

**Idaho State Board of Medicine
International Medical Graduates Subcommittee Meeting
February 10, 2015**

Chairman Barry Bennett, MD, Idaho Falls, called the Idaho State Board of Medicine (Board) subcommittee meeting to order at 3:30PM, Tuesday, February,10, 2015, via conference call at the Idaho Board of Medicine, 1755 Westgate Drive, Suite 140, Boise, Idaho 83704. Attendees were: Joyce McRoberts, public member, Meridian. Absent and excused was John Brown, MD, Moscow. Board staff attendees were: Nancy Kerr, executive director; Anne Lawler, quality assurance specialist; Cynthia Michalik, quality assurance specialist; and Jean Uranga, Board attorney.

Guests present during the meeting were Justin Glass, MD, Idaho Family Medicine Residency. Joining by conference call was: Molly Steckel, Idaho Medical Association; David Schmitz, MD, Idaho Family Medicine Residency and Brandon Mickelson, MD, Idaho Family Medicine Residency.

Barry Bennett, MD, Chairman reviewed the proposal set forth at the Board of Medicine's last meeting by Molly Steckel and William Woodhouse, MD on the proposed resolution of the Idaho Medical Association (IMA) related to international medical graduates and current licensure rules of the Board prohibiting licensure until after the completion of three (3) years of approved, progressive, post-graduate training.

The subcommittee members discussed potential solutions to the perceived inequity in requirements for international graduates to obtain full licensure until completion of three years of postgraduate training. Dr. Glass and Dr. Mickelson discussed the impact on supervision requirements, inability of resident to moonlight in residency to gain practical experience and the limitations in supporting rural hospitals as negative impacts of the current rules. Dr. Schmitz also pointed out that residents who get independent experience their third year of residency are more likely to remain in Idaho for their practice, which would especially benefit the rural areas. Members reviewed comparative data showing twenty four (24) other states require two years and two (2) require only one year of postgraduate training for licensure of international graduates (Appendix 1).

There was consensus that the program directors would be pivotal in approving an international graduate to obtain full licensure in the beginning of the third year. In further discussion, the members discussed some of the administrative requirements to process the applications for licensure to enable the license to be issued prior to the third year, such as allowing the applicant to apply in advance of the beginning of the third year.

The subcommittee looked at the New Jersey rules (Appendix 2) related to their requirement that the resident sign a contract to complete the third year of training as a requirement for licensure.

Following discussion the subcommittee acted to recommend to the Board of Medicine that international graduates be allowed to seek full licensure after completing two years of residency training, with the approval of the program director and a signed contract to complete the entire residency program. (McRoberts/Unanimous)

Barry Bennett, MD, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4.03 PM.

APPENDIX 1

Licensure Rules for Domestic and International Medical School Graduates in the United States* <i>Minimum Postgraduate Training Requirement</i>							
STATE	Domestic Grads			International Grads (IMG)			Notes
	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	
Alabama	X					X	
Alaska		X				X	
Arizona	X					X	
Arkansas	X					X	
California	X				X		
Colorado	X					X	
Connecticut		X			X		
Delaware	X					X	
D.C.	X					X	
Florida	X				X		
Georgia	X			X			1 yr if IMG is from board approved school; otherwise 3 yrs
Hawaii	X				X		
Idaho	X					X	
Illinois		X			X		
Indiana	X				X		
Iowa	X				X		
Kansas	X				X		2 yrs if IMG is from board approved school; otherwise 3 yrs
Kentucky		X			X		
Louisiana	X					X	
Maine			X			X	
Maryland	X				X		
Massachusetts		X				X	
Michigan MD		X			X		
Minnesota	X				X		

STATE	Domestic Grads			International Grads (IMG)			Notes
	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	
Mississippi	X					X	
Missouri	X					X	
Montana		X				X	
Nebraska	X					X	
Nevada		X			X		IMGs can apply at 2 yrs if they have passed all 3 steps of USMLE
New Hampshire		X			X		
New Jersey		X			X		All residents must show a signed contract for a 3rd yr in accredited residency to apply at 2 yrs
New Mexico		X			X		
New York	X					X	
North Carolina	X					X	
North Dakota	X				X		IMGs can apply after 2 1/2 yrs
Ohio	X				X		
Oklahoma	X				X		
Oregon	X					X	
Pennsylvania		X				X	
Rhode Island		X				X	
South Carolina	X					X	
South Dakota			X			X	
Tennessee	X					X	
Texas	X				X		
Utah		X			X		
Vermont	X					X	
Virginia	X				X		
Washington		X			X		
West Virginia	X					X	
Wisconsin	X			X			
Wyoming		X			X		
TOTALS	33	16	2	2	24	25	

* Source: Federation of State Medical Boards

APPENDIX 2

TITLE 13. LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
CHAPTER 35. BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
SUBCHAPTER 3. LICENSING EXAMINATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS, LIMITED EXEMPTIONS
FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

N.J.A.C. 13:35-3.11 (2015)

§ 13:35-3.11 Standards for licensure of physicians graduated from medical schools not approved by American national accrediting agencies

(a) An applicant for a license to practice medicine and surgery in this State, who is a graduate of a medical school not eligible for and not accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), shall satisfy the conditions in this section to be deemed eligible for New Jersey licensure by examination or to be licensed by endorsement of a sister-state license.

(b) During the course of the applicant's medical training, and at the time of graduation, the medical school(s) was listed (or notified of eligibility for listing) in either the World Directory of Medical Schools published by the World Health Organization or the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) published by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), or the medical school(s) was approved and authorized by the country of domicile to confer the degree or certificate evidencing completion of a medical curriculum for the plenary practice of medicine and surgery.

(c) The applicant shall demonstrate successful completion of the full medical curriculum, didactic elements and clinical training prescribed by the medical school and by the country in which the medical school is located and within which the training took place, and successful completion of all of the educational requirements to practice medicine in that country.

(d) If the applicant is a national of the country in which the medical training was received, the applicant shall have obtained an unrestricted license or certificate of registration to practice medicine and surgery in that country.

(e) An applicant who has successfully completed the full basic science studies (or the equivalent of the first two years of an American medical school) in the foreign medical school located in the country of domicile authorized to confer the degree or certificate and has been given academic credit for successful completion of clinical training programs in United States hospitals, with residency programs approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the AOA in that field, shall demonstrate that the medical school was approved by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) to conduct such a program in this State, or that the program was performed in a sister-state and recognized as acceptable by the Board.

(f) A graduate of a foreign medical school shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she holds certification issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) which was granted following the attainment of a passing score on an acceptable examination and verification of his or her credentials by ECFMG. The Board shall accept certification of successful completion of an approved Fifth Pathway program in lieu of issuance of the ECFMG Certificate.

(g) The applicant shall demonstrate satisfaction of all other requirements of law.

(h) The applicant shall demonstrate attainment of a passing grade on an examination approved by the Board for purposes of medical licensure in this State.

(i) An applicant who has successfully completed the full basic science studies, or the equivalent of the first two years of an American medical school, in the foreign medical school located in the country of domicile authorized to confer the degree or certificate, but who has completed clinical training in the United States in a program not specifically approved by the Board, shall demonstrate prior licensure in another state and compliance with all other provisions of this section and of law, and may then be eligible to be considered for licensure in this State by endorsement. An applicant from a program specifically disapproved by the Board or conducted outside of an available approved-program procedure shall not be eligible under this subsection.

(j) An applicant, who has graduated from a medical school on or after July 1, 1916 and before July 1, 1985 and has received a medical degree from a medical school which is not eligible for and not accredited by the LCME or the AOA, shall demonstrate to the Board, through submission of documentation, that after receiving a medical degree the applicant has successfully completed at least one year of post-graduate training in a program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or any other equivalent group or agency which the Board, upon review, has determined has comparable standards.

(k) An applicant, who has graduated from a medical school on or after July 1, 1985 and before July 1, 2003 and has received a medical degree from a medical school which is not eligible for and not accredited by the LCME or the AOA, shall demonstrate to the Board, through the submission of documentation, that after receiving a medical degree the applicant has successfully completed a three-year post-graduate training program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA, or any other equivalent group or agency which the Board, upon review, has determined has comparable standards.

(l) An applicant, who has graduated from a medical school on or after July 1, 2003 and has received a medical degree from a medical school which is not eligible for and not accredited by the LCME or the AOA shall demonstrate to the Board, through the submission of documentation, that after receiving a medical degree the applicant has completed and received academic credit for at least two years for post-graduate training in a program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA or any other equivalent group or agency which the Board, upon review, has determined has comparable standards, and has a signed contract for a third year of post-graduate training in a program accredited by the ACGME, the AOA or any other equivalent group or agency which the Board, upon review has determined has comparable standards. At least two of the three years of post-graduate training shall be:

1. In the same field; or

2. In different fields, if when considered together, the post-graduate training fields would be credited toward the criteria for certification by a single specialty board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the AOA or any other equivalent group or agency which the Board, upon review, has determined has comparable standards.