

New Pathway to Licensure in Illinois for International Medical Graduates (IMGs)



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What is This Process?

Effective September 12, 2025, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) launched a new licensure process that will better enable internationally trained physicians to provide their services to the people of Illinois. This will help expand the healthcare workforce in Illinois to provide valuable care to residents across the state.



How Does This Process Work?

1. An International Medical Graduate (IMG) begins by applying for an International Medical Graduate Limited License.
2. The IMG then practices under the supervision of a fully licensed physician at an approved sponsoring institution for two years.
3. After the two years of supervised practice, the IMG applies for an International Medical Graduate Restricted License.
4. After two years of practice, the IMG may apply for a full Illinois medical license.

Online Resources

IMGs can apply for the next license they need by going to idfpr.illinois.gov/core or by scanning this QR Code.



Find IDFPR's complete announcement at <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/news/newsroom.html> or by scanning this QR Code.

