

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services

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MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

CREDENTIALING INFORMATION FOR MEDICINE AND SURGERY APPLICANTS

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:

Applicants, recruiters, institutions, and others involved in the placement of individuals who seek to be credentialed in the state of Wisconsin should understand that the credentialing process takes time, and that credentialing is not guaranteed to any applicant. Factors that determine the length of time it may take to process an application include the length of time the applicant has been in practice, the total number of jurisdictions in which the applicant has been credentialed, and the length of time it takes for supporting documents to be received in the Board office and reviewed.

The application consists of an all-inclusive packet with instructions and information on all applicable requirements. We strive to process applications in a timely fashion. We cannot issue a credential until all of the required documents have been received and reviewed in the Board office.

It is the Department's mission and legislative mandate to provide consumer protection for Wisconsin residents. The Department and the Board have been asked to waive requirements to expedite the process, only to discover legitimate grounds to deny a credential. This can present a serious problem for the applicant, recruiter, or institutions if the applicant has relocated, purchased property, or made other commitments prior to the issuance of a Wisconsin credential. **We urge you not to make these moves until you know that your credential has been issued.** Please "plan ahead" as we cannot speed up the credentialing process or waive supporting documents even in emergency situations.

FEDERATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SERVICE (FCVS):

The Department accepts the physician information profile completed by FCVS through the Federation of State Medical Boards. If you choose to utilize FCVS, you will **not** need to submit DSPS forms to verify the following: Medical School Education (**Form #2164**), Post-Graduate Training (**Form #2165**), reporting of licensure exam scores, Physician Data Center Profile from the Federation of State Medical Boards (**Form #1445**), National Practitioner Data Bank Report, or ECFMG certificate. You may obtain this service online at www.fsmb.org.

AN APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

- Complete application and pay applicable fee(s) via LisencE.
- Copy of ECFMG certificate if a Foreign Graduate (FCVS), **(not applicable for Late Renewal*)**
- Joint Commission Certified Hospital, Facility, and Employer Verification (**Form #3046**), **if applicable**
- Medical Education Verification (**Form #2164**) (FCVS), **(not applicable for Late Renewal*)**
- Certificate of Post-Graduate Training (**Form #2165**) (FCVS), **(not applicable for Late Renewal*)**
- National Board, FLEX, State Board, USMLE or LMCC score (FCVS), **(not applicable for Late Renewal*)**
- National Practitioner Data Bank Report (FCVS)
- Proof of 30 hours of CE completed in the previous biennium (**applicable for Late Renewal***)
- Malpractice Suits or Claims (**Form #2829**) and copies of malpractice suit, court documents with allegations and settlement, **if applicable**
- Letters from all State Boards where licensed, **including active and inactive licenses**
- Signed Authorization and Waiver (**Form #571**)
- Physician Profile Data Report from the American Medical Association (AMA), or American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- Physician Data Center Profile from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FCVS)
- Hospital, Facility, and Employer Verification (**Form #2167**)
- Convictions and Pending Charges (**Form #2252**), **if applicable**

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ENDORSEMENT OF FLEX AND/OR USMLE EXAM SCORES:

Please request an electronic transcript of your USMLE and/or FLEX exam score(s) taken at: <https://usmle.fsmb.org/TranscriptRequests> to be forwarded directly to the Department.

ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL BOARDS:

Please request that a copy of your exam score(s) be forwarded directly to Wisconsin Medical Examining Board. Forms are available at www.nbme.org. NBME will forward this information directly to the Department.

ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS CERTIFICATION:

Submit your request for an “Endorsement of Certification/Official Transcript” and fee to the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) at www.nbome.org. Transcripts must be sent directly from NBOME to the Department.

ENDORSEMENT OF LMCC: (Must be taken after January 1, 1978)

Direct certification from the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) is required and must be sent directly from LMCC to the Department.

RECIPROCITY OF ANOTHER STATE BOARD EXAM TAKEN PRIOR TO 1972:

Scores must be certified by the State Board where taken and sent directly to the Department. The State Board submitting the information must include all the subjects covered in the examination, scores received, general average, date of the examination, license number, date of issuance, status of licensure, and any information pertaining to disciplinary action.

VERIFICATION OF OTHER MEDICAL LICENSES:

You are required to have each State Board in which you have ever been licensed submit letters of verification to the Department. The letters must indicate your date of birth, license number, date of issuance, and a statement regarding disciplinary actions. These letters will be required in order to complete your application for licensure. Verifications can be submitted directly to the Department via email to DSPSCredMedBd@wisconsin.gov.

NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK:

All candidates must request the “Practitioner Request for Information Disclosure” (Self-Query) from the National Practitioners Data Bank. Self-Queries (NPDB) can be found at <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov>.

Select the option that reads “Self-Query.” After the NPDB has completed your request, they will send the Self-Query response directly to you. Once received, you will need to provide a copy of the response to the Department. If you have further questions regarding this report, contact the NPDB helpline at (800) 767-6732.

PHYSICIAN PROFILE DATA REPORT FROM AMA OR AOA:

All MD’s applying for licensure must complete the Physician Profile Data Report. This request can be made from the following website: <https://profiles.ama-assn.org/amaprofiles>.

All DO’s applying for licensure must use the AOA website at <https://www.aoaprofiles.org/>.

PHYSICIAN DATA CENTER PROFILE FROM THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS:

All candidates must request the “Physician Data Center Profile” from the Federation of State Medical Boards. This request can be made from the following website: <https://www.fsmb.org/PDC/practitioner-direct/>.

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ORAL EXAMS:

The oral exam process in the State of Wisconsin was created under Wis. Admin. Code § MED 1.06(1). **If you are selected to appear for an oral exam**, you will be scheduled to appear before the Review Panel at one of the regularly scheduled Board meetings. If you are selected for an oral examination, the additional oral examination fee of \$266.00 will be required prior to being scheduled for this exam.

FOREIGN GRADUATES:

- **ECFMG Certificate:** Graduates of foreign medical schools must provide a copy of an ECFMG certificate with “valid indefinitely” status.
- **Fifth Pathway Certificate:** If you participated, you must submit a copy of your Fifth Pathway certificate from the program you attended.

VISITING PHYSICIAN:

This license is designed for a graduate of a medical school, or an osteopathic college approved by the Board, who is invited to serve on the academic staff of a medical school in this state as a Visiting Physician.

A Visiting Physician Application process is almost identical in processing time and of the documentation required as a permanent license, with the following additional requirement. A signed letter from the President or Dean of a medical school, facility, or college in Wisconsin indicating that the applicant intends to teach, research, or practice medicine and surgery at a medical education facility, medical research facility, or medical college in this State as a Visiting Physician.

After your completed application is received by the Department, it will be reviewed by two (2) Members of the Board. Upon approval, you will be issued a Visiting Physician License, valid for one (1) year and remaining valid only while the license holder is actively engaged in teaching, researching, or practicing medicine and surgery, and is lawfully entitled to work in the United States. This may be renewed at the discretion of the Board.

The holder of a Visiting Physician license may practice medicine and surgery providing such practice is entirely limited to the medical education facility, medical research facility, or the medical college where the license holder is teaching, researching, or practicing medicine and surgery, and only within the terms and restrictions established by the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE PHYSICIAN:

This license is designed for an applicant whose primary responsibilities are those of an administrative or academic nature.

The holder of an Administrative Physician license may not examine, care for, or treat patients. An Administrative Physician license does not include the authority to prescribe drugs or controlled substances, delegate medical acts, issue opinions regarding medical necessity, or conduct clinical trials on humans.

Applicants for an Administrative Physician license must also meet the same qualifications for licensure as applicants applying under Wis. Stat. § 448.05 (2)(a) or (b).

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- Physician Data Center Practitioner Profile Report from the Federation of State Medical Boards (Form #1445), (FCVS)
- Hospital, Facility and Employer Verification (Form #2167)
- Copy of a license to practice medicine and surgery in another state or Canada and a letter of good standing, **only required for Visiting Physician**
- National Practitioner Data Bank Report (FCVS)
- Signed Letter from the President or Dean of a medical school, facility, or college in Wisconsin indicating that the applicant intends to teach, research, or practice medicine and surgery at a medical education facility, medical research facility, or medical college in this State as a Visiting Physician, **only required for Visiting Physician**
- Is name on all credentials the same? If not, submit certified copy of marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.

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CODES FOR SPECIALTIES:

Enter specialty code(s) on page 1 of the “Application for Licensure to Practice Medicine and Surgery.”

Academic Medicine	37	Otolaryngology	67
Administrative Medicine	71	Otorhinolaryngology - ENT	15
Aerospace Medicine	33	Pain	66
Alcoholism - Chemical Dependency	49	Pathology	16
Allergy - Immunology	01	Pathology - Clinical	17
Anesthesiology	02	Pathology - Surgical Anatomic	72
Aviation Medicine	32	Pediatrics	18
Dermatology	03	Pediatrics - Other	60
Emergency Medicine	31	Perinatology	62
Endocrinology	56	Pharmacology - Clinical	48
Family Medicine	925	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	19
Gastroenterology	06	Preventive Medicine	09
General Practice	08	Proctology	36
Genetics	61	Psychiatry	20
Geriatrics	29	Psychiatry - Child	21
Hand Surgery	64	Public Health	22
Hebiatrics	46	Radiation - Oncology	70
Hematology	07	Radiology	53
Hyperbaric Medicine	65	Radiology - Diagnostic	43
Immunology - Infectious Diseases	47	Radiology - Nuclear Medicine	68
Institutional Medicine	39	Radiology - Ultrasound	69
Internal Medicine	04	Radiology – Interventional	946
Internal Medicine - Cardiology	05	Research	34
Internal Medicine - Pulmonary Medicine	45	Retired	24
Neonatology	63	Rheumatology	57
Nephrology	40	School Physician	52
Neurology	10	Surgery - Cardiovascular	44
Neuromuscular Medicine	926	Surgery - Colon and Rectal	54
Neurophysiology	51	Surgery - General	25
Nuclear Medicine	23	Surgery - Maxillofacial	58
Obstetrics and Gynecology	12	Surgery - Neurological	11
Occupational Medicine	30	Surgery - Peripheral Vascular	59
Oncology	38	Surgery - Plastic	26
Ophthalmology	13	Surgery - Thoracic	27
Orthopedic Surgery	14	Urology	28