

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 100

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AS INTRODUCED

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 ~~8.~~ 7. Have complied with applicable Board rules.

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

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

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

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

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

15 a. "substantially relate" means the nature of criminal
16 conduct for which the person was convicted has a
17 direct bearing on the fitness or ability to perform
18 one or more of the duties or responsibilities
19 necessarily related to the occupation, and

20 b. "pose a reasonable threat" means the nature of
21 criminal conduct for which the person was convicted
22 involved an act or threat of harm against another and
23 has a bearing on the fitness or ability to serve the
24 public or work with others in the occupation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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