



IDFPR

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International Medical Graduate – Physician Limited License (Illinois / IDFPR) Applicant Guide

1. Confirm Eligibility

Before applying to IDFPR, the applicant must ensure they meet the regulatory requirements for an International Medical Graduate – Physician Limited License, which include:

- **Education:**

Official medical school transcript, diploma, and proof of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification, verified through ECFMG's international credential verification services, [MyIntealth](#).

- **Examination:**

Successful completion of the [United States Medical Licensing Examination \(USMLE\)](#) Steps 1, 2, and 3 verified through [Federation of State Medical Boards \(FSMB\)](#).

- **Experience/Training:**

3 years of post-graduate training abroad verified through ECFMG's international credential verification services, MyIntealth.

OR

- **Foreign Active Practice:**

Engaged in active practice as a physician in a foreign country where you have been licensed at least 2 of the last 5 years (verified by completing the IDFPR VE-IMG form available in the application).

If practice occurred more than 2 years prior to the date of the application, applicant must demonstrate evidence of U.S. clinical experience in one of the following: Clinical Rotation, Observership, Externship, Elective, or active ILPA/APRN license without discipline (verified by completing the IDFPR TN-IMG form available in the application).

AND

- **Licensure:**

Proof of Current Licensure in the form of an unencumbered physician licensure/ certificate of good standing in another country as verified by ECFMG's international credential verification services, MyIntealth.

The International Medical Graduate – Physician Limited License is tied to a sponsoring entity and does not allow independent practice.

2. Secure the following documents that will be necessary for application

Applicants must be prepared to submit supporting documents for verification, which include:

- **Medical school transcripts and diploma**
This document will need to be submitted to MyInTealth for verification.
- **Verification of international medical education via Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification**
This certification is requested from MyInTealth.
- **Postgraduate training or Experience of Active Practice**
Postgraduate training or verifying 3 years of foreign postgraduate training submitted to MyInTealth for verification, or Experience of Active Practice as a physician by submitting a **VE-IMG** form to IDFPR if 3 years postgraduate training is not verified.
- **U.S. Clinical Experience TN-IMG if applicable (DPR form)**
This document will be submitted to IDFPR for verification.
- **Certificate of Good Standing**
This document will be submitted to MyInTealth for verification.
- **USMLE Steps 1,2, and 3 verified by FSMB**
This document will be submitted to FSMB for verification.

3. Portal Setup

1. MyInTealth Account

Set up a [MyInTealth account](#), review the [EPIC: Special Instructions and FAQs for Applicants to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#), and submit the documents listed above prior to applying to IDFPR.

2. FSMB portal and USLME scores

Set up a FSMB portal and submit USLME scores prior to applying to IDFPR by accessing [Exam Services Home - FSMB](#).

4. Secure Sponsorship

The applicant must have entered into an agreement within one of the following sponsoring entities and provide the agreement to the Department upon request:

- Hospital, Federally Qualified Health Center, a State-operated mental health facility or developmental center or a correctional center operated by the Department of Corrections, a community health center as defined in 77 Ill. Adm.Code 591.20, a multispecialty medical practice or clinic with two or more active physicians who hold unrestricted licenses to practice in the State of Illinois and which participates in graduate medical education, or another facility approved by the Division that provides an annual supervisor assessment and summative evaluation designed to develop, assess, and evaluate the individual's nonclinical and clinical skills and familiarity with standards appropriate for medical practice in the State of Illinois.

- Supervising physician must be Illinois-licensed, either board certified or actively participating in their maintenance of certification in the specialty or completed a residency or fellowship in a similar specialty to the one the applicant is pursuing and be free of discipline.

5. Apply to IDFPR

Once steps 1 to 4 are completed the applicant must apply to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation by:

- Setting up a CORE account by visiting Access and selecting “sign in”
- License type selection: **International Medical Graduate Physician Limited License**

The application sections and requirements include:

- **Application instructions and agreement**
- **Military Qualification questions**
- **Consent/refusal of email sharing with professional organizations**
- **Third party authorization:**

Applicants can authorize a third party—such as a representative, family member, or employer - to complete and submit the application on their behalf. Authorization is granted through a notarized document, which is uploaded within the application.

- **Certification of Good Standing for active unencumbered foreign jurisdiction.**

Confirm proof of current unencumbered physician license from another country verified by ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) has been uploaded to the MyIntealth portal for verification.

- **Education history:**

Confirm an official transcript and diploma—or an official transcript and certification of graduation from the medical education program that granted the degree, as well as proof of ECFMG certification has been uploaded to the ECFMG portal.

- **Examination Documentation – USMLE:**

Confirm successful completion of Steps 1, 2, and 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) has been uploaded to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) portal.

- **Training/Experience/Practice History details:**

Documentation of three years of postgraduate training in another country, verified through documents uploaded to ECFMG or by completing a VE-IMG form confirming *active practice as a physician in a foreign country where you have been licensed for at least 2 of the last 5 years.*

If active practice is more than 2 years from the application date. A completed TN-IMG form will need to be submitted to document clinical experience (clinical rotations, observership, externship, elective, active IL PA/APRN license without discipline, and uploads it to the application.

- **Personal and demographic information:**
Legal name, residential address, business address (of sponsoring entity), SSN/ITIN, date of birth, phone number, email address.
- **Disclosure questions:**
Disciplinary history, criminal history, and personal history.
- **Sponsoring Entity Attestation:**
Applicant confirms they have entered into an agreement with a sponsoring entity (to be provided to the Department upon request).
- **Child support delinquency question, tax return compliance question, and workers compensation obligation question**
- **Applicant attestation**
- **Payment:**
Payment is processed directly by the applicant (\$100)
The application is not considered complete until payment is received.
- **Application Submission:**
Once payment is processed the application is submitted to IDFPR electronically.