Examinations Accepted:* COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

*License Fee:* \$600

*Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):* Will accept, highly recommends

*Reciprocity or Endorsement:* All states having requirements equal to or greater than New Mexico. Need to meet all state requirements.

*Special Licenses:* Temporary permits granted until next meeting of the Board; osteopathic physician assistants

*Renewal:* Every three years for DO's and every two years for PA's, on or before July 1 - \$600

*CME Requirements:* 75 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 per 3 year period or active membership in AOA or certification or re-certification by a specialty board during the 3 year cycle or Passage of the SPEX with a score of 75, during the 3 year cycle. OCC/MOC not specifically addressed, however, physicians can satisfy CME requirements by completing certification or re-certification by a specialty board during the three year cycle. Included in the 75 hours are 6 hours of pain management or 2 hours per year.

*Malpractice Insurance:* State law requires a screening panel to review all liability suits and report to central disciplining board. Patients can collect maximum of \$200,000 from physician, \$600,000 total in liability action. Patient Compensation Fund pays the difference.

*Statute requires \$200,000 policy or at least \$600,000 in cash on file if provider wants protection of other provisions of the Medical Malpractice Act.*

## NEW YORK

*Educational Requirements:* Pre-professional education consists of satisfactory completion of 60 semester hours of college study from a New York State registered program or the equivalent as determined by the NYSED. Evidence of professional education may be: (1) satisfactory completion of a medical program registered by the NYSED as licensure-qualifying or accredited by the AOA or the LCME and have received the degree of MD, DO, or the equivalent, if graduating from a registered or accredited medical program, or (2) satisfactory completion of no less than 32 months in a medical program recognized as an acceptable educational program for physicians by the appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the school is located and have received the degree of MD, DO or the equivalent as determined by the licensure department and a satisfactory proficiency examination, such as the Educational Commission for Foreign Graduates (ECFMG) certification, if graduating from a non-accredited medical program.

*Postgraduate Training:* If graduating from a registered or accredited medical program, at least 1 year of postgraduate hospital training in an accredited residency program approved by the ACGME, the AOA, or the RCPSC; if graduating from a non-accredited medical program, at least 3 years of postgraduate hospital training in an accredited residency program approved by the 3 organizations listed above

*Board:* 2 DOs, 17 MDs, 2 PAs, 2 public members

*Board Address:* New York State Board for Medicine, Stephen J. Boese, Executive Secretary, 89 Washington Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, West Wing, Albany, NY 12234 Phone (518) 474-3817 ext. 560 Fax (518) 486-4846

*Osteopathic Members:* Licensing Board: Lynn G. Mark, DO; Amit M. Shelat, DO

*Website:* <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/med/>

*Sunset Law:* No

*Examinations Accepted:* NBOME/COMLEX, NBME, USMLE, FLEX

*License Fee:* \$735 (includes license fee and first registration)

*Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):* Required for graduates of non LCME or AOA accredited or board approved medical schools

*Reciprocity or Endorsement:* Yes, at the discretion of the Board in limited circumstances

*Special Licenses:* Limited Permits to practice under the supervision of a New York State licensed and currently registered physician and only in a general hospital, nursing home, state operated psychiatric, developmental or alcohol treatment center, or incorporated, nonprofit institution for the treatment of the chronically ill - \$105; 3 year limited license, and waiver of the citizenship/permanent residence requirement, in exchange for the physician's service in a medically underserved area of New York State.

*Renewal:* Biennial starting on the first day of the physician's birth month- \$600

*CME Requirements:* Licensees must complete 2 hours on identifying and reporting child abuse and maltreatment. Licensees must also complete coursework or training on infection control and barrier precautions once every 4 years. For prescribers who have a DEA registration number to prescribe controlled substances, as well as medical residents who prescribe controlled substances under a facility DEA registration number, 3 hours of course work or training in pain management, palliative care and addiction must be completed between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2017, and once every 3 years thereafter. The course work or training may be live or online, and must include the following 8 topics: New York State and federal requirements for prescribing controlled substances, pain management, appropriate prescribing, managing acute pain, palliative medicine, prevention, screening and signs of addiction, responses to abuse and

*addiction and end of life care. The topics can be completed in a single presentation or in individual segments for a total of at least 3 hours. Prescribers licensed on or after July 1, 2017, who have a DEA registration, as well as medical residents prescribing controlled substances under a facility DEA registration, shall complete the course work or training within 1 year of registration, and once within each 3-year period thereafter. A prescriber who obtains a DEA number after July 1, 2017 must complete the coursework within one year of DEA registration and once within each 3-year period thereafter. This requirement also applies to a prescriber who is licensed in New York, and who has a DEA registration number (regardless of the location for which it was issued), who practices in another state, or who is not currently practicing in New York. Board certification or recertification is not a substitute for the required coursework or training; however, course work or training completed to obtain board certification or recertification may be applicable to 1 or more of the 8 required topic areas, and toward the minimum of 3 hours in duration.*

**Malpractice Insurance:** Not required

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Educational Requirements:** Except for graduates of foreign medical schools, applicants must have graduated from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools.

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year

**Board:** 8 MDs; 1 who is either a DO, a full-time NC medical school faculty member who utilizes integrative medicine in that person's clinical practice, or a member of The Old North State Medical Society; 3 public members; 1 PA and 1 nurse practitioner

**Board Address:** North Carolina Medical Board, R. David Henderson, JD, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 20007, Raleigh, NC 27619  
Phone (919) 326-1100 Fax (919) 326-1131

**Osteopathic Member:** Christine Khandelwal, DO

**Website:** [www.ncmedboard.org](http://www.ncmedboard.org)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, LMCC, MCCQE, state board written exam

**Other Requirements:** Physicians who have been out of clinical practice for 2 or more years may be required to develop a "re-entry" plan as part of their application.

**License Fee:** \$440 (includes criminal background record check fee - \$38)

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Required for IMGs plus \$2.00 fee for NPDB report and anyone with a completed FCVS profile

**Reciprocity or Endorsement:** Must pass an examination for license testing general medical knowledge (examination determined by the Board to be equivalent to the Board's examination). Original certification of passing scores must be provided to the Board from the examination source. Interview may be required. SPEX may be required. Certification or re-certification from a specialty board recognized by ABMS or AOA within the last 10 years may exempt applicant from taking the SPEX.

**Special Licenses:** Resident's Training License - \$138; Medical School Faculty License - \$440; Retired Volunteer - no fee; Special Purpose - \$440; Ltd Volunteer - no fee. All licensure fees include criminal background record check fee - \$38 plus \$2.00 fee for NPDB report.

**Renewal:** Annual, within 30 days of birth date - \$250

**CME Requirements:** All physicians, except those holding a residency training license, shall complete at least 60 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 CME relevant to the physician's current or intended specialty or area of practice every three years. Beginning on July 1, 2017, every physician who prescribes controlled substances, except those holding a residency training license, shall complete at least three hours of CME, from the required 60 hours of Category 1 CME, that is designed specifically to address controlled substance prescribing practices. The controlled substance prescribing CME shall include instruction on controlled substance prescribing practices, recognizing signs of the abuse or misuse of controlled substances, and controlled substance prescribing for chronic pain management. A physician who is continuously engaged in a program of recertification, or maintenance of certification, from an ABMS, AOA or RCPSC specialty board shall be deemed to have satisfied his or her entire CME requirement for that three year cycle. Any physician who qualifies for the aforementioned exemption and who, as part of their recertification or maintenance of certification process, completed CME that specifically satisfies the controlled substance prescribing CME requirement is not required to take controlled-substance prescribing CME beyond that included in their MOC process.

**Malpractice Insurance:** Not required, but mandated reporting to the Board of any damage award or settlement of a malpractice claim within 30 days of such award or settlement.

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Educational Requirements:** Graduation from an osteopathic college located in the United States

**Postgraduate Training:** 1 year in approved AMA, AOA postgraduate training program or by an accrediting body approved by the board.

**Board:** 9 MDs, 1 DO, 1 PA, 2 public members

**Board Address:** North Dakota Board of Medicine, Bonnie Storbakken, JD, Executive Secretary, 4204 Boulder Ridge Road, Suite 260, Bismarck, ND 58503 Phone (701) 450-4060 (701) 989-6392

**Osteopathic Member:** Thomas D. Carver, DO

**Website:** [www.ndbom.org](http://www.ndbom.org)

**Sunset Law:** No

**Examinations Accepted:** COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, and state written exams

**License Fee:** \$205 plus criminal background check fee - \$41.25 (total fee - \$246.25)

**Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS):** Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: None

Special Licenses: Temporary permits pending possible interview before the Board (only after application process is complete). Locum Tenens permits for period not to exceed 3 months.

Renewal: Annual, Expiration dates are annually on the physicians birthday –\$205 (online); \$250 (paper)

CME Requirements: 60 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 per 3 year reporting period. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## OHIO

Educational Requirements: Diploma from AOA approved osteopathic college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year, AOA or ACGME-approved

Board: 7 MDs, 1 DO, 1 DPM, 3 public members

Board Address: State Medical Board of Ohio, Stephanie M. Loucka, JD, Executive Director, 30 E. Broad Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6127 Phone (614) 466-3934 Fax (614) 728-5946

Osteopathic Member: Sherry Johnson, DO

Website: [www.med.ohio.gov](http://www.med.ohio.gov)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License Fee: \$305

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: None

Special Licenses: Initial Training Certificates for interns, residents, and fellows in approved programs - \$130 for three (3) years; one renewal permitted - \$100; Special Activity Certificate - \$125; Clinical Research Faculty Certificate- \$375; Certificate of Conceded Eminence \$1,000; Visiting Clinical Professional Development Certificate \$375; Volunteer's Certificate – no fee.

Renewal: Each person holding a license issued under this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery wishing to renew that license shall apply to the board for renewal. Applications shall be submitted to the board in a manner prescribed by the board. All licenses are issued for an initial two-year period and are renewed every two years thereafter. Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee of \$305. The special certificate issuance/renewals are as follows:

- Training Certificate – issued for a three year period. Can renew one time for an additional three years
- Clinical Research Faculty Certificate – every three years
- Certificate of Conceded Eminence – every two years
- Volunteer Certificate – every three years
- Special Activity Certificate – valid for up to 30 days. Not renewable
- Visiting Clinical Professional Development Certificate – valid for up to one year. Not renewable

CME Requirements: CME Requirements: 50 hours of Category 1 CME over the two year period. Physician owner/operators of pain management clinics must complete at least 20 hours of Category 1 CME in pain medicine every two years, to include one or more courses addressing the potential for addiction. The courses completed in compliance with this rule shall be accepted toward meeting the Category 1 requirement for renewal for the physician. CME requirements for the special certificates are as follows:

- Training Certificate – No CME requirements
- Clinical Research Faculty Certificate – 75 hours
- Certificate of Conceded Eminence – 50 hours
- Volunteer Certificate – 150 hours
- Special Activity Certificate – No CME requirements
- Visiting Clinical Professional Development Certificate – No CME requirements

Malpractice Insurance: Not required, but must provide patients with a written notice of the physician's lack of insurance coverage prior to providing the patient with nonemergency care.

## OKLAHOMA

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an osteopathic college that is accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association.

Postgraduate Training: Completion of a 1 year AOA-approved rotating internship or its equivalent thereof, in an accredited internship or residency program acceptable to the Board. If an applicant has completed an ACGME accredited residency training program and become specialty board eligible or attained specialty board certification, the Board may consider this standing as equivalent training.

Board: 6 DOs, 2 public members

Board Address: Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, G. Robinson Stratton, III, JD, Executive Director, 4848 N Lincoln Blvd, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3321 Phone (405)528-8625 Fax (405)557-0653

Osteopathic Members: Carl B. Pettigrew, DO; Jay D. Cunningham, DO; Dennis J. Carter, DO; Bret Langerman, DO; Duane Koehler, DO; Leroy Young, DO

Website: [www.ok.gov/osboe/](http://www.ok.gov/osboe/)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME

License Fee: \$575

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With states having equal requirements, at the discretion of the Board - interview may be required.

Special Licenses: None

Renewal: Annual, July 1 - \$225 (in-state); \$150 (out-of-state)

CME Requirements: 16 hours per year in AOA Category 1 A or B, 1 hour of which every other year must be in the area of proper prescribing of controlled dangerous substances. OCC/MOC not accepted substitute, however, the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision does accept specialty board certification or recertification that was obtained during the three year reporting period, by an ABMS specialty board.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## OREGON

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year AOA or ACGME, as approved by Board

Board: 7 MDs, 2 DOs, 1 DPM, 1 PA, 3 public members = 14 members

Board Address: Oregon Medical Board, Nicole A. Krishnaswami, JD, Executive Director, 1500 SW 1st Avenue, Suite 620, Portland, OR 97201-5815 Phone (971) 673-2700 Fax (971) 673-2670

Osteopathic Members: Jill Shaw, DO; Christoffer Poulsen, DO

Website: [www.oregon.gov/OMB](http://www.oregon.gov/OMB)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other Requirements: Board is authorized to conduct nationwide criminal records background check and fingerprints on applicants and licensees.

License Fee: Application fee - \$375; criminal background check - \$48 (total fee - \$423)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No reciprocity. Expedited Endorsement request reviewed on an individual basis. Committee/Board review may be required prior to issuance of licensure. SPEX may be required.

Special Licenses: No longer offered

Renewal: Biennial - \$556, must be received on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year.

CME Requirements: 60 hours of AOA Category 1A or 2A or AMA Category 1 every two years or 30 hours if licensed during the second year of the biennium. Note: OCC/MOC compliant applicants are deemed to meet these CME hours without providing additional documentation. All licensees (except Lapsed, Limited, Telemedicine, Teleradiology, or Telemonitoring licensees) must complete 7 hours in pain management and/or treatment of terminally ill or dying patients; one hour is an Oregon-specific course, and the other 6 hours may be fulfilled with any combination of CME coursework on this topic. Four hours of CME in cultural competency CME will be required every 4 years beginning in 2022. Suicide risk assessment and Alzheimer's education may be counted toward the mandatory continuing education required of all Board licensees.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## PENNSYLVANIA

Educational Requirements: Graduation from board approved osteopathic college meeting statutory criteria

Postgraduate Training: 1 year AOA approved rotating internship

Board: 6 DOs, 2 public members, 1 respiratory care practitioner or PA, or a certified athletic trainer, or a licensed perfusionist,

Commissioner of Professional & Occupational Affairs, Department of Health Representative

Board Address: Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Aaron Hollinger, Administrator, 2601 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 Phone (717) 783-4858 Fax (717) 787-7769

Osteopathic Members: Frank Tursi, DO; Christopher Poggi, DO; John Bulger, DO; Randy Litman, DO; Burton Mark, DO; William Swallow, DO

Website: [www.dos.pa.gov/ost](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ost)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, FLEX

Other Requirements: Examination in OMT required for licensure, fee \$250. Deadline date for application, 60 days prior to examination. Effective March 29, 2006, DOs who have passed COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE, the Osteopathic Clinical Skills Examination, are now exempt from taking the state board's OMT examination. Effective March 12, 2008 the Board addressed the issue of whether an applicant for licensure would be required to complete the OMT examination if applicant had already successfully completed an osteopathic board certification examination, that included an OMT component or who already successfully completed an OMT examination as a requirement for another state license. The applicants would be deemed to have met the Board's OMT examination requirement if the applicant can provide proof to the Board that he/she has completed an osteopathic certification examination that included an OMT component or provide proof that the applicant completed an OMT examination as a requirement for another state license. The Board will review these requests on a case-by-case basis.

License Fee: \$45; Applicants requiring the state board's OMT examination: first time OMT examination fee - \$250 (The exam is now administered through PearsonVUE. All exam fees are paid directly to PearsonVUE. Their website is

<http://www.pearsonvue.com/pa/osteopathic-medicine/>). Applicants not required to complete the state board's OMT examination fee -



\$45

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Yes

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement with states having equal requirements, provided applicant has not previously failed a Pennsylvania written examination. All applications reviewed on an individual basis.

Special Licenses: Graduate training certificate – is a renewable 1 year temporary certificate granted to osteopathic physicians licensed in the Commonwealth or another state who applies for training or certification in AOA approved institutions that allows them to practice only within the complex of the hospital and its affiliates or the community hospital where the physician is engaged in training.

Temporary License – is a temporary license valid for 1 year that is granted to osteopathic medical college graduates for permission to participate in an approved graduate osteopathic or medical training program in the Commonwealth, and only permits the licensee to train only within the complex of the hospital and its affiliates where the licensee is engaged in an approved training program. Short-term camp physician license – valid for a period not exceeding 3 months, may be granted to an osteopathic physician licensed in good standing in another state or Canada who intends to practice in a camp; must comply with malpractice insurance requirements.

Renewal: Biennial, before October 31 of every even-numbered year - \$220

CME Requirements: Completion of 100 credit hours of continuing medical education in the preceding 2 year period, which runs from November 1 of the even year through October 31 of the next even year. At least 20 of the 100 credit hours must be completed in AOA Category 1-A activities. At least 12 credit hours shall be completed in Category 1 or 2 approved activities in the area of patient safety/risk management. At least two hours of a Board approved child abuse recognition and reporting continuing education will be required. At least two hours must be completed in pain management, the identification of addiction, or the practices of prescribing or dispensing of opioids. The remaining credit hours shall be completed in any Category 1 or Category 2 approved activities. OOC/MOC not accepted as substitute.

Malpractice Insurance: Physicians conducting more than 50% of their practice in state must carry insurance with limits of \$500,000 per occurrence/\$1,500,000 per annual aggregate in compliance with the professional liability insurance requirements under 711 of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act No. 13 of 2002.

## RHODE ISLAND

Educational Requirements: Graduation from AOA accredited osteopathic college

Postgraduate Training: Two years in hospital or equivalent postgraduate training approved by AOA or ACGME

Board: 4 MDs; 2 DOs; 5 Public members, one of whom is an attorney with experience as plaintiff's counsel in the presentation or prosecution of medical malpractice matters, and one of whom is a member of the general public, not associated with the medical field, who is at least 60 years of age; 1 hospital administrator; director of RI Department of Health

Board Address: Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, James V. McDonald, MD, MPH, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 401, Providence, RI 02908-5097 Phone (401) 222-3855 Fax (401) 222-2158

Osteopathic Members: Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO; Catherine DeGood, DO

Website: <http://www.health.ri.gov>

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

Other Requirements: OPP may be required if USMLE or FLEX is presented for licensure; interview.

License Fee: \$1090, Controlled Substance Registration fee \$200

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Full application process

Special Licenses: Limited licenses for training, intern, resident, fellow - \$65

Renewal: Biennial, before the 1st of July of each even-numbered year, - \$1090

CME Requirements: 40 hours of Category 1 per 2 year-period, at least 2 hours of continuing medical education shall be earned on topics of current concern as determined by the director of the Rhode Island Department of Health. Current topics include: universal precautions, infection control, modes of transmission, bioterrorism, end-of-life education, palliative care, OSHA, ethics, or pain management.

Malpractice Insurance: Requires proof of liability insurance, but does not specify a particular amount.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Educational Requirements: Graduated from a school of osteopathic medicine accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

Postgraduate Training: 1 year, as approved by the Board

Board: 7 physicians [MD or DO] [representing each of the 7 SC Congressional Districts], 2 at-large members [MD or DO], 1 DO [permanently designated seat], 3 Lay [public/non-physician] members

Board Address: South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, Sheridan H. Spoon, Esq., Administrator, 110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210 Phone (803) 896-4500 Fax (803) 896-4515

Osteopathic Members: Ronald Januchowski, DO

Website: <https://llr.sc.gov/>

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License Fee: \$580

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Interview required – SPEX or COMVEX may be required.



Special Licenses: Temporary License - \$75 per quarter; Limited License - \$150 per fiscal year.

Renewal: Biennial renewal every two years, odd years - \$155; Academic License - \$150; 14 day Limited License - \$75; Special Volunteer Limited License - no fee.

CME Requirements: 40 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 CME every 2 years, with a minimum of 30 hours related directly to the licensee's practice area and 2 hours of which must be in approved procedures of prescribing and monitoring of schedule II-IV controlled substances. OCC/MOC not addressed, but the Board recognizes as equivalent to CME requirements certification of added qualifications

or recertification after examination by a national specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic Association or another approved specialty board certification.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Educational Requirements: Primary source verification from a Board approved AOA program

Postgraduate Training: Applicants as of July 1, 1987 must successfully complete an approved residency program in its entirety which would be no less than 3 years.

Board: 6 MDs, 1 DO, 2 non-physician members

Board Address: South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, Margaret B. Hansen, PA-C, MPAS, CMBE, Executive Director, 101 N. Main Avenue, Suite 301, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Phone (605) 367-7781

Osteopathic Member: Philip E. Meyer, DO

Website: [www.sdbmoe.gov](http://www.sdbmoe.gov)

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License Fee: \$400 (2-year renewal)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Only recommended for international (foreign) medical school graduates

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Yes

Special Licenses: None – there is no “inactive” license status – if license is not renewed, that license forfeits by law due to non-renewal.

Renewal: renewal applications open December 1 in the even years and close on the March 1 deadline in the odd numbered years. The initial reinstatement, and biennial renewal license fees for physicians are currently \$400 as required.

CME Requirements: None required for license renewal

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## TENNESSEE

Educational Requirements: Graduation from recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year AOA or ACGME training

Board: 5 DOs, 1 Public member

Board Address: Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination, Angela M. Lawrence, MSM, Executive Director, 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243-0001, Nashville, TN 37243-0001 Phone (615) 532-7155 Fax (615) 253-4484

Osteopathic Members: Michael Wieting, DO; Jeffrey L. Hamre, DO; Shannon Kilkelly, DO; Jan Day Zieren, DO; Shant H. Garabedian, DO

Website: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/oste-board.html>

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME for initial or reciprocal licensure - USMLE and FLEX accepted for reciprocity only. The Board will accept any of the following examinations or combinations of examinations:

- (a) The NBOME or COMLEX or any combination of their parts; or
- (b) FLEX Components I and II; or
- (c) Predecessor FLEX Days I, II and III; or
- (d) FLEX Component I plus USMLE Step 3; or
- (e) NBME Part I or USMLE Step 1, plus NBME Part II or USMLE Step 2 plus NBME Part III or USMLE Step 3; or
- (f) NBME Part I or USMLE Step 1 plus NBME Part II or USMLE Step 2 plus FLEX Component II
- (g) Combinations of the Predecessor FLEX Days I, II and III are not allowed with any other examination.

License Fee: Non-refundable application fee - \$410

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: On an individual basis with any other state

Special Licenses: Training license for osteopathic interns, residents and fellows; telemedicine license; special volunteer license; and locum tenens license. Dean of program must submit application to the board.

Renewal: Biennial, \$310. The due date for license renewal is its expiration date which is the last day of the month in which a license holder's birthday falls pursuant to the Division of Health Related Boards "biennial birthdate renewal system." The Division establishes a system of license renewal at alternative intervals which will allow for the distribution of the license workload as uniformly as is practicable throughout the calendar year. Licenses issued under the alternative method are valid for twenty-four (24) months, and expire on the last day of the last month of the license period.

CME Requirements: 40 hours of AOA Category I-A, II-A and/or I-B or AMA Category 1-A and 2-A every 2 years. Two (2) of the 40 hours shall be a course designed specifically to address prescribing practices, must include instruction in controlled substance prescribing.

*Providers of intractable pain management must have specialized CME in pain management (AOA 1-A or 2-A). OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute.*

*Malpractice Insurance: Not required*

## TEXAS

*Educational Requirements: Graduation from college approved by the Board at the time DO or MD degree conferred.*

*Postgraduate Training: 1 year for U.S./Canada graduates. 2 years for International graduates.*

*Board: 9 MDs, 3 DOs, 7 public members*

*Board Address: Texas Medical Board, Stephen Brint Carlton, JD, Executive Director, 333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 3, Suite 610, Austin, TX 78701 Phone (512) 305-7010 Fax (512) 305-7051*

*Osteopathic Members: James "Scott" Holliday, DO; Kandace Farmer, DO; George De Loach, DO*

*Website: [www.tmb.state.tx.us](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us)*

*Sunset Law: Yes*

*Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, and LMCC, all parts within 7 years if applicable. COMVEX not recognized. State examinations before 1977.*

*Other Requirements: Medical jurisprudence exam (tests on medical laws in Texas)*

*License Fee: \$817*

*Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept*

*Reciprocity or Endorsement: None – must start at the beginning of the process.*

*Special Licenses: Provisional License -\$107 (limited license to practice for 270 days in a medically underserved area and sponsored by a Texas licensed physician while full application is in process). Physicians in training permit required for training if not otherwise licensed - \$200 (fee covers all training at the same institution). Changes to other institutions fee - \$141. Out-of-state rotator fee - \$131*

*Renewal: Initial biennial permit--\$474.90, Subsequent biennial permit--\$470.90, Even number licenses expire in even number years and odd number licenses expire in odd number years. Renewal periods are February 28, May 31, August 31 or November 30 – these registration periods are assigned by the Texas Medical Board at the time of licensure.*

*CME Requirements: 48 hours every 2 years; 24 of those hours must be AMA Category 1 or AOA Category 1A; 2 of those 24 hours must be on medical ethics and/or professional responsibility including by not limited to courses in risk management, domestic abuse or child abuse; a human trafficking prevention course must be complete as part of the medical ethics and/or professional responsibility requirement; the remaining 24 hours may be composed of informal self study, attendance at hospital lectures, grand rounds, or case conferences not approved for formal CME, and shall be recorded in a manner that can be easily transmitted to the board upon request. 10 credits of pain management are required for those who practice in a pain clinic (AOA 1-A). For licensees with direct patient care practice, no less than 2 hours of CME regarding safe and effective pain management related to the prescription of opioids and other controlled substances must be completed in each of the first two renewal periods following initial licensure, and every eight years thereafter. MOC may be acceptable to meet these requirements – see Board Rule for specifics.*

*Malpractice Insurance: Not required. However, many hospitals will require physicians to carry medical malpractice insurance in order to have hospital privileges.*

## UTAH

*Educational Requirements: Degree of DO earned from an AOA approved medical school or college*

*Postgraduate Training: 24 months of progressive ACGME or AOA resident training or completion of 12 months in an ACGME or AOA resident training program and continuing on in a progressive resident training program in Utah.*

*Board: 4 DOs; 1 public member*

*Board Address: Utah Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons Licensing Board, Larry Marx, Bureau Manager, 160 East 300 South, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Phone (801) 530-6628 Fax (801) 530-6511*

*Osteopathic Members: Lynsey J. Drew, DO; Michael J. Derr, DO; Jacob Jessop, DO; Tricia Ferrin, DO*

*Website: [www.dopl.utah.gov](http://www.dopl.utah.gov)*

*Sunset Law: Yes*

*Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX*

*Other Requirements: Utah Physician Controlled Substance Examination - \$100*

*License Fee: \$200*

*Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required*

*Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement with all states*

*Special Licenses: No temporary permits. Effective July 1, 2018, a Restricted Associate Physician license is for a medical student graduate who has passed Step 1 and Step 2 of the USMLE and has not matched to a residency.*

*58-68-302.5 Restricted licensing of an associate physician.*

*(1) An individual may apply for a restricted license as an associate physician if the individual:*

*(a) meets the requirements described in Subsections 58-68-302(1)(a) through (c), (1)(d)(i), and (1)(g) through (j);*

*(b) successfully completes Step 1 and Step 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination or the equivalent steps of another board-approved medical licensing examination:*

*(i) within three years after the day on which the applicant graduates from a program described in Subsection 58-68-302(1)(d)(i); and*

*(ii) within two years before applying for a restricted license as an associate physician; and (c) is not currently enrolled in and*

*has not completed a residency program.*

*(2) Before a licensed associate physician may engage in the practice of medicine as described in Subsection (3), the licensed associate physician shall:*

*(a) enter into a collaborative practice arrangement described in Section 58-68-807 within six months after the associate physician's initial licensure; and*

*(b) receive division approval of the collaborative practice arrangement.*

*(3) An associate physician's scope of practice is limited to primary care services to medically underserved populations or in medically underserved areas within the state. Enacted by Chapter 299, 2017 General Session*

Renewal: *May 31, even numbered year - \$183, Controlled Substance - \$78. The renewal fee may change July 1, of any year as the legislature makes changes during the legislative session.*

CME Requirements: *40 hours of AOA or ACCME Category 1 every 2 years; 6 hours maximum may come from the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing. A controlled substance prescriber shall complete at least 3.5 hours of CME in one or more controlled substance prescribing classes. OCC/MOC not recognized as substitute.*

Malpractice Insurance: *Not required*

## VERMONT

Educational Requirements: *Graduate of an accredited school or college of osteopathic college*

Postgraduate Training: *1 year post graduate rotating internship or a 3 year residency approved by the AOA or the ACGME*

Board: *3 DOs, 2 Public Members*

Board Address: *Vermont Board of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons, Office of Professional Regulation, 89 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402 Phone (802) 828-2373 Fax (802) 828-2465*

Osteopathic Members: *Daniel K. Wilson, DO; Jesper Brickley, DO; Matthew Gilbert, DO*

Website: *<https://sos.vermont.gov/osteopathic-physicians/>*

Sunset Law: *No*

Examinations Accepted: *COMLEX, NBOME, FLEX, USMLE*

Other Requirements: *If FLEX was taken, the applicant is only required to take and pass the osteopathic principles and practice (OPP) portion of the state osteopathic licensure examination*

License Fee: *\$500*

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): *Will accept*

Reciprocity or Endorsement: *With other states whose licensing requirements are substantially equivalent and if the applicant has graduated from an accredited school or a college of osteopathic medicine at the Board's discretion; personal interview before the board may be required.*

Special Licenses: *Limited Temporary License - \$50; annual renewal fee - \$100*

Renewal: *Biennial - \$350, renewal every two years from date of issuance.*

CME Requirements: *30 hours per 2 year license renewal period - 40% must be osteopathic CME. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute.*

Malpractice Insurance: *Not required*

## VIRGINIA

Educational Requirements: *Diploma from an AOA approved college*

Postgraduate Training: *1 year of AOA or ACGME approved training required*

Board: *11 MDs, 1 DO, 1 DC, 1 DPM, 4 public members at large*

Board Address: *Virginia Board of Medicine, William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300*

*Henrico, VA 23233-1463 Phone (804) 367-4600 Fax (804) 527-4426*

Osteopathic Member: *Jacob W. Miller, DO*

Website: *[www.dhp.virginia.gov](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov)*

Sunset Law: *No*

Examinations Accepted: *COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, State exam from 1969 or earlier and state exam, 1970 and beyond with specialty board certification*

License Fee: *\$302*

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): *Will accept*

Reciprocity or Endorsements: *Endorsement*

Special Licenses: *Limited, Training, Continuing Education, Summer Camp, and Volunteer in Free Clinics, Restricted Volunteer License*

Renewal: *Birth month, even-numbered year - \$270 (late renewal fee - \$115)*

CME Requirements: *60 hours of CME within the 2 years immediately preceding renewal. A minimum of 30 of the 60 hours shall be in Category 1, of which 2 hours must be in pain management, proper prescribing of controlled substances, and the diagnosis of management of addiction. OCC/MOC not specifically addressed, but proof of recertification by a specialty board is accepted as a substitute by the Virginia Board of Medicine.*

Malpractice Insurance: *Not required*

## WASHINGTON

Educational Requirements: Diploma from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate Training: 1 year in AOA or ACGME approved training program

Board: 8 DOs, 2 public members, 1 osteopathic PA

Board Address: Washington Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Renee Fullerton, MPH, Executive Director, Department of Health, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501 Phone (360) 236-4700 Fax (360) 236-2901

Osteopathic Members: Yuri Tsurulnikov, DO; Shannon Phipps, DO; John Finch, DO; Kevin Ware, DO; Alex Sobel, DO; Roger Ludwig Jr, DO, Kimberly Morrissette, DO; Lisa Galbraith, DO

Website: [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state examination if substantially equivalent

Other Requirements: If applicant has taken a state exam, USMLE or FLEX, then additional OPP exam is required

License Fee: \$391 initial licensure

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Applicants who have been examined and licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in another state, can gain licensure after complying with administrative procedures, administrative requirements, paying a fee, and filing a copy of their license with the state. The board may require completion of an additional special purpose examination, such as SPEX

Special Licenses: Limited License for Post Graduate Training; Retired Active License

Renewal: Osteopathic physicians must renew their license every year on or before their birthday. Licensee is required to submit the appropriate fee (1-year renewal - \$441.00 expired license reissuance - \$250.00) and renewal card.

CME Requirements: 150 hours every 3 years; 60 hours must be in Category 1. Every osteopathic physician must take a one-time, six (6) hour CME course in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. Effective January 1, 2019, an osteopathic physician licensed to prescribe opioids shall complete a one-time CME requirement regarding best practices in prescribing of opioids and the current opioid prescribing rules in this chapter. The CME course must be one hour in length. OCC/MOC not specifically addressed, however, both the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission accept original certification or recertification by a specialty board as equivalent to the CME requirements.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required by state law but highly recommended. Available from commercial carriers in the state and the Washington State Medical Association.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Educational Requirements: Evidence of graduation from a medical school approved by AOA

Postgraduate Training: Minimum of one (1) year of post-doctoral, clinical training in a program approved by the AOA or the ACGME.

Board: 4 DOs, 1 PA, 2 public members

Board Address: West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Jonathan T. Osborne, Esq., Executive Director, 405 Capitol Street, Suite 402, Charleston, WV 25301 Phone (304) 558-6095 Fax (304) 558-6096

Osteopathic Members: Tiffany Thymius, DO; Jimmy Adams, DO; Andy Tanner, DO; Michael Muscari, DO

Website: [www.wvbdosteoo.org](http://www.wvbdosteoo.org)

Sunset Law: Yes

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME

Other Requirements: Interview; criminal background checks

License Fee: \$400

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Does accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: If applicant has taken another state's state exam and the content is comparable to the exam previously administered by West Virginia.

Special Licenses: Educational training permit - \$100

Renewal: Biennial - \$400. A license is valid for a term of 2 years. Licensure must be renewed by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the second year of licensing

CME Requirements: 32 hours of approved AOA CME, and at least half of the hours must be AOA Category 1. DOs renewing licenses must complete a minimum of three (3) hours of Board-approved drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances unless they receive a waiver. New DO licensees must complete this training within one (1) year of initial licensure. West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine does not require OCC.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required

## WISCONSIN

Educational Requirements: Graduation from a recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate Training: 2 years at an AOA or ACGME approved training facility

Board: 9 MDs, 1DO, 3 public members

Board Addresses: Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, Valerie Payne, Executive Director, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705 Phone (608) 266-2112 Fax (608) 267-3816

Osteopathic Member: Sumeet Goel, DO

Website: [dsps.wi.gov](http://dsps.wi.gov)

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC (taken after 1/1/78) state board examinations taken prior to



1972

License Fee: Endorsement of National Board Certificate (NBOME & NBME), FLEX, USMLE \$150; Reciprocity of state board exam taken prior to 1972 - \$198; Endorsement of LMCC taken after January, 1978 - \$150 (all fees include \$57 jurisprudence examination). Oral exam, if required, is an additional fee of \$266

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Endorsement on individual basis; oral exam may be required.

Special Licenses: Visiting Professor License - \$216 (includes jurisprudence); camp Physician - \$216 (includes jurisprudence); Locum Tenens - \$216 (includes jurisprudence).

Renewal: Biennial, March 1, even years - \$141

CME Requirements: 30 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 every 2 years obtained between March 1 even year and February 28 even year; 2 hours must be on the opioid prescribing guidelines issued by the Board. OCC/MOC not accepted as substitute. NOTE: On November 10, 2016, emergency rules went into effect that revise Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Med 13 to provide that two of the required 30 hours of CME for the current biennium and the following biennium must be related to the opioid prescribing guideline issued by the Board. Physicians who do not hold a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration number to prescribe controlled substances are exempted under the rules.

Malpractice Insurance: Physicians must carry insurance with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per annual aggregate.

## WYOMING

Educational Requirements: Graduation from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate Training: 2 years in an AOA or ACGME accredited program

Board: 5 physicians (minimum 2 MDs and 1 DO), 2 public members, 1 PA

Board Address: Wyoming Board of Medicine, Kevin D. Bohnenblust, JD, CMBE, Executive Director, 130 Hobbs Avenue, Suite A Cheyenne, WY 82002 Phone (307) 778-7053 Fax (307) 778-2069

Osteopathic Member: Melinda Poyer, DO

Website: <http://wyomedboard.wyo.gov/>

Sunset Law: No

Examinations Accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License Fee: \$600

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: At discretion of board, personal interview & oral examination may be required - SPEX may be required.

Special Licenses: None

Renewal: Annual, June 30 - \$250

CME Requirements: Beginning January 1, 2007, in order to renew, reinstate or reactivate a license, physicians must complete 60 hours of AOA Category I, Category 2, a current Physician's Recognition Award from the AMA, a current certificate from any ABMS board every 3 years. OCC/MOC not accepted, but physicians that have within the past 3 years been certified or recertified by a member board of the ABMS are exempt. Effective July 1, 2019, physicians who are registered with the Board of Pharmacy to dispense a controlled substance in the state are required to complete 1 hour of CME related to the responsible prescribing of controlled substances or the treatment of substance abuse disorders every 2 years.

Malpractice Insurance: Not required by state law but available through the Wyoming Medical Society.

## US TERRITORIES

### GUAM

Educational Requirements: Earned DO degree - certificate of proficiency in the basic sciences is required, plus proof of not less than 1 year of training in a hospital registered and/or acceptable to the Commission on Licensure to Practice the Healing Art.

Board Address: Guam Board of Medical Examiners, Marlene Carbullido, Acting Administrator, Health Professional Licensing Office, 123 Chalan Kareta South Route 10, Mangilao, Guam 96913-6304 Phone (671) 735-7407 Fax (671) 735-7413

Website: [www.dphss.guam.gov](http://www.dphss.guam.gov)

Postgraduate Training: 3 years or be ABMS Certified.

Examinations Accepted: USMLE, NBME, FLEX, SBE, LMCC, COMLEX

License Fee: Non-refundable fee - \$400- (checks or money orders should be made payable to Treasurer of Guam)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Possibly granted on the basis of existing license. SPEX required unless exam taken within 10 years or been out of practice for the past 7 years.

CME Requirements: Must have completed 100 CME credits within the past 2 years (25% must be Category 1) or complete ACGME PFT within the past year

### PUERTO RICO

Educational Requirements: DO degree from an osteopathic college recognized by the Board of Medical Examiners

Board Address: Puerto Rico Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline; Irza Torres-Aguilar, Executive Director, Junta De Licenciamiento Y Disciplina Med, P.O. Box 13969, San Juan, PR 00908 Phone (787) 999-8989 Ext. 6579

Website: <http://www2.pr.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Postgraduate Training: 1 year approved by Board; 6 months uninterrupted residence in Puerto Rico required

Examinations Accepted: In English or Spanish, at option of applicant. USMLE \*, NBME, FLEX, NBOME, COMLEX (\* must complete USMLE step I, II and III within 7 years of passing first step.)

License Fee: \$150

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Not accepted

Reciprocity or Endorsement: For unlimited license, if granted by a US state having reciprocity with Puerto Rico. SPEX not accepted.

CME Requirements: 60 hours every 3 years; 40 hours of which must be Category 1

## VIRGIN ISLANDS

Educational Requirements: The licensing act governing the health professions in the Virgin Islands recognizes AOA approved schools.

Board Address: Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners, Deborah K. Richardson-Peter, MPA, Director, Professional Licensure & Health Planning, 3500 Estate Richmond, Christiansted, VI 00802-4370 Phone (340) 718-1311 ext. 3047 Fax (340) 718-1376

Website: [Medical Licensure Requirements](#)

Postgraduate training: 1 year AOA or AMA approved training

Examinations Accepted: USMLE, NBME, FLEX, SBE, LMCC, NBOME, COMLEX, SPEX required of all applicants plus oral exams must be taken in Virgin Islands, (must complete USMLE step I, II, and III within 7 years of passing the first step.)

License fee: \$800 (exam)

Reciprocity or Endorsement: None

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Renewal: \$500

CME Requirements: 25 hours every year; all must be Category 1

## NATIONAL BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS, INC

*The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana. It consists of not more than 25 members at-large from the osteopathic profession. Members must be osteopathic physicians in good standing of the American Osteopathic Association, educators/clinicians of recognized prominence and shall have been licensed to practice as an osteopathic physician for at least five years prior to appointment.*

*Board members are nominated by the directors of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, approved by the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association, and elected by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, to serve for a period of three years.*

*The officers of the Board consist of a President/CEO, Chief Operations Officer, Vice President of Testing & Research and Secretary-Treasurer, selected from and elected by the membership of the Board at each spring session, and serve until their successors are qualified and elected.*

*The Board has established an advisory panel or test committee of content experts for each examination. These experts must be duly nominated by a member and approved by the Board. They are appointed annually to serve under the direction of the respective test construction committee chairman.*

### REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

*The Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) examination is divided into three levels. With the exception of Level 2 – PE, all parts of the exam are computer-based.*

#### **COMLEX-USA Level 1**

*Constructed according to the COMLEX-USA examination blueprint. Candidates are expected to demonstrate basic science knowledge relevant to medical problems as defined by the Level 1 blueprint. Level 1 emphasizes the scientific concepts and principles necessary for understanding the mechanisms of health, medical problems and disease processes.*

*Level 1, taken in one-day, is a problem- and symptom-based assessment integrating the basic medical sciences of anatomy, behavioral science, biochemistry, microbiology, osteopathic principles, pathology, pharmacology, physiology and other areas of medical knowledge as they are relevant to solving medical problems. The examination consists of two four-hour test sessions, each containing questions related to diverse clinical presentations and principles.*

#### **COMLEX-USA Level 2**

*COMLEX Level 2 consists of two-parts: the Cognitive Evaluation (CE) and the Performance Evaluation (PE):*

##### COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE

*Constructed according to the COMLEX-USA examination blueprint. Candidates are expected to demonstrate knowledge of clinical concepts and principles involved in all steps of medical problem-solving as defined by Dimension II. Level 2-CE emphasizes the medical concepts and principles necessary for making appropriate medical diagnoses through patient history and physical examination findings.*

*Level 2-CE, taken in one-day, is a problem-based and symptom-based assessment integrating the clinical disciplines of emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, osteopathic principles, pediatrics, psychiatry, surgery, and other areas necessary to solve medical problems as defined by the Level 2-CE blueprint. A similar problem-symptom based approach is used in Level 2 and in Level 1. The examination consists of two four-hour test sessions, each containing questions related to diverse clinical presentations and principles.*

##### COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE

*For case selection, Level 2-PE applies the Dimension I categories from the COMLEX-USA blueprint. The content (case selection) of Level 2-PE is crossed with the following axes:*

##### Patient Presentation Axis

*Standardized patients present in simulated ambulatory medical settings with problems and symptoms that are either acute, chronic, or provide opportunities for health promotion and disease prevention. In addition, the patients encountered are balanced to meet the examination specifications for patient gender and age as a reflection of national osteopathic physician practice patterns based on national survey data as well as expert judgment. In addition, the demographic and cultural profiles of patients are instrumental considerations in the case development process.*

##### Osteopathic Medical Practice Axis

*In any examination form, the following clinical skills are evaluated in the majority of the standardized patient encounters:*

### *Biomedical/Biomechanical Domain*

- *Osteopathic Principles and/or Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment*
- *History-taking and Physical Examination Skills*
- *Integrated Differential Diagnosis and Clinical Problem-Solving*
- *Written Communication and Synthesis of Clinical Findings (SOAP note format)*

### *Humanistic Domain*

- *Physician-Patient Communication, Interpersonal Skills, and Professionalism*

Successful passage of the two distinctive domains is required to pass COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE.

### *Clinical Content Axis*

*Based on Dimension I of the COMLEX-USA blueprint, expert judgment, and national survey data of osteopathic physician practice patterns, candidates will encounter standardized patients presenting with the symptoms, problems, or complaints that are common to primary care osteopathic medical practice. These include:*

- *Patients with Neuromusculoskeletal Symptoms/Problems*
- *Patients with Respiratory Symptoms/Problems*
- *Patients with Gastrointestinal Symptoms/Problems*
- *Patients with Cardiovascular Symptoms/Problems*
- *Patients with Other Symptoms/Problems*

### *COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE*

*A one-day examination of clinical skills where each candidate will encounter twelve standardized patients over the course of a seven-hour examination day. The examination takes place at NBOME's National Center for Clinical Skills Testing in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania (bordering Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Examination design, test specifications, testing format and other details are available in the 2005-2006 Orientation Guide for COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE on the NBOME's website. A 28-minute DVD Instructional Program on COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE has been provided to the Office of the Dean at each of the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, and is also available for viewing on NBOME's website.*

*Level 2-PE is the clinical skills component of the COMLEX-USA. Consistent with NBOME's mission to protect the public, Level 2-PE helps to fulfill the public and licensing authority mandate for enhanced patient safety through the documentation of the clinical skills proficiency of graduates from osteopathic medical schools. The Performance Evaluation augments the written COMLEX-USA-Level 2-CE of osteopathic medical knowledge by providing an assessment of clinical skills. These clinical skills are: doctor-patient communication, interpersonal skills and professionalism, medical history-taking and physical examination skills, osteopathic principles and osteopathic manipulative treatment, and written communication skills (including synthesis of clinical findings, integrated differential diagnosis and formulation of a diagnostic and treatment plan). These patient-centered skills are evaluated in the context of clinical encounters with standardized patients, and are required to be personally performed as appropriate in a timely, efficient, safe, and effective manner.*

### *COMLEX-USA Level 3*

*Constructed according to the COMLEX-USA examination blueprint. Candidates are expected to demonstrate knowledge of clinical concepts and principles necessary for solving medical problems as independently practicing osteopathic generalist physicians.*

*Level 3 emphasizes the medical concepts and principles required to make appropriate patient management decisions. Level 3, taken in one-day, is a problem-based and symptom-based assessment integrating the clinical disciplines of emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, osteopathic principles, pediatrics, psychiatry, surgery, and other areas necessary to solve medical problems as defined by the Level 3 blueprint.*

*Level 3, like Level 2-CE and Level 1, are problem-based and symptom-based in presentation. The examination consists of two four-hour test sessions, each containing questions related to diverse clinical presentations and principles.*

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **COMLEX-USA Level 1**

*A candidate is eligible to take the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination upon compliance with the following requirements:*

1. *Must have satisfactorily completed the first half of the second year in a medical school accredited by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOA COCA).*
2. *Must be in good standing with a medical school accredited by the AOA COCA when application for the examination is made and the examination is administered, or must have graduated from a medical school accredited by the AOA COCA.*



3. *Must have his or her name submitted by the office of the dean or his or her designate as eligible to test in order to register online. Alternatively, if the candidate has graduated, a notarized copy of his or her medical school diploma will be accepted.*

#### **COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE (Cognitive Evaluation)**

*A candidate is eligible to take the COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE examination upon compliance with the following requirements:*

1. *Must have passed the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination within the NBOME requirements.*
2. *Must have satisfactorily completed the third year in a medical school accredited by the AOA COCA.*
3. *Must be in good standing with a medical school accredited by the AOA COCA when application for the examination is made and the examination is administered, or must have graduated from a medical school accredited by the AOA COCA.*
4. *Must have his or her name submitted by the office of the dean or his or her designate as eligible to test in order to register online. Alternatively, if the candidate has graduated, a notarized copy of his or her medical school diploma will be accepted.*

#### **COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE (Performance Evaluation)**

*Eligibility requirements to take COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE are identical to those required to take COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE (see above). However, candidates who are unsuccessful in passing COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE cannot re-take the examination for a period of 90 full days after their prior examination date, and may only re-take the examination a maximum of three times in any 12-month period. COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE may be taken before or after COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE. Both COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE and COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE must be passed independently in order to establish eligibility for COMLEX-USA Level 3.*

#### **COMLEX-USA Level 3**

*A candidate is eligible to take the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination upon compliance with the following requirements:*

1. *Must have passed the COMLEX-USA Level 1, COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE and Level 2-PE examinations within the NBOME requirements.*
2. *Must have graduated from a medical school accredited by the AOA COCA with an earned D.O. degree.*
3. *Must be currently participating in and in good standing with an AOA Post graduate Education and Training Review Committee (PTRC) approved internship, or ACGME-approved PGY1, or must have successfully completed such an internship or program. Must submit verification from the Director of Medical Education or Program Director that the candidate is in good standing with an AOA Post graduate Education and Training Review Committee (PTRC) approved internship or ACGME-approved PGY1. Candidates who have completed an internship or program must submit a notarized copy of the internship certificate or PGY1 certificate in lieu of the verification of good standing.*

*As of July 1, 2004, all candidates are required to pass COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE as a condition for eligibility to take COMLEX-USA Level 3, with the exception that candidates who graduated from a college of osteopathic medicine accredited by the AOA COCA prior to January 1, 2005 will be exempt from the requirement of passing COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE if they pass COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE prior to June 30, 2005. All other COMLEX-USA Level 3 eligibility requirements remain in effect. In addition, candidates who are unsuccessful in passing COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE cannot re-take the examination for a period of 90 days from their prior examination date, and may only re-take the examination a maximum of three times in any 12-month period.*

*The COMLEX-USA Levels must be taken in sequence. For example Level 2 cannot be taken before Level 1. However, Level 2-CE and Level 2-PE may be taken in any sequence. If a candidate has failed the CE Examination, he or she may still choose to take the PE Examination, and if the candidate has failed the PE Examination, he or she may still take the CE Examination. Both the CE and the PE Examinations must be passed in order to take Level 3.*

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **Registration/ Scheduling**

*All candidates must use the online registration system to: register/pay for an examination, schedule or reschedule an examination, cancel or withdraw from an examination; receive refunds or credits, obtain the schedule of test dates, and choose a location at which to test. It is also where the candidate will find the most current information about policies and procedures applicable to testing and other items of interest to candidates.*

#### **Registration Code**

*After a list of candidates approved to take the COMLEX examination is received by the NBOME from the dean of an osteopathic school, an 11-digit secure code will be mailed to each candidate. This code is required only for the first access to the registration system at the NBOME website ([www.nbome.org](http://www.nbome.org)).*

#### **NBOME Registration**

*Upon entry of the registration code, a candidate will be prompted to create a username and a password and verify personal information. Registration will be completed once payment by credit card has been entered and approved. Payment must be completed online with a credit card before an examination date can be scheduled.*

### Scheduling an Examination Date and Test Center

*Following registration at the NBOME website, a candidate may schedule an examination date (appointment) through the NBOME website. (Please note that there may be a slight delay between registering with the NBOME and the ability to schedule an examination date on the NBOME website). Candidates may register and schedule an examination as early as six (6) months in advance of a scheduled test date for COMLEX-USA Level 1, Level 2-CE, or Level 3, and up to 12 months in advance for COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE, provided that they are eligible. Candidates are strongly advised to schedule at least 90 days before their desired test session to maximize the chance of obtaining their desired testing date and site. Candidates may not schedule a test less than 120 hours in advance of the session test date under any circumstances.*

### COMPREHENSIVE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL VARIABLE PURPOSE EXAMINATION - USA (COMVEX-USA)

*The COMVEX is an instrument offered to osteopathic physicians who need to demonstrate current osteopathic medical knowledge for licensing purposes. As a measurement tool, the COMVEX provides the state medical licensing boards with a clear evaluation of a candidate's knowledge of current osteopathic medical practices.*

*The COMVEX is available to candidates through the individual state licensing boards. The examination is created under the auspices of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners by test construction and review committees composed of a variety of osteopathic physicians from a range of medical disciplines.*

### SPECIAL PURPOSE EXAMINATION (SPEX)

*The Federation of State Medical Boards administers the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX). The purpose of SPEX is to re-examine specific physicians for whom a licensing board determines the need for a demonstration of medical knowledge. It is a one-day examination composed of multiple choice questions, which are specially selected to test physicians who are five or more years beyond medical school graduation.*