

# THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Who qualifies for this license under Public Chapter 211?

An international medical school graduate upon a finding of sufficient evidence that the international medical school graduate has demonstrated competency as determined by the Board; completed a three-year post-graduate training program in the graduate's licensing country; or has otherwise practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three of the last five years outside the United States.

An applicant who completed a three-year post-graduate training program in the graduate's licensing country; or has otherwise practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three of the last five years outside the United States must also submit sufficient evidence that the applicant is an international medical school graduate and has an offer for employment as a physician at a "healthcare provider" that operates in this state and has a post-graduate training program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education in place. "Healthcare provider" is defined as an individual, entity, corporation, person, or organization, whether for profit or nonprofit, that furnishes, bills, or is paid for a healthcare procedure or service delivery in the normal course of business, and includes, but is not limited to, a health system, hospital, hospital-based facility, freestanding emergency facility, and urgent care clinic.

### 2. How do I apply and what documentation is required to be submitted with my application?

Yes, you may access the application online at:

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/healthprofboards/medicalexaminers/MD\\_IMGTemp.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/healthprofboards/medicalexaminers/MD_IMGTemp.pdf)

### 3. Where can I find employment as a physician at a healthcare provider that operates in this state and has a post-graduate training program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education?

The Board does not retain a list of employment opportunities at a "healthcare provider" that operates in this state and has a post-graduate training program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education.

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**4. Where can I find a list of post-graduate training programs accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education?**

The Board does not retain a list of post-graduate training programs accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education (ACGME). The ACGME may have this information. The ACGME website is located at: [ACGME - Accreditation Data System \(ADS\) \(acgme-i.org\)](https://www.acgme.org).

**5. When can I apply for a license under this Public Chapter?**

The law is effective July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

**6. When can I apply for a full and unrestricted license?**

If granted a temporary license based on the completion of a three-year post-graduate training program in the graduate's licensing country; or by having practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three of the last five years outside the United States, you can apply for a full and unrestricted license two years after the date of temporary licensure if you are in good standing.

**7. What documents are required to upgrade my temporary license to a full and restricted license?**

You may access the application online at:

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/healthprofboards/medicalexaminers/MD\\_Application\\_2021.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/healthprofboards/medicalexaminers/MD_Application_2021.pdf)