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April 7, 2025

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2050

By: Stinson and Archer of the
House

and

Rosino of the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, which relates to foreign applicants and requirements; requiring international medical school graduates to meet certain licensure requirements; updating references to foreign licensure body; providing for limited licensure; establishing parameters for obtaining limited licensure and full licensure; defining term; requiring original source verification of certain medical certifications; restricting applicants from licensure under certain circumstances; making certain applicants subject to separate competency requirements; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 493.2. A. ~~Foreign~~ Unless otherwise provided by this
section, foreign applicants and international medical school
graduate applicants shall otherwise meet all requirements for full

1 and unrestricted licensure as provided in Sections 492.1 and 493.1
2 of this title.

3 B. 1. A foreign applicant for full and unrestricted licensure
4 shall possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or a Board-approved
5 equivalent based on satisfactory completion of educational programs
6 from a foreign medical school as evidenced by ~~recognized national~~
7 ~~and international resources available to the Board~~ the Educational
8 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

9 2. In the event the foreign medical school utilized clerkships
10 in the United States, its territories or possessions, such
11 clerkships shall have been performed in hospitals and schools that
12 have programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate
13 Medical Education (ACGME).

14 C. A 1. An international medical school graduate may apply for
15 limited licensure. The Board may issue a limited license of defined
16 duration to an international medical school graduate upon finding
17 sufficient evidence that the international medical school graduate
18 has:

- 19 a. graduated from a medical school which meets the
20 requirements of the Educational Commission for Foreign
21 Medical Graduates (ECFMG), and
22 b. paid any application fee as set by the Board.
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1 2. The Board shall also find sufficient evidence of the
2 competency of the international medical school graduate through the
3 following:

4 a. verification of successful completion of a three-year
5 postgraduate training program in the graduate's
6 licensing country, or

7 b. verification that the applicant otherwise practiced as
8 a medical professional performing the duties of a
9 physician for at least three (3) of the last five (5)
10 years outside the United States verified by the
11 employer or health care provider.

12 3. An applicant under subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of
13 this subsection shall submit sufficient evidence that the applicant
14 is an international medical school graduate and has an offer for
15 employment as a physician at a health care provider that operates in
16 this state and has a postgraduate training program accredited by the
17 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in
18 place.

19 4. During the term of the limited license, an international
20 medical school graduate who is granted a limited license under
21 subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall only
22 provide medical services at a health care provider that has in place
23 postgraduate training program accredited by the Accreditation
24 Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

1 5. An international medical school graduate who is granted a
2 limited license shall be supervised by the chair of the department
3 within the applicant's intended practice during the term of the
4 limited license.

5 6. Three (3) years after the first date the limited licensee
6 begins to practice medicine at a health care provider in this state,
7 the Board may grant a full and unrestricted license to practice
8 medicine to a limited licensee under subparagraphs a and b of
9 paragraph 1 of this subsection who:

10 a. is in good standing without disciplinary actions or
11 investigations pending from his or her limited
12 licensure period, and

13 b. provides documentation of a passing score for United
14 States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1, 2
15 CK, and 3.

16 7. A limited licensee who obtains a full and unrestricted
17 license is not thereafter subject to the restriction of practicing
18 at a health care provider with a postgraduate training program.

19 8. As used in this subsection, "health care provider" means a
20 facility that will be employing the licensee within an academic
21 health system or the Oklahoma State University College of
22 Osteopathic Medicine.

23 D. Any foreign applicant or international medical school
24 graduate shall have a command of the English language that is

1 satisfactory to the State Board of Medical Licensure and
2 Supervision, ~~demonstrated~~ determined by the ~~passage of an oral~~
3 ~~English competency examination~~ Educational Commission for Foreign
4 Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

5 ~~D.~~ E. The Board may promulgate rules requiring all foreign
6 applicants to satisfactorily complete at least twelve (12) months
7 and up to twenty-four (24) months of Board-approved progressive
8 graduate medical training as determined necessary by the Board for
9 the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

10 ~~E.~~ F. All credentials, diplomas and other required
11 documentation in a foreign language submitted to the Board by such
12 applicants shall be accompanied by notarized English translations
13 performed by an institution accredited by the North Central
14 Association of Colleges and Schools.

15 ~~F.~~ G. Foreign applicants and international medical school
16 graduates shall provide satisfactory evidence of having met the
17 requirements for permanent residence or temporary nonimmigrant
18 status as set forth by the United States Immigration and
19 Naturalization Service.

20 ~~G. Foreign applicants shall provide a certified copy~~ H. The
21 Board requires original source verification of the Educational
22 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) ~~Certificate to the~~
23 ~~Board at such time and in such manner as required by the Board. The~~
24 ~~Board may waive the requirement for an Educational Commission for~~

1 ~~Foreign Medical Graduates Certificate by rule for good cause shown~~
2 Certification or Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination
3 (MCCQUE) Certification.

4 I. The applicant shall not have committed or been found guilty
5 by a competent authority, United States or foreign, of any conduct
6 that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under this act
7 or rules by the Board. The Board may modify this restriction for
8 cause.

9 J. If the applicant has not been practicing medicine for more
10 than two (2) years, the applicant shall be subject to Section 495h
11 of this title.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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