

## Interview

Each applicant may be personally interviewed by the Board or a designated committee of the Board. The interview shall include a review of the applicant's qualifications and professional credentials.

All applicants must complete their license application within 1 year unless extended by the Board after filing an application for extension. Unless extended, applications that remain on file for more than 1 year will be considered null and void and a new application and new fees will be required as if filing for the first time.

In reviewing the application or conducting the applicant's interview, the Board shall determine whether the applicant possesses the requisite qualifications to provide the same standard of health care as provided by licensed physicians in this state. If the Board is unable to reach such a conclusion through the application and interview, it shall conduct further inquiry, to establish such qualifications.

Upon inquiry, if further examination is required, the Board may require passage of the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) administered by the FSMB, a post licensure assessment conducted by the FSMB, or an evaluation by an independent agency accepted by the Board to evaluate physician competence.

The Board will require further inquiry when in its judgment the need is apparent, including but not limited to the following circumstances:

- Graduate of an international medical school located outside the United States and Canada and not accredited by the LCME;
- Applicant whose background investigation reveals evidence of impairment, competency deficit, or disciplinary action by any licensing or regulatory agency;
- An applicant has not been in active medical practice for a period exceeding 1 year, or when practice has been significantly interrupted;
- An applicant has not written a recognized examination intended to determine ability to practice medicine within a period of 5 years preceding application;
- An applicant whose initial licensure was issued on the basis of an examination not recognized by the Board; or
- When there is any reason whatsoever to question the identity of the applicant.

Recommendations of the assessment and or evaluation acceptable to the Board related to the ability of the applicant to practice medicine and surgery will be considered by the Board in its decision whether to issue a license. The Board may limit, condition, or restrict a license based on the Board's determination and the recommendation of the assessment or evaluation.

Please review the [State Licensure Laws](#) & [State Licensure Rules](#) before submitting an application.