

Frequently Asked Questions – Licensure for International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in Illinois

Overview and Current Status

Q: What is the new IMG licensure pathway in Illinois?

A new licensure pathway for International Medical Graduates (IMGs) was created under Public Act 103-102. This pathway allows IMGs to obtain licensure in Illinois under specific requirements outlined in the Medical Practice Act.

Eligibility and Requirements

Q: Who qualifies as an International Medical Graduate?

An IMG is an individual who obtained their medical education outside the United States (or Canada after July 2025).

Q: Will this pathway waive any exams like USMLE?

No. Examination and credentialing requirements remain in place. The new pathway does not eliminate established testing requirements.

Application Process

Q: Can I apply right now?

Yes. IDFPR is now accepting applications for the International Medical Graduate Physician Limited License. IMGs can apply for licensure by going to <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/core.html>

Q: What can I do to prepare?

You may begin gathering documents such as proof of medical education, ECFMG certification, and identity documents. Applicants are encouraged to review the qualifications for licensure by going to [IMG Qualifications for Licensure](#)

Q: Is there an application fee?

The application fee is \$100.

Exams and Credentialing

Q: Do I still need USMLE, OET, or other exams?

Yes. All applicants must comply with exam and credentialing requirements established in Illinois law which includes passage of USMLE Steps 1-3.

Q: How do I submit my credentials for verification?

Credentials will need to be submitted through ECFMG's Intealth Portal.

5. Resources and Updates

Q: Where can I find reliable information?

You can visit these resources:

- IDFPR Official Website
 - 225 ILCS 60/ Medical Practice Act
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