



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4731.299 Expedited license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery by endorsement.

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(A) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, the state medical board may issue, without examination, to an applicant who meets all of the requirements of this section an expedited license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery by endorsement.

(B) An individual who seeks an expedited license by endorsement shall file with the board a written application on a form prescribed and supplied by the board. The application shall include all of the information the board considers necessary to process it.

(C) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, to be eligible to receive an expedited license by endorsement, an applicant shall do both of the following:

(1) Provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Has passed one of the following:

(i) Steps one, two, and three of the United States medical licensing examination;

(ii) Levels one, two, and three of the comprehensive osteopathic medical licensing examination of the United States;

(iii) Any other medical licensing examination recognized by the board.

(b) During the five-year period immediately preceding the date of application, has held a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued by the licensing authority of a Canadian province;



(c) For at least two years immediately preceding the date of application, has actively practiced medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in a clinical setting;

(d) Is in compliance with the medical education and training requirements in sections 4731.09 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) Certify to the board that all of the following are the case:

(a) Not more than two malpractice claims, which resulted in a finding of liability or in payment, have been filed against the applicant during the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of application and no malpractice claim against the applicant during that ten-year period has resulted in total payment of more than five hundred thousand dollars.

(b) The applicant does not have a medical condition that could affect the applicant's ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

(c) No adverse action has been taken against the applicant by a health care institution.

(d) To the applicant's knowledge, no federal agency, medical society, medical association, or branch of the United States military has investigated or taken action against the applicant.

(e) No professional licensing or regulatory authority has filed a complaint against, investigated, or taken action against the applicant and the applicant has not withdrawn a professional license application.

(f) The applicant has not been suspended or expelled from any institution of higher education or school, including a medical school.

(D) An applicant for an expedited license by endorsement shall comply with section 4731.08 of the Revised Code.

(E) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, at the time of application, the applicant shall pay to the board a fee of one thousand dollars, no part of which shall be returned. No application



shall be considered filed until the board receives the fee.

(F) The secretary and supervising member of the board shall review all applications received under this section.

If the secretary and supervising member determine that an applicant meets the requirements for an expedited license by endorsement, the board shall issue the license to the applicant.

If the secretary and supervising member determine that an applicant does not meet the requirements for an expedited license by endorsement, the application shall be treated as an application under section 4731.09 of the Revised Code.

(G) Each license issued by the board under this section shall be signed by the president and secretary of the board and attested by the board's seal.

(H) Within sixty days after September 29, 2013, the board shall approve acceptable means of demonstrating compliance with sections 4731.09 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code as required by division (C)(1)(d) of this section.

(I) The board shall issue a license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a physician in a state that does not issue that license.