

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 100

By: Stanley of the Senate

and

Davis of the House

An Act relating to podiatry; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 144, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 144), which relates to examination for license; modifying requirements for examination; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Podiatry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 144, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 144), is amended to read as follows:

Section 144. A. The fee for examination for a license to practice podiatric medicine in this state shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners may increase this fee by not more than an additional Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). The examination for such license shall be given by the Board. The Board may give the examination at any special meeting, but shall not be required to do so. The Board may utilize the National Board of Podiatric Examiners' National Board Examination Part III as the written portion of the state licensing exam.

B. To be entitled to take the examination, a person shall:

1. File a written or electronic online application on a form prescribed by the Board;

2. Pay to the secretary-treasurer of the Board in advance the fee for examination;

3. Satisfy the Board that the person ~~is loyal to~~ legally resides in the United States of America;

4. Be more than twenty-one (21) years of age;

5. Not have been convicted of any felony crime that substantially relates to the practice of podiatric medicine and poses a reasonable threat to public safety;

~~6. Be free from contagious or infectious disease;~~

~~7.~~ Be a graduate of an accredited college of podiatric medicine; and

~~8.~~ 7. Have complied with applicable Board rules.

C. An applicant satisfying the requirements of subsection B of this section shall receive a license to practice podiatric medicine in this state, to be issued by the Board, if the applicant:

1. Takes the examination administered or approved by the Board and receives a passing score of at least seventy-five percent (75%) on both the written and oral portions. An applicant receiving less than a score of seventy-five percent (75%) on either the written or oral portion of the examination shall be deemed to have failed the entire examination;

2. Satisfactorily completes a podiatric surgical residency, approved by the Council of Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, of not less than three (3) years; provided, the provisions of this paragraph shall only apply to applicants after March 1, 2018;

3. Satisfies the Board that the applicant has not violated any of the provisions of the Podiatric Medicine Practice Act or any of the rules of the Board; and

4. Satisfies the Board, in the case of any criminal conviction, that the crime does not substantially relate to the practice of podiatric medicine nor pose a reasonable threat to public safety, or constitute an act of moral turpitude that would affect the practice of podiatric medicine or public safety. For purposes of this paragraph:

- a. "substantially relate" means the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation, and
- b. "pose a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

D. The examination administered or approved by the Board shall include both a written and an oral portion, shall be administered in the English language, and shall cover areas in anatomy, pathology, podiatric medicine and surgery, dermatology, pharmacology, biomechanics, anesthesia, radiology, Oklahoma law relating to podiatric medicine, and such other subjects as the Board from time to time determines necessary and appropriate. The Board may authorize examination papers to be graded by one or more of its own members or by any one or more licensed podiatric physicians selected by the Board. Each license issued by the Board shall be signed by each member of the Board, bear the seal of the Board, and designate the licensee as a licensed podiatric physician.

E. The Board may issue a temporary license if the applicant:

1. Has met the requirements of subsection B of this section;

2. Takes the examination administered or approved by the Board and receives a passing score of at least seventy-five percent (75%) on both the written and oral portions. An applicant receiving less than a score of seventy-five percent (75%) on either the written or oral portion of the examination shall be deemed to have failed the entire examination;

3. Is within ninety (90) days of completing or has completed a podiatric surgical residency, approved by the Council of Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association, of not less than three (3) years; provided, the provisions of this paragraph shall only apply to applicants after March 1, 2018; and

4. Satisfies the Board that the applicant has not violated any of the provisions of the Podiatric Medicine Practice Act or any of the rules of the Board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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