

AOA U.S. OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE SUMMARY

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HOW TO USE THIS SUMMARY

Introduction

The Osteopathic Licensing Summary contains relevant information about the licensing requirements in each state. DOs who graduated more than 25 years ago, with fewer “standardized” credentials, may be subject to different standards of eligibility for licensure. Their questions should be addressed to the specific licensing board involved.

Generally, a license can be obtained in one of three ways:

- (1) Examination administered by the board. It may prepare its own examination or administer an examination that has been prepared and purchased from a specialized agency. Today, the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) are the most widely used tests.
- (2) In lieu of examination, acceptance of the certificate issued by the NBOME, awarded only after an applicant has satisfied the requirements, including the successful passage of a rigorous series of tests.
- (3) Reciprocity or endorsement of a license previously received from another state. No applicant is ever entitled to automatic reciprocity, for all licensing boards reserve the right to exercise discretion individually in evaluating an applicant's personal, professional, and moral qualifications. Also, the license presented for reciprocity or endorsement must usually have been issued on the basis of a written examination. Many licensing boards are not specific about the states with which they would reciprocate; while we have attempted to list as much reciprocity information as we have, DOs having a question about the eligibility of a particular state's license should address it to the specific board, giving details. At one time a majority of states had basic science requirements and administered a written examination. This explains why certain boards will reciprocate with certificates once issued by states that have now abolished their basic science law.

Preprofessional education requirements are not described, although they are retained in many licensing statutes. Some statutes even continue to specify the extent of a high school education that an applicant must have. The admissions requirements of all accredited osteopathic colleges serve to insure that virtually all recipients of the DO degree now have a minimum of three years in college, and most have a BA or BS degree.

Fees have been given where information was available, but since fees change more frequently than any other requirement, users should expect to find occasional changes, and should, of course, rely on the latest information supplied by a particular board.

Meaning of terms

Scope of practice - Many states do not adequately define the scope of a physician's practice rights in their licensing statute, be he/she a DO or an MD. Depending on the state, a DO may receive a license to practice “medicine and surgery,” “osteopathic medicine and surgery,” “osteopathy and surgery,” or “osteopathy,” and all may convey the same rights. For brevity, the AOA uses the term “unlimited” practice rights, which for practical purposes, means the treatment of human ailments, etc., by any and all methods; and can be comparably described as the same rights received by MDs. If the scope of practice is not listed under an individual state's requirements, it is “unlimited.”

Educational requirements - As previously indicated, this heading is usually limited to summarizing the state's definition of an approved osteopathic college. As a practical matter, graduation from an AOA accredited college should satisfy the professional educational requirements of all states.

Postgraduate training - This section details the number of years and the type of programs that will satisfy the postgraduate training requirement. Most states require one year of postgraduate training; Alaska, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Illinois, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Utah are exceptions.

Board - This term refers to the licensing board empowered to recommend or actually issue osteopathic licenses. There are basically three types of boards: (1) DO - composed entirely of osteopathic physicians and has the responsibility of granting unlimited licenses to DOs; (2) MD - composed entirely of MDs but having responsibility for granting unlimited licenses to both DOs and MDs; (3) Composite - composed of DOs and MDs in varying ratios, but usually with a majority of MDs, and has the responsibility of granting unlimited licenses to DOs and MDs. In addition to the physicians who sit on state licensing boards, public members are now included on the board, regardless of the board composition.

Board address - This section lists the official name, contact person, address and phone number for each state's licensing board.

Osteopathic members - Those DOs who sit on the state licensing boards are included in this section.

Sunset laws - Many states include "sunset" provisions when enacting licensing boards. In such cases, the authority of the board expires, or "sunssets," on a given date unless specifically reauthorized by the legislature.

Examinations accepted - This section lists the examinations accepted by state licensing boards. Currently, the two national examinations recognized by state licensing boards are the COMLEX-USA and the USMLE. Both the COMLEX exam and the USMLE are three-part national examinations consisting of both written examinations and clinical skills examinations. COMLEX Level 1 or USMLE Step 1 is usually taken during the second year of medical school; COMLEX Level 2, both the written portion and the Performance Evaluation, or USMLE Step 2 is usually taken in the fourth year of medical school; and COMLEX Level 3 or USMLE Step 3 can be taken during the first year of postgraduate training. So when it states that an examination, i.e., COMLEX, USMLE, etc., is recognized, it means all the Parts or Steps must be successfully passed.

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) develops and administers a complete and comprehensive examination program for DOs -- the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX). The COMLEX replaced the NBOME exam. The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is the one, single medical licensing examination for allopathic physicians and replaced the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) and the National Board Medical Examination (NBME).

License fee - This area contains the cost for securing an unlimited license. Fees change more frequently than any other requirement, so be sure to check with the specific licensing board for exact amounts.

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) - The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) created the FCVS to verify a physician's core credentials -- identity, medical education and training, and examination history. While a majority of states will accept the FCVS, there are some states that will not accept the FCVS. These states that will not accept the FCVS require direct source verification for physician licensure.

Reciprocity or Endorsement - See the appropriate paragraph in the Introduction.

Special licenses - This section lists information about availability of temporary permits granting practice privileges pending the issuance of unlimited license.

Reregistration - States require periodical reregistration. Dates and fees are given when known.

CME requirement - A number of states also require continuing medical education (CME) as a condition of reregistering licenses.

Malpractice insurance - Information regarding the state requirements for and availability of malpractice insurance coverage has been provided by some states. For information about specific insurance carriers, contact the divisional osteopathic society in the appropriate state.

Those interested in additional information about states' licensing requirements may contact the individual licensing boards or AOA's Associate Director for State Government Relations, 142 East Ontario, Chicago IL 60611, 1-800-621-1773 ext. 8184 or (312) 202-8184.

STATE REQUIREMENTS

ALABAMA

Educational requirements: Graduation from osteopathic college approved by medical board

Postgraduate training: One year of approved AOA or ACGME training

Board: 15 MDs

Board address: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, Jackie Baskin, Director of Licensure, PO Box 946, Montgomery, AL 36101-0946 (334) 242-4116

Osteopathic member: None

Website: www.albme.org

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state examinations administered before FLEX (except Florida & Puerto Rico)

License fee: \$75 plus \$175 application fee

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept documents verified by primary source only

Reciprocity or Endorsement: SPEX examination required if applicant has not passed a written certification exam for licensure or has not been Board certified or recertified by one of the American specialty boards within the last 10 years.

Special licenses: No temporary permits

Reregistration: Annual, 1 January, \$200

CME Requirement: 12 hours of Category 1 every year

ALASKA

Educational requirements: Graduation from osteopathic college approved by state medical board

Postgraduate training: One (1) year in AOA or AMA-approved hospital if graduated prior to 1/1/95; two (2) years if graduation date is after 1/1/95.

Board: 4 MDs, 2 public members, 1 PA

Board address: Alaska State Medical Board, Licensing Examiner, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 (907) 465-2541 or Leslie A. Gallant, Executive Administrator, State Medical Board, 15th Floor Atwood Building Ste 1500, Anchorage, AK 99501. (907) 269-8163. (907) 269-8196 fax

Osteopathic member: None

Website: www.commerce.state.ak.us

Sunset laws: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: In-person interview requested at the discretion of the Board

License fee: \$590, plus \$250 application fee (\$840 total fee)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Not currently accepted

Reciprocity or Endorsement: SPEX may be required

Special licenses: Temporary permit until board meets to consider endorsement application, \$145; Locum Tenens permit to substitute for Alaskan physician, \$200 + \$150 nonrefundable application fee

Reregistration: Biennial - active \$590; inactive \$250

CME Requirement: 17 hours AOA or AMA Category 1 per year. After 12/31/04, will require 25 hours in AOA or AMA Category 1 per year

ARIZONA

Educational requirements: Graduation from AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year approved by AOA or ACGME

Board: 5 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, Jack Confer, Executive Director, 9535 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85258-5539 (480) 657-7703

Osteopathic members: F.P. Wedel, DO; David Steinway, DO; Stanley P. Brysacz, Jr., DO; Murray H. Cohen, DO; Martin B. Reiss, DO

Website: www.azosteboard.org

Sunset laws: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX (75% or better on both components)

License fee: \$400 application fee plus a pro-rated licensure fee

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With all states, provided license in particular state is unlimited and currently active. Must have been actively licensed for 7 or more years. Personal interview and/or oral examination may be required; interview and/or examination given intermittently and applications must be filed 60 days in advance.

Special licenses: Locum Tenens issued for 90 day period, \$300 - can be renewed once for another 90 days, \$200; Education

Teaching Permit; Training Permit for individuals in accredited internship, residency or clinical fellowship training programs, \$50; Short-Term Permit for individuals in accredited internship, residency or clinical fellowship training programs in Arizona for the purpose of CME, \$50.

Reregistration: Biennial, 1 January, \$600

CME Requirement: Must present evidence of attendance at AOA approved educational programs for at least 20 clock-hours annually of Category 1A only.

ARKANSAS

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year in an AOA or ACGME-accredited program

Board: 10 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members

Board address: Arkansas State Medical Board, Peggy Pryor Cryer, Executive Secretary, 2100 Riverfront Drive, Little Rock, AR 72202 (501) 296-1802; fax (501) 603-3555

Osteopathic member: James E. Zini, DO

Website: www.armedicalboard.org

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other Requirements: Criminal background checks

License fee: \$400 application fee and \$100 processing fee (\$500 total). Also \$50 temporary permit fee.

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): No, requires direct source verification.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No

Special licenses: Temporary permit can be issued after every detail of the application process has been completed and is ready for Board approval. Temporary Permits must be requested in writing with required fee of \$50

Reregistration: As of July 1, 2005: Annual, \$200 due in month of birth. License expires on last day of birth month.

CME Requirement: 20 credit hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 or 2 per year

CALIFORNIA

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA and California Board-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year approved by AOA or ACGME, which includes at least four months of general medicine in an approved postgraduate training program. Straight psychiatry, pathology, or anesthesiology residencies will not be accepted. The four months of general medicine shall not apply to applicants who completed their one year of postgraduate training on or before July 1, 1990.

Basic science Board: Yes

Board: 5 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Osteopathic Medical Board of California, Linda J. Bergmann, Executive Director, 2720 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 350, Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 263-3100

Osteopathic members: Michael Feinstein, DO; Jimmy Yue, DO; Jeffrey Young, DO; Tracey Norton, D.O.

Website: www.dca.ca.gov/osteopathic

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME

Other requirement: Applicants should allow 16 weeks for fingerprint card to clear proper channels.

License fee: \$200 application fee and \$56 charge for fingerprint check

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: The Board shall issue an osteopathic physician's and surgeon's certificate on reciprocity to an applicant providing he or she meets the following requirements: the applicant must hold an unrestricted license to practice osteopathic medicine in another state whose written licensing examination is recognized and approved by the Board. Each state's written examination will be reviewed on an individual basis; the Board has determined that the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners' (NBOME) examination sequence (parts I, II, and III) is acceptable as a recognized written examination; the Board has determined that the passage of NBOME's examination parts I & II and FLEX Component II (substituted for part III) with a minimum score of 75 is acceptable as a recognized written examination. b) The Board determines that no disciplinary action has been taken against the applicant by a medical licensing authority and that the applicant has not been the subject of adverse judgments or settlements resulting from the practice of medicine which the board determines constitutes evidence of a pattern of negligence or incompetence. c) The applicant takes and passes an oral and comprehensive clinical examination with a minimum grade of 75%. California has definite reciprocity with applicants who took state examinations in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, West Virginia (after 1985), Florida (after 1972), Tennessee (after 1986), Michigan (before 1992), Missouri (before 1992), and Kansas (before 1992). SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: No temporary or limited licenses

Reregistration: Biennial (according to even/odd birth year): \$400- Active; \$300- Inactive

CME Requirement: 150 hours of AOA or Board approved per three year period - 60 hours must be Osteopathic Category

1A or 1B for active license. In addition, all physicians must complete prior to December 31, 2006 a one-time requirement of 12 hours of CME in subjects of pain management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients. Pathology and Radiology specialists are exempt.

COLORADO

Educational requirements: Graduation from a recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: One year in a hospital approved by the AOA or ACGME

Board: 7 MDs, 2 DOs, 4 public members

Board address: Colorado Board of Medical Examiners, Susan Miller, Program Administrator, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1300, Denver, CO 80202 (303) 894-7690; (303) 894-7692 (fax).

Osteopathic members: Louis W. Bair, DO; Tarek T. Arja, DO

Website: www.dora.state.co.us/medical

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state examinations, ECFMG (international graduates only).

License fee: \$425

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Must start at beginning of process

Special licenses: Physician Training License; Physician Assistant license

Reregistration: Biennial, 31 May, \$305 (renewal fee subject to change)

CME Requirement: None

Malpractice insurance: Insurance companies that write malpractice insurance in Colorado are required to report all settlements or judgments against physicians licensed by the state. Physicians practicing medicine in Colorado must meet financial responsibility standards in the amount of \$500,000 per incident and \$1,500,000 annual aggregate per year.

CONNECTICUT

Educational requirements: Two years of pre-professional college, including the study of chemistry, physics, and general biology and graduation from approved osteopathic college.

Postgraduate training: Two years of training in a program approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 PA, 5 public members

Board address: Administrative and Discipline: Connecticut Medical Examining Board, Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, 410 Capitol, MS#13PHO, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134 (860) 509-7648. Examination and Licensure: Connecticut Medical Examining Board, Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, 410 Capitol Ave, 12 APP, Hartford, CT 06134-0308, 860-509-7590.

Osteopathic member: Vacant at this time

Website: www.state.ct.us/dph

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$450

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: May accept license from any board or agency in any state or territory of the U.S. or the District of Columbia authorized to issue licenses provided applicant obtained such license after an examination substantially similar to, or of higher quality than that required for a license in this state.

Special licenses: None

Reregistration: Month of birth, \$450

CME Requirement: None

Malpractice insurance: Each DO licensed to practice osteopathic medicine who provides direct patient care services shall maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for malpractice. The insurance can be for no less than \$500,000 for one person, per occurrence, with an aggregate of not less than \$1,500,000.

DELAWARE

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA or AMA approved medical school

Postgraduate training: One year in an AOA or AMA approved hospital

Board: 10 MDs, 1 DO, 5 public members

Board address: Delaware Board of Medical Practice, Gayle Franzolino, Executive Director, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 203, Dover, DE 19904 (302) 744-4520

Osteopathic member: Vincent Lobo, DO

Website: www.dpr.delaware.gov

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state examinations taken prior to January 1973

Other requirement: Interview with board member, recommendation from Chief of Staff, verification of licensure in good standing on all licenses, and self-query from the NPDB and HIPDB

License fee: Pro-rated licensure fee

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Must start at the beginning of the process

Special licenses: Temporary Permit may be granted to a physician licensed in another state who meets requirements under Title 24, Del. Code, §1720 (Qualifications) for the purpose of assuming the practice of a Delaware registered physician for a period not to exceed three months, unless so granted by the Board.

Reregistration: Biennial, renewal every odd year

CME Requirement: 40 hours every two years - must be Category 1 AMA or AOA

Malpractice insurance: State law provides for revision of judicial process in health care malpractice claims, appropriation for implementing malpractice review panels, and establishment of Health Care Injury Insurance Study Commission. No minimum insurance requirement

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Educational requirements: DO degree from registered school

Postgraduate training: One year required for graduates before January 1, 1990; two years of postgraduate training required for graduates after January 1, 1990. One year for Applicants using USMLE; three years for FMGs.

Board: 7 MDs, 3 public members

Board address: District of Columbia Board of Medicine, James Granger, Jr., Executive Director, 717 14th Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 724-4900

Osteopathic member: None designated, but are eligible

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, LMCC

License fee: \$546 (Application and license fee; renewal fee \$312)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Yes

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No reciprocity or endorsement; applicants may apply by “waiver of examination” if an accepted exam was successfully completed.

Special licenses: No temporary permits, but may practice while application is pending in a hospital or other facility approved by the board.

Reregistration: Biennial (even years), 31 December, \$312

CME Requirement: None for physicians in continuous practice

FLORIDA

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA accredited college

Postgraduate training: One year AOA-approved rotating first year. Any applicant who has not completed an AOA-approved internship must apply to the AOA for approval of first year of the ACGME residency for educational equivalence. If the AOA approves the ACGME residency's first year for educational equivalency and denies the demonstration of good cause for having taken the ACGME residency, the FL Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall review the applicant's demonstration of good cause.

Board: 5 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Pamela King, Executive Director, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-06, Tallahassee FL 32399-3256 (850) 245-4161

Osteopathic members: Robert Fedor, DO; Richard Rodriguez, DO; James Andriole, DO; Glenn Moran, DO; Ronald Kaufman, DO

Website: www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/osteopath/os_home.html

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, COMVEX, State Board Exam

Other requirements: Fingerprints

License fee: \$405 plus \$200 application fee

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Yes, strongly recommended

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement, provided applicant has passed all parts of exam conducted by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners or other substantially similar exam approved by the board. Interview may be required.

Special licenses: Limited and faculty

Reregistration: Biennial, 31 March every even year, Active - \$405; Inactive - \$205

CME Requirement: 40 hours biennially; 20 hours must be AOA Category 1-A relating to the practice of osteopathic medicine or under osteopathic auspices, 13 hours can be AOA or AMA approved. Five of the CME hours required for

renewal shall be 1 hour in the area of Risk Management, 1 hour Florida Laws and Rules, 2 hours prevention of medical errors must be live-attendance type courses; 1 hour use and abuses of Controlled Substances; 1 hour HIV/AIDS course and 1 hour in the area of domestic violence (or the alternative 1 hour end-of-life and 1 hour palliative health care) may be taken via non-live/participatory course.

GEORGIA

Educational requirements: Graduation from an osteopathic college in good standing with the board.

Postgraduate training: One year AOA or ACGME approved postgraduate internship/residency training

Board: 10 MDs, 2 DOs, 1 public member

Board address: Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, LaSharn Hughes, Executive Director, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 656-3913

Osteopathic members: William A. Woolery, DO, Ph.D.; Roger E. Hill, DO

Website: www.medicalboard.state.ga.us

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

License fee: \$400

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept documents verified by primary source only

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Must start at the beginning of the process

Special licenses: Temporary permits to applicants on request only for reciprocity, \$100 (this permit is not renewable).

Reregistration: Biennial, \$150; late fee \$300 for three months (license revoked for non-renewal after three months)

CME Requirement: 40 hours over two years of AOA or AMA Category 1

Malpractice insurance: Not required by law.

HAWAII

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA approved college

Postgraduate training: One year internship in AOA or AMA approved hospital

Board: 7 MDs, 2 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Hawaii Board of Medical Examiners, Constance Cabral-Makanani, Executive Director, 335 Merchant Street, Room 301, Honolulu, HI 96813. (808) 586-3000

Osteopathic members: Ronald Kienitz, DO; Maria Patten, DO

Website: www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/medical

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$450

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With all jurisdictions having equal requirements

Special licenses: Board can issue temporary permits to osteopathic students who have been appointed as first year residents.

Reregistration: Biennial, June, even numbered years, \$190

CME Requirement: None

Malpractice insurance: No mandatory malpractice insurance requirements.

IDAHO

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year in an AOA or AMA hospital approved for internships

Board: 6 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members, Director of Idaho State Police

Board address: Idaho State Board of Medicine, Nancy Kerr, Executive Director, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0058 (street address: 1755 Westgate Drive Boise ID 83704) (208) 327-7000

Osteopathic member: Layne D. Roberts, DO

Website: www.bom.state.id.us

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: Interview may be required

License fee: \$400

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement of license received after written examination in states with unlimited practice, for those who graduated in 1963 and thereafter. Personal appearance may be required; SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: Temporary license available to those applying for licensure without written examination; \$100 + endorsement fee.

Reregistration: Annual, \$200; inactive \$75

CME Requirement: 40 hours practice relevant to Category 1 every 2 years, starting in 2005

ILLINOIS

Educational requirements: Graduation from state-approved professional college that meets certain statutory requirements.
Postgraduate training: 12 months in hospital approved by state if applicant entered postgraduate clinical training program prior to 12/31/87; 24 months thereafter.

Board: Licensing Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 DC. Disciplinary Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 DC, 2 Public members.

Board address: Daniel Bluthardt, Acting Director, Attention: Med-1, 320 W. Washington, 3rd Floor, Springfield, IL 62786, (217) 785-0800

Osteopathic member: Licensing Board Member - Dennis D. Palmer, DO; Disciplinary Board Member – Douglas P. Webster, DO

Website: www.idfpr.com

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$300

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Accepts FCVS profile

Endorsement: Applicants considered on individual basis - Part 3 of USMLE may be required if not certified by an American specialty board, received special honors or awards, had articles published in reputable journals, or participated in the writing of textbooks on medicine. Interview and/or SPEX or COMVEX may be required.

Special licenses: Temporary certificates only for residency training programs (fee \$100); visiting professors (fee \$300). An inactive category for retired or otherwise non-practicing physicians which contains provisions for reinstatement to active standing.

Reregistration: Every three years on July 31, \$300 (in-state); \$600 for three years for out of state address

CME Requirement: Beginning with the 31 July 2002 renewal and every renewal thereafter, licensees will be required to complete a total of 150 hours per prerenewal period. A minimum of 60 hours of the total required hours should be obtained in formal CME programs; the remaining 90 hours shall be obtained in informal CME programs or activities.

Malpractice insurance: Available through commercial carriers.

INDIANA

Educational requirements: Diploma from recognized college

Postgraduate training: One year, prior to licensure, AOA or ACGME-approved

Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 1 public member

Board address: Medical Licensing Board of Indiana, Michael Rinebold, Board Director, 402 W. Washington Street, Room 066, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 234-2060

Osteopathic member: Richard Krejsa, DO

Website: www.hpb.in.gov

Sunset law: No

Examinations: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$250

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement on the basis of unlimited license, if equivalent to Indiana exam or passing National Boards - personal interview and/or SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: Temporary Medical Permit (TMP) for postdoctoral training, \$100; renewals, \$50

Reregistration: Biennial, 30 June, odd years, \$200

CME Requirement: None

Malpractice insurance: Physicians are required to maintain a policy of at least \$100,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 in the annual aggregate. This provision is effective until July 1, 1999. After July 1, 1999, the physician is required to maintain a policy of at least \$250,000 per occurrence and \$750,000 in the annual aggregate.

IOWA

Educational requirements: Diploma issued after 10 May 1963, by colleges of osteopathic medicine and surgery approved by the Board, or equivalent education approved by the board. Those with diplomas issued before 10 May 1963, should write to the board.

Postgraduate training: One year in post-graduate training program approved by the board (Two years beginning July 1, 2006 for IMG's only)

Board: 5 MDs, 2 DOs, 3 public members

Board address: Iowa Board of Medical Examiners, Ann Mowery, PhD, Executive Director, 400 S.W. 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA, 50309-4686; (515) 281-5171

Osteopathic members: Carole Frier, DO; Dana Shaffer, DO

Website: www.docboard.org/ia/ia_home.htm

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

License fee: \$446

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Endorsement: By endorsement for license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery with states having equal requirements - interview and/or COMVEX or SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: Resident physician's license issued for practice in a program approved for residency training, \$146.

Temporary license, \$200, applications require certification of specific need; licenses are issued for 3 months.

Reregistration: Biennial, according to the month and year of birth, \$425 (\$325 if online).

CME Requirement: 40 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 required biennially, which include training for identifying and reporting abuse. For licensee who regularly provides primary health care to children: 2 hours of training in child abuse identification and reporting in the previous 5 years; for a licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults: 2 hours of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting in the previous 5 years. For licensee who regularly provides primary health care to adults and children: separate courses of 2 hours each as outlined before or a combined 2-hour course that includes curricula for identifying and reporting child abuse and dependent adult abuse. Fees and CME pro-rated to facilitate renewal process.

KANSAS

Educational requirements: Graduation from approved college of osteopathic medicine.

Postgraduate training: One year AOA- or Board-approved

Board: 5 MDs, 1 DPM, 3 DOs, 3 public members, 3 DCs

Board address: Kansas Board of Healing Arts, Larry Buening, Jr, Executive Director, 235 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66603-3068 (785) 296-7413

Osteopathic members: Carolina M. Soria, DO; Ronald Whitmer, DO; John P. White, D.O.

Website: www.ksbha.org

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX or state examination taken prior to FLEX

License fee: \$300

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept for Professional School, transcripts, diploma, residency & score report

Reciprocity or Endorsement: SPEX may be required

Special licenses: Temporary postgraduate permit, \$40; temporary full-practice, \$40

Reregistration: Annual, \$230

CME Requirement: 150 hours per three-year period

Malpractice insurance: State requires physician to carry \$200,000 per occurrence, \$600,000 per annual aggregate.

KENTUCKY

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: Two years AOA- or ACGME-approved postgraduate training

Board: 8 MDs, 1 DO, 3 public members, 3 Deans of state medical schools (Univ of Louisville, Univ of Kentucky & Pikesville COM, who is a DO), 1 Commissioner of Public Health

Board address: Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, C. William Schmidt, Executive Director, 310 Whittington Parkway, Suite 1B, Louisville, KY 40222 (502) 429-8046

Osteopathic member: Randel C. Gibson, DO; John A. Strosnider, DO

Website: www.kbml.ky.gov

Sunset law: No

Examinations: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$225 plus \$25 license application. For graduates of Kentucky medical schools who remain in KY for postgraduate training, fee \$150 + \$25 license application

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required as of March 1, 2005

Reciprocity or Endorsement: none

Special licenses: Temporary permits to those with an unlimited license in another state, \$50

Reregistration: Annual, regular license, \$100; inactive license, \$150

CME Requirement: 60 hours over 3 years; 30 hours must be AMA or AOA Category 1; and 2 hours must be AIDS/HIV.

Malpractice insurance: Currently available to physicians in the state.

LOUISIANA

Scope of practice: Unlimited for graduates after 1 June 1971, from schools approved by Louisiana State Board of Medical

Examiners

Educational requirements: Graduation from a recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: One year. Those serving as interns/residents in Louisiana must register with State Board of Medical Examiners.

Board: 7 MDs

Board address: Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, John Bobear, MD, Executive Director, 630 Camp St, New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 524-6763

Osteopathic member: None

Website: www.lsbme.louisiana.gov

Sunset law: Not known

Examinations accepted: USMLE, FLEX, COMLEX and NBOME

Other requirements: Fingerprints, \$50; all physicians renewing their license for the FIRST time must attend a Board sponsored seminar prior to renewal. The orientation is available 4 times a year and acquaints new licensees with the Louisiana medical Practice Act, function of the Board and its rules, etc. Physicians residing and practicing in another state at the time of initial renewal are exempt.

License fee: \$382

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Special Licenses: Postgraduate Year One Registration, \$50.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Interview and/or SPEX may be required.

Reregistration: Annual, on or before the first day of the month in which the licensee was born, 1 January, \$300

CME Requirement: 20 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 per year

Malpractice insurance: Most hospitals have established minimum malpractice coverage requirements for staff physicians.

MAINE

Educational requirements: DO degree received following a total of 36 months of professional study.

Postgraduate training: One year, AOA or ACGME-approved

Board: 6 DOs, 3 public members

Board address: Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure, Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary, 142 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0142 (207) 287-2480, fax: (207) 287-3015

Osteopathic members: Lonnie Lauer, DO; Gary E. Palman, DO; Scott Thomas, DO; Joseph R. deKay, DO; John F. Gaddis, DO; Marie Guay, DO

Website: www.docboard.org/me-osteo

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: OPP is required if USMLE or FLEX was taken

License fee: \$350

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Accepted but not required

Endorsement: On individual basis

Special licenses: Temporary registration for interns and residents, \$200; Locum Tenens, \$200; camp physicians, \$200; visiting instructor, \$150.

Reregistration: Biennial, \$500

CME Requirement: 100 hours of board approved continuing medical education per two year period; 40 hours must be AOA Category 1A for FP, FM, GP and IM. All specialists may obtain 40 hours of Category 1 CME in their specialty.

Malpractice insurance: Not required.

MARYLAND

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year in program approved by accrediting organization recognized by the Maryland Board, which includes AOA or ACGME.

Board: 13 MDs, 1 DO, 1 Radiation Technologist, 6 consumer members

Board address: C. Irving Pindar, Executive Director, Maryland Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 2571, 4201 Patterson Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215 (410) 764-4777 (800) 492-6836

Osteopathic member: Ruth Robinson, DO

Website: www.mbp.state.md.us

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME (after 1/1/71), USMLE, FLEX, State Boards (prior to 1/1/1985)

License fee: \$817

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No reciprocity, all applicants must apply for licensure. SPEX or COMVEX required.

Special licenses: Limited permit for one year only for purpose of post-graduate teaching.

Reregistration: Biennial, \$520

CME Requirement: Unlimited license renewal and reinstatement requires 50 hours of Category I AOA or AMA accredited CME within the previous two years

Malpractice insurance: Physicians licensed in Maryland may obtain coverage from commercial insurance companies.

MASSACHUSETTS

Scope of practice: Unlimited - some licenses restricted to specialty

Educational requirements: Four years of not less than 32 weeks each in a legally chartered medical school.

Postgraduate training: One year AOA or ACGME approved internship

Board: 5 MDs, 2 public members

Board address: Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, Rose Foss, Director of Licensing, 560 Harrison Ave. Ste G-4, Boston, MA 02118 (617) 617-9800

Osteopathic member: None

Website: www.massmedboard.org

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: Criminal background checks

License fee: \$600

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept documents verified by primary source only

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement of a license based on examination in another state with equivalent standard (prior to 1970) - interview may be required.

Special licenses: Limited registration for fellows, interns and medical officers, \$100. Temporary registration limited to three (issued for no more than 8 months at a time) a physician to: 1) substitute for a registered physician, 2) to get CME credits, or 3) as a faculty appointment at a teaching hospital, \$250.

Reregistration: Biennial, \$400

CME Requirement: 100 hours per two-year period - 40 hours must be AOA or AMA Category 1 and should include 10 hours of risk management (4 hours Category 1 and 6 hours Category 2) and the remaining 60 hours can be Category 2.

Special note: As a condition of granting or renewing a license, any physician who agrees to treat Medicare patients cannot charge more than the Medicare allowed amount for that treatment.

MICHIGAN

Educational requirements: Four years in AOA-approved osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: One year AOA-approved rotating internship for those matriculating after 1 October 1956

Board: 5 DOs, 3 public members, 1 PA

Board address: Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Patty Marsh, Processor, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 335-0918

Osteopathic members: Frank Winters, DO; Steven T. Plomaritis, DO; Michele M. Keys, DO; Ann M. Auburn, DO; Ann K. Kuenker, DO

Website: www.michigan.gov/healthlicense

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX or NBOME for initial licensure; USMLE, FLEX and state examinations will be accepted for reciprocity so long as applicant has passed an osteopathic component (a qualified osteopathic component would be an OPP test or passing Part I of the NBOME). If this qualification is met, the osteopathic board will review the application on an individual basis (Michigan osteopathic board does not offer an OPP test).

License fee: \$150

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement with all states with substantially equivalent criteria

Special licenses: Limited license, interns and residents, \$170 with controlled substance; controlled substance license, \$85

Reregistration: Triennial, 31 December, \$285 (delinquent penalty fee of \$20)

CME Requirement: 150 hours over three years - 60 hours must be AOA Category 1A or 1B and a maximum of 90 hours of Category 2

MINNESOTA

Educational requirements: Degree from osteopathic college recognized by the Board.

Postgraduate training: One year in graduate clinical medical training in a program accredited by the AOA or ACGME, or other graduate training approved by the board.

Board: 10 MDs, 1 DO, 5 public members

Board address: Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, Robert A. Leach, JD, Executive Director, 2829 University Ave SE, Suite 500, St Paul, MN 55414-3246 (612) 617-2130

Osteopathic member: James L. Mona, DO

Website: www.bmp.state.mn.us

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

Other requirements: Interview

License fee: \$392

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With similar boards in states where license issued by examination with grade not less than 75 - SPEX will be required if physician is not currently board-certified and has not taken a licensing examination within the last 10 years.

Special licenses: Temporary permits for those seeking licensure by reciprocity or as diplomates of National Board, good until next board meeting, \$60.

Reregistration: Annual, month of birth, \$192

CME Requirement: 75 hours per three-year period - must be AOA or AMA Category 1

MISSISSIPPI

Educational requirements: Diploma from a college approved by AOA

Postgraduate training: One year AOA or ACGME

Board: 8 MDs, 1 DO

Board address: Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, W. Joseph Burnett, MD, Executive Officer, 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200-B, Jackson, MS 39216 (601) 987-3079

Osteopathic member: William B. Harper, DO

Website: www.msbl.state.ms.us

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME (taken after 2/13/73), USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: Interview

License fee: \$500

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept FCVS

Reciprocity or Endorsement: All states with equal requirements. SPEX may be required - exam given by the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Special licenses: Temporary licenses issued under extreme conditions by examination/reciprocity.

Reregistration: Annual, \$50

CME Requirement: 40 hours biennially every two years of AOA Category 1A or AMA Category 1 beginning with license renewals for the fiscal year July 1, 2002.

MISSOURI

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: 1 year for graduates of AOA approved schools

Board: 5 MDs, 3 DOs, 1 public member

Board address: Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, Tina Steinman, Executive Director, PO Box 4, Jefferson City, MO 65102 (573) 751-0098

Osteopathic members: Donna Almond, DO; John Lucio, DO; Richard D. Schooler, DO

Website: www.pr.mo.gov

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: Medical jurisprudence examination

License fee: \$300

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With states granting equal practice rights, at the board's discretion - SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: Temporary permits for interns, residents, fellows, \$30

Reregistration: Biennial, 31 January, \$200. All physicians with Missouri licenses must renew on January 31, 2006.

CME Requirement: 50 hours every two years of Category 1A or 2A for DOs; AMA Category 2 is no longer accepted.

Malpractice insurance: A physician or surgeon on the medical staff of any hospital in a county that has a population of more than 75,000 people must (as a condition to his admission to or retention on the hospital medical staff) have a medical malpractice insurance policy of at least \$500,000. These requirements do not apply to physicians or surgeons who limit their practice exclusively to patients seen or treated at the hospital and are insured exclusively under the hospital's insurance policy or the hospital's self-insurance program.

MONTANA

Educational requirements: Graduation from a school accredited by the AOA

Postgraduate training: *Prior to 10/1/2001:* One year, approved by AOA, ACGME, or the Board; *On or After 10/1/2001:* 2 years of postgraduate training

Board: 1 DO, 5 MDs, 1 DPM, 1 PA-C, 1 RD, 2 Public Members

Board address: Montana Board of Medical Examiners, Dept. of Labor and Industry, Business Standards Division, Jeannie Worsch, Executive Director, PO Box 200513, 301 S. Park, 4th Floor, Helena, MT 59620-0513 (406) 841-2364

Osteopathic member: Arthur K. Fink, DO

Website: www.medicalboard.mt.gov

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$325 for a new application; \$200 for active renewal; \$100 for inactive renewal

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: For unlimited license, with all states having similar requirements, if DO graduated after 1955. At the discretion of the Board, may require additional written (SPEX) or oral examination. Personal appearance before Board may be required.

Special licenses: Temporary certificate from composite board, \$325

Reregistration: Annual, 31 March, \$200

CME Requirement: None

NEBRASKA

Scope of practice: Unlimited for all osteopathic physicians who graduated after Jan. 1, 1963. Full licensure will be made available to DOs who received their degrees before 1963 on a case-by-case basis.

Educational requirements: Graduation after 1 January 1963, from osteopathic college approved by Department of Health on recommendation of board.

Postgraduate training: One year at institution approved by the AOA or ACGME

Board: 5 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members

Board address: Nebraska State Board of Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, Becky Wisell, Executive Director, PO Box 94986, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2118

Osteopathic member: Arthur Weaver, DO

Website: www.hhs.state.ne.us

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$202

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): No, requires direct source verification.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: On individual basis

Reregistration: Biennial, even numbered years, 1 Oct, \$102

CME Requirement: 50 hours Category 1 every 2 years, approved by AOA or ACCME.

NEVADA

Educational requirements: DO degree from college requiring actual attendance of 36 months, and offering courses specified in the statute.

Postgraduate training: Prior to 1/1/1995: one year internship; after 1/1/95: 3 years of ACGME or AOA postgraduate training. A DO who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in Nevada can receive an unlimited license to practice medicine after completion of 24 months of the program in this state and has committed, in writing, that he/she will complete the program.

Board: 5 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Larry J. Tarno, DO, Executive Director, 2860 E. Flamingo, Suite D, Las Vegas, NV 89121, 702-732-2147 ext. 223, 702-732-2079 (fax)

Osteopathic members: Gary S. Mono, DO; Rudy Manthei, DO; Paul H. Molzen, DO; Daniel Curtis, DO; Matthew J. McMahon, DO

Website: www.osteo.state.nv.us/board.htm

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: Criminal background check (fingerprints) and interview

License fee: Application and Initial Fee: \$545

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: No reciprocity; oral examination may be required.

Special licenses: No temporary license

Reregistration: Annual, 1 January, \$300

CME Requirement: 35 hours AOA Category 1A per year or 1 ACGME, minimum of 10 in Category 1 or 1A

Malpractice insurance: Physicians licensed and actively practicing in Nevada must carry professional liability insurance in an amount of \$1,000,000 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence (not required by law).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Educational requirements: DO degree from AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: Two years of formal postgraduate training approved by the board

Board: 4 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members, 1 physician assistant and the commissioner or the medical director of the department of health and human services.

Board address: New Hampshire Board of Medicine, Penny Taylor, Administrator, 2 Industrial Park Dr., Suite 8, Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-1203

Osteopathic member: Paul J. Scibetta, Jr., DO

Website: www.state.nh.us/medicine

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

License fee: \$250

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Reviewed on an individual basis

Special licenses: Locum Tenens, \$150

Reregistration: Biennial, June 30, \$300

CME Requirement: 150 hours per three-year period - 60 hours must be AOA or AMA Category 1

Malpractice insurance: State law requires a consortium of companies to provide malpractice insurance to physicians in the state. It is not required for licensure.

NEW JERSEY

Educational requirements: Four years in board-approved osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: Graduated from medical school prior to 7/1/2003: 1 year AOA- or ACGME-approved program; graduated after 7/1/2003: 2 years of AOA-or ACGME-approved postgraduate training and has signed a contract for a 3rd year (2 years must be in the same field or would, when considered together, be credited toward the criteria for certification by a single specialty board recognized by ABMS or AOA

Board: 10 MDs, 2 DOs, 1 DPM, 1 lab director, 1 government member, 1 PA, 1 CNM, 3 public members, State Commissioner of Health

Board address: New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, William V. Roeder, JD, Executive Director, P.O. Box 183 Trenton, NJ 08625-0183; private courier and special deliveries need to go to: 140 E. Front Street, 2nd floor, Trenton, NJ 08608 (609) 826-7100

Osteopathic members: Donald C. Huston, Jr., DO; Gregory J. Rokosz, DO, JD

Website: www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/bme/medinfo.htm

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, individual state licensing examinations taken prior to 12/31/72

Licensure fee: \$610

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Applicants must start at beginning of application process. Interview may be required.

Reregistration: Biennial, 1 July, \$580 if paid during 1st year of a biennial renewal period; \$290 in second year of a biennial renewal period

CME Requirement: Physicians in active practice need to earn 100 continuing medical education credits during each biennial license renewal cycle. For the current period beginning July 1, 2003, 50 credits will be required before the July 1, 2005 license renewal date. Twenty credits must be category 1 credits. Regular two-year renewal periods will require the full 100 credits with 40 being category 1 credits. Physicians will certify completion of the CME requirements on the renewal application.

NEW MEXICO

Educational requirements: Graduate of osteopathic college meeting statutory requirements

Postgraduate training: One year AOA- or ACGME-approved program

Board: 3 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: New Mexico Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Annette Rodriguez Brumley, Board Executive Director, PO Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87504 (Mailing Address); Toney Anaya Building, 2550 Cerrillos Rd, Santa Fe NM 87505 (Physical Address) (505) 476-4695, (505) 476-4545 (fax).

Osteopathic members: Gary L. Jackson, DO; Tom G. Lindsey, II, DO; James Shiveley, DO

Website: www.rld.state.nm.us/b&c/osteo/index.htm

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$400

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Yes

Reciprocity or Endorsement: All states having requirements equal to or greater than NM. Need to meet all state requirements.

Special licenses: Temporary permits granted until next meeting of the Board; Osteopathic physician assistants

Reregistration: Annual, 30 June, \$200

CME Requirement: 75 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 per three-year period or active membership in AOA

Malpractice insurance: State law requires a screening panel to review all liability suits and report to central disciplining board. Patients can collect maximum of \$100,000 from physician, \$500,000 total in liability action. Patient Compensation Fund pays the difference. Statute requires \$200,000 policy or at least \$600,000 in cash on file if provider wants protection of other provisions of the Medical Malpractice Act.

NEW YORK

Educational requirements: Not less than 32 calendar months in osteopathic college registered with Regents of the University of the State of New York or accredited by the AOA and have received the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Postgraduate training: One year of postgraduate training

Board: 2 DOs, 19 MDs, 3 PAs, 2 public members

Board address: New York State Board for Medicine, Thomas J. Monahan, Executive Secretary, 89 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Albany, NY 12230 Attn: Medical Processing Unit (518) 474-3817 ext. 260

Osteopathic members: Robert Corona, DO; David J. Martinke, DO

Website: www.op.nysed.gov/med.htm

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$465

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required of graduates of foreign programs only.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: SPEX may be required

Special licenses: Limited permits for residents

Reregistration: Biennial, \$300

CME Requirement: None

NORTH CAROLINA

Educational requirements: Graduation after 1 January 1960, from an AOA-approved college, for unlimited license

Postgraduate training: One year

Board: 7 MDs; 1 who is either DO, a full-time NC medical school faculty member who utilizes integrative medicine in that person's clinical practice, or a member of The Old North State Medical Society; 3 public members; 1 PA or nurse practitioner

Board address: North Carolina Medical Board, R. David Henderson, Executive Director, PO Box 20007, Raleigh, NC 27619 (919) 326-1100 or (800) 253-9653

Osteopathic member: None at this time

Website: www.ncmedboard.org

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, NBME, LMCC, State Board Written Exam

License fee: \$250 (Legislation pending for fee changes: \$350 license fee)

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Must possess a valid and unrestricted license to practice medicine in another state based on an examination testing general medical knowledge or passed an examination for license testing general medical knowledge (examination determined by the Board to be equivalent to the Board's examination). Original certification of passing scores must be provided to the Board from the examination source. Interview may be required. SPEX may be required. Certification or re-certification from a specialty board recognized by ABMS or AOA within the last 10 years may exempt applicant from taking the SPEX.

Special Licenses: Temporary License \$150; Resident's Training License \$25; Special Limited License \$150; Medical School Faculty License \$150; Special Volunteer License \$100; Retired Volunteer, no fee; Military Volunteer, no fee.

Reregistration: Annual, within 30 days of birthdate, \$125 (Legislation pending for fee changes: \$175 annual registration fee)

CME Requirement: 150 hours of AOA or AMA CME per a 3-year cycle beginning January 1, 2001. At least 60 hours must be Category 1

NORTH DAKOTA

Educational requirements: Graduation from an osteopathic college located in the United States

Postgraduate training: One year in approved AMA, CMA, or AOA postgraduate training program.

Board: 8 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members

Board address: North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners, Rolf P. Sletten, JD, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, 418 E. Broadway, Suite 12, Bismarck, ND 58501 (701) 328-6500

Osteopathic member: Gordon D. Leingang, DO

Website: www.ndbomex.com

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$200

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: none

Special licenses: Temporary permits pending interview before the Board (only after application process is complete).

Locum Tenens permits for period not to exceed 3 months.

Reregistration: Annual, 1 January for names A-L, 30 June for names M-Z, \$150

CME Requirement: 60 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 per three-year period.

OHIO

Educational requirements: Diploma from AOA-approved osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: One year, AOA- or ACGME-approved

Board: 7 MDs, 1 DO, 1 DPM, 3 public members

Board address: Ohio State Medical Board, Richard A. Whitehouse, Executive Director, 77 S High St, 17th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6127; (614) 466-3934; 614-728-5946 (fax).

Osteopathic member: Anita M. Steinbergh, DO

Website: www.med.ohio.gov

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$305

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Endorsement: At discretion of board

Special licenses: Training certificates for interns, residents, and fellows in approved programs, \$75 and \$35 for each renewal; limited certificate is \$100, \$10 renewal; telemedicine certificate; volunteer's license.

Reregistration: Biennial, \$275

CME Requirement: 100 hours over two-year period; at least 40 hours must be AOA Category 1

OKLAHOMA

Educational requirements: Graduation from an osteopathic college that is accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association.

Postgraduate training: Completion of a one-year AOA-approved rotating internship or its equivalent thereof, in an accredited internship or residency program acceptable to the Board.

Board: 6 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Oklahoma Board of Osteopathic Examiners, Gary R. Clark, Executive Director, 4848 N Lincoln Blvd, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3321 (405) 528-8625

Osteopathic members: David Simpson, DO; Maurice W. Payne, DO; Thomas R. Pickard, DO; James P. Riemer, DO; Gordon P. Laird, DO; Paul Benien, DO

Website: www.docboard.org/ok/ok.htm

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME

License fee: \$400

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With states having equal requirements, at the discretion of the Board - interview may be required.

Special licenses: None

Reregistration: Annual, 1 July, \$200 (\$130 for out-of-state)

CME Requirement: 16 hours per year in AOA Category 1A, 1 hour of which must be in the area of proper prescribing of controlled dangerous substances.

OREGON

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year AOA or ACGME, as approved by board

Board: 7 MDs, 2 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Oregon Board of Medical Examiners, Kathleen Haley, JD, Executive Director, 1500 SW 1st Ave, Suite 620, Portland, OR 97201-5826 (503) 229-5770

Osteopathic members: Sheridan A. Thiringer, DO; John C. Stiger, DO

Website: www.bme.state.or.us

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: Board is authorized to conduct nationwide criminal records background check on applicants and licensees.

Application fee: \$350

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: On individual basis with Georgia, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Wyoming; with all other states except Alaska, Florida, and Hawaii (unless exam was FLEX). Filing deadline for reciprocity/endorsement 60 days prior to quarterly meeting dates. Interview and/or SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: A limited license special may be considered when application is complete, with no derogatory information; issued between quarterly Board meetings, fee \$175.

Reregistration: Biennial, \$420

CME Requirement: None

PENNSYLVANIA

Educational requirements: Graduation from board approved osteopathic college meeting statutory criteria

Postgraduate training: One year AOA approved rotating internship

Board: 6 DOs, 2 public members, 1 respiratory care practitioner or PA, PA Commissioner of Professional & Occupational Affairs, Secretary of Health

Board address: Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, Gina Bittner, Administrator, PO Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105 (717) 783-4858

Osteopathic members: Thomas R. Czarnecki, DO; John F. Callahan, DO; Oliver C. Bullock, DO; Charles P. Fasano, DO; Joseph C. Gallagher, DO; Alfred J. Poggi, DO

Website: www.dos.state.pa.us/ost

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, FLEX (provided applicant holds a valid license in another state and meets all board requirements)

Other requirements: Examination in osteopathic manipulative therapy required for licensure, fee \$195. Deadline date for application, 60 days prior to examination.

License fee: \$238.75

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): No, requires direct source verification.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement with states having equal requirements, provided applicant has not previously failed a Pennsylvania written examination. All applications reviewed on an individual basis.

Special licenses: Graduate training license, no moonlighting. Renewable one-year temporary licenses for interns and residents in board-approved programs, \$25. Short-term camp physician license may be granted to an osteopathic physician licensed in good standing in another state or Canada. Physician must obtain malpractice insurance as proscribed by state laws. Certification-Physician assistants. Registration-supervising physicians.

Reregistration: Biennial, before 31 October of every even-numbered year, \$440

CME Requirement: 100 hours of AOA or Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Categories 1 or 2 every 2 years; 20 credit hours shall be completed in AOA Category 1A or 1B, 12 hours in patient safety/risk management.

Malpractice insurance: Physicians conducting more than 50% of their practice in state must carry insurance with limits of \$500,000 per occurrence/\$1,500,000 per annual aggregate in compliance with the professional liability insurance requirements under 711 of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act No. 13 of 2002.

RHODE ISLAND

Educational requirements: Graduation from AOA accredited osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: Two years in hospital or equivalent postgraduate training approved by AOA or ACGME

Board: 4 MDs; 2 DOs; 5 Public members, one of whom is an attorney with experience as plaintiff's counsel in the presentation or prosecution of medical malpractice matters, and one of whom is a member of the general public, not associated with the medical field, who is at least sixty (60) years of age; 1 hospital administrator; director of RI Dept of

Health

Board address: Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Bruce McIntyre, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Three Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908-5097; (401) 222-3855; 401-222-2158 (fax)

Osteopathic members: Stephen A. Fanning, III, DO; James F. Griffin, DO

Website: www.health.ri.gov/hsr/bmld

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, LMCC

Other requirements: OPP may be required if USMLE or FLEX is presented for licensure; interview.

License fee: \$437.50

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Full application process

Special licenses: Limited licenses for training, intern, resident, fellow \$25

Reregistration: Biennial, 1 July, \$200

CME Requirement: 40 hours of Category 1 per 3 year period, 2 hours of which must be concerning universal precautions, infection control, modes of transmission, bioterrorism, OSHA and other regulatory requirements.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Educational requirements: Diploma from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year, as approved by the Board

Board: 8 MDs, 1 DO, 1 public member

Board address: South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation, Board of Medical Examiners, John Volmer, Board Administrator; PO Box 11289, Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 896-4500 (street address: 110 Centerview Dr. Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210)

Osteopathic member: Donald W. Tice, DO; James Leonard Hubbard, DO

Website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Medical

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, pre-1976 composite state exam if doctor is board-certified

License fee: \$510

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Endorsement on individual basis per state law - interview required – SPEX or COMVEX may be required.

Special licenses: Temporary licenses, \$85 per quarter. Limited license \$160 per fiscal year.

Reregistration: Annual, 1 July, \$90

CME Requirement: 40 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 CME every two years

SOUTH DAKOTA

Educational requirements: Diploma from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: Applicants entering postgraduate training as of July 1, 1987 must successfully complete an approved residency program in its entirety (minimum of 2 years).

Board: 4 MDs, 1 DO, 1 public member

Board address: South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, L. Paul Jensen, Executive Secretary, 1323 S Minnesota Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 (605) 334-8343

Osteopathic member: Brent Lindbloom, DO

Website: www.state.sd.us/doh/medical

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$200

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Yes

Reciprocity or Endorsement: All 50 states; may require a personal appearance. Oral or written examination may be required.

Special licenses: Resident license and Locum Tenens certificate

Reregistration: Annual, 1 March, \$100

CME Requirement: None

Malpractice insurance: Not required by state law

TENNESSEE

Educational requirements: Graduation from recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: One year AOA or ACGME training

Board: 5 DOs

Board address: Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination, Rosemarie Otto, Director, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, 1st Floor, Nashville, TN 37247-1010 (615) 532-3202 for local calls or 1-800-778-4123 is the toll free nationwide number ext. 24384

Osteopathic members: Joyce Ann Brown, DO; Paul G. Smith, DO; Jill Robinson, DO; Donald H. Polk, DO; Raphael M. Sanchez, DO

Website: <http://www.state.tn.us/health>

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME for initial or reciprocal licensure - USMLE and FLEX accepted for reciprocity only

License fee: \$410 non-refundable application fee

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: On an individual basis with any other state

Special licenses: Training license for osteopathic interns, residents and fellows. Dean of program must submit application to board.

Reregistration: Biennial, according to birth year, \$285

CME Requirement: 50 hours per two-year period of AOA or AMA Category 1

TEXAS

Educational requirements: Graduation from college approved by the board at the time DO or MD degree conferred.

Postgraduate training: One year for U.S./Canada graduates

Board: 9 MDs, 3 DOs, 7 public members

Board address: Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, Donald Patrick, MD, JD, Executive Director, PO Box 2018, Austin, TX 78768-2018 (512) 305-7010

Osteopathic members: David E. Garza, DO; Roberta M. Kalafut, DO; Larry Price, DO

Website: www.tsbme.state.tx.us

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state examinations before 1977)

Other requirements: Medical jurisprudence exam (tests on medical laws in Texas)

License fee: \$800

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: None – must start at the beginning of the process.

Special licenses: Temporary license, \$50 (in addition to application fee). No license required for interns, but they must register with board and pay \$75 fee for initial permit and \$50 per year for renewal.

Reregistration: Annual, staggered, \$330

CME Requirement: 24 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 per year; 1 hour must be in the area of ethics and/or professional responsibility.

UTAH

Educational requirements: Degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine earned from an AOA-approved medical school or college

Postgraduate training: 24 months of progressive ACGME or AOA resident training or completion of 12 months in an ACGME or AOA resident training program and continuing on in a progressive resident training program in Utah. For endorsement: if licensed in another state before July 1, 1996 based on only 12 months AOA or ACGME residency training and either passing the national exam within five years, passing the SPEX within 12 months, or current AOA or ABMS board certification.

Board: 4 DOs; 1 public member

Board address: Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Diana Baker, Bureau Manager, 160 East 300 South, PO Box 146741, Salt Lake City, UT 84114 (801) 530-6628

Osteopathic members: Dennis Harper, Jr., DO; Alan Edson, DO; J. Howard Loomis, DO; David Voss, DO

Website: http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/osteopathic_physician.html

Sunset law: Yes

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

Other requirements: Utah Physician Controlled Substance Examination, \$60

License fee: \$200

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reciprocity or Endorsement: By endorsement with all states; see above

Special licenses: No temporary permits

Reregistration: 31 May, even numbered year - \$183

CME Requirement: 40 hours of AOA or ACCME Category 1 every 2 years

Malpractice insurance: Not required by state law.

VERMONT

Educational requirements: Four years professional study of nine months each, or a course of 36 months

Postgraduate training: One year rotating internship or a 3-year residency

Board: 3 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: Vermont Board of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons, Secretary of State's Office, Kara Sanborn, Staff Secretary, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101 (802) 828-1134

Osteopathic members: Howard S. Jonas, DO; William Cove, DO; Paul J. Donovan, DO

Website: www.vtprofessionals.org/osteopaths

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, FLEX

Other requirements: OPP required if FLEX was taken - personal interview may be required

License fee: \$500

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With other states whose requirements are substantially equivalent

Special licenses: Limited temporary permits, \$50 – Regular application \$500

Reregistration: Biennial, \$500 (verification of licensure is \$20)

CME Requirement: 30 hours per two-year period - 40% must be osteopathic CME

VIRGINIA

Educational requirements: Diploma from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year of AOA- or ACGME- approved training required

Board: 11 MDs, 1 DO, 1 DC, 1 DPM, 4 public members at large

Board address: Virginia Board of Medicine, William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director; Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensure; Kate Nosbisch, Deputy Executive Director of Physician Profiling; Karen Perrine, Deputy Executive Director of Discipline, 6603 W. Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond VA 23230-1712 (804) 662-9908

Osteopathic member: Suzanne M. Everhart, DO

Website: www.dhp.state.virginia.gov

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$302

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept portions at discretion of Board

Endorsements: With states having an examination equal to and must meet same requirements - interview and/or SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: Limited, training, continuing education, summer camp, and volunteer licenses

Reregistration: Birth month, even-numbered year, \$337

CME Requirement: Effective January 1, 2002 physicians must amass at least 60 hours of CME within the two years immediately preceding renewal. A minimum of 30 of the 60 hours shall be in Category 1 with at least 15 of the Category 1 hours being earned in a face-to-face group activity or other interactive course.

WASHINGTON

Educational requirements: Diploma from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year in AOA- or ACGME-approved training program

Board: 6 DOs, 1 public member

Board address: Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Arlene Robertson, Program Manager III, PO Box 47866, Olympia, WA 98504-7866; (360) 236-4945

Osteopathic members: Thomas Bell, DO; Ralph Montegaudo, DO; Daniel Dugaw, DO; Thomas Shelton, DO; J. Ross Tanner, DO; Larry Dean Smith, DO

Website: <https://wvs2.wa.gov/doh/hpqa-licensing/HPS7/Osteopath/default.htm>

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state examination if substantially equivalent

Other requirements: If applicant has taken a state exam, USMLE or FLEX, then additional OP&P exam is required

License fee: \$650

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Endorsement: SPEX may be required

Special licenses: Limited license for post-graduate training

CME Requirement: 150 hours every three years; 60 hours must be in Category 1

Malpractice insurance: Not required by state law but highly recommended. Available from commercial carriers in the state

and the Washington State Medical Association.

WEST VIRGINIA

Educational requirements: Four years of nine months each of professional study in college approved by AOA

Postgraduate training: One year in an AOA-approved internship

Board: 3 DOs, 2 public members

Board address: West Virginia Board of Osteopathy, Cheryl Schreiber, Executive Secretary, 334 Penco Road, Weirton, WV, 26062 (304) 723-4638

Osteopathic members: Douglas D. Wolfe, DO; Thomas L. Gilligan, DO; Ernest Miller, DO

Website: www.wvbdosteo.org

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME

Other requirements: Interview

License fee: \$200

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): No, requires direct source verification.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: With all states having equal requirements, including internship - interview required.

Special licenses: Temporary permits to applicants in areas in need of medical services, only until next meeting of board; educational training permit, \$50

Reregistration: Biennial, 1 July, \$200 (\$50 penalty if late)

CME Requirement: Evidence of attendance at courses of state osteopathic society or AOA-approved equivalent totaling 32 hours, with at least one-half being in AOA Category 1 and 2 hours must be completed in the subject of end-of-life care including pain management.

WISCONSIN

Educational requirements: Graduation from a recognized osteopathic college

Postgraduate training: One year at an ACGME approved training facility

Board: 10 MDs, 1 DO, 3 public members

Board address: Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, Tom Ryan, Bureau Director, PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708 (608) 266-2811

Osteopathic member: Daniel J. Miota, DO

Website: www.drl.wi.gov

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX, state board examinations taken prior to 1972

Other requirements: Medical jurisprudence examination, \$57

License fee: Endorsement of National Board Certificate (COMLEX), FLEX, USMLE \$53; reciprocity of state board exam taken prior to 1972 \$163; endorsement of LMCC taken after 1/78 \$110 (all fees include \$57 jurisprudence examination). For oral exam additional fee of \$266

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Accepted but does not provide all required information; applicant will still need to complete some application information themselves.

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Endorsement on individual basis; oral exam may be required.

Special licenses: Visiting professor license \$110 (includes jurisprudence); Camp physician \$179 (includes jurisprudence); locum Tenens license \$163 (includes jurisprudence).

Reregistration: Biennial, 1 November, odd years, \$106

CME Requirement: 30 hours of AOA or AMA Category 1 every two years obtained between 1/1/even year and 12/31/odd year.

Malpractice insurance: Physicians must carry insurance with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 per annual aggregate.

WYOMING

Educational requirements: Graduation from an AOA-approved college

Postgraduate training: One year in an AOA or ACGME accredited program

Board: 4 MDs, 1 DO, 2 public members, 1 PA

Board address: Wyoming Board of Medicine, Carole Shotwell, Executive Secretary, Colony Building, 211 W. 19th Street, 2nd Floor, Cheyenne WY 82002 (307) 778-7053

Osteopathic member: Jane Robinett, DO

Website: <http://wyomedboard.state.wy.us>

Sunset law: No

Examinations accepted: COMLEX, NBOME, USMLE, FLEX

License fee: \$350

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: At discretion of board, personal interview & oral examination required - SPEX may be required.

Special licenses: Temporary licenses, \$100

Reregistration: Annual, 30 June, \$200

CME Requirement: Beginning January 1, 2007, in order to renew, reinstate or reactivate a license, physicians must complete 60 hours of AOA Category I, Category II, a current Physician's Recognition Award from the AMA, a current certificate from any ABMS board every three years

Malpractice insurance: Not required by state law but available through the Wyoming Medical Society.

US TERRITORIES

GUAM

Scope of practice: Unlimited

Education: Earned DO degree - certificate of proficiency in the basic sciences is required, plus proof of not less than one year of training in a hospital registered and/or acceptable to the Commission on Licensure to Practice the Healing Art.

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Will accept

Reciprocity or Endorsement: Possibly granted on the basis of existing license

Governed by: Guam Board of Medical Examiners

Apply to: Guam Board of Medical Examiners, Peter John D. Camacho, MPH, Director, Health Professional Licensing office, P.O. Box 2816, Hagatna, Guam 96932; (671) 735-7399; 671-734-5910 (fax)

Fee: \$100, non-refundable - checks should be made payable to Treasurer of Guam

Website: www.dphss.govguam.net

PUERTO RICO

Scope of practice: Unlimited

Education: DO degree from an osteopathic college recognized by the Board of Medical Examiners

Postgraduate training: 1 year approved by board. Applicant must also serve one year in any place designated by board.

Residence: Six months (6) residence in Puerto Rico required

Examination: In English or Spanish, at option of applicant. Includes clinical examination, but not obstetrics-gynecology, pharmacology, legal medicine, or tropical diseases.

Fee: \$200

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Unknown

Reciprocity or Endorsement: For unlimited license, if granted by a US state having reciprocity with Puerto Rico.

Apply to: Ivonne Fernandez, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners of Puerto Rico, PO Box 13969, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00908 (Kennedy Avenue, ILA Building, Hogardel Obrero Portuario, Piso 8, Puerto Nuevo 00920) (787) 782-8949 or (787) 782-8958, fax (787) 791-4436 or (787)706-0304.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Education: The licensing act governing the health professions in the Virgin Islands recognizes AOA-approved schools.

Postgraduate training: One year AOA or ACGME approved training

Examination: Applicants must pass medical licensing examination (SPEX) and oral component. The examination of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners is not accepted as an avenue for physician licensure in the territory.

Examinations dates: May and November. Filing deadline is twelve weeks prior to exam date.

Exam fee: \$800

Reciprocity or Endorsement: None

Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS): Required

Reregistration: \$500

Apply to: Lydia Scott, Executive Assistant, Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners, Virgin Islands Department of Health, 48 Sugar Estate, St Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802 (340) 774-0117, ext 5074, 5078, fax (340) 777-4001

NATIONAL BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS, INC

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana. It consists of not more than 25 members at-large from the osteopathic profession. Members must be osteopathic physicians in good standing of the American Osteopathic Association, educators/clinicians of recognized prominence and shall have been licensed to practice as an osteopathic physician for at least five years prior to appointment.

Board members are nominated by the directors of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, approved by the

Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association, and elected by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, to serve for a period of three years.

The officers of the Board consist of a President/CEO, Chief Operations Officer, Vice President of Testing & Research and Secretary-Treasurer, selected from and elected by the membership of the Board at each Spring session, and serve until their successors are qualified and elected.

The Board has established an advisory panel or test committee of content experts for each examination. These experts must be duly nominated by a member and approved by the Board. They are appointed annually to serve under the direction of the respective test construction committee chairman.

Regulations and requirements

The examination given is divided into three levels. With the exception of Level 2 – PE, all parts of the exam are computer-based.

COMLEX Level 1 is a two-day, written, multiple-choice examination covering the basic medical sciences of anatomy, behavioral science, biochemistry, microbiology, osteopathic principles, pathology, pharmacology, physiology and other areas relevant to medical problems. The examination consists of four test books, each given in a four-hour test session, containing questions related to all clinical presentations and disciplines.

COMLEX Level 2 consists of two-parts: the Cognitive Evaluation and the Performance Evaluation:

The Cognitive Evaluation (CE) is a written section is a series of multiple choice questions used singly or in case scenarios from the following disciplines: internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, psychiatry, community medicine/medical humanities, and osteopathic principles. The examination consists of four test books, each given in a four-hour test session; each book contains items relating to all disciplines.

The Performance Evaluation (PE) consists of 12 simulated clinical encounters with standardized patients, primarily modeled on visits to outpatient primary care settings. The clinical encounters last 14 minutes, allowing the candidate to evaluate and treat the patient according to the patient's presenting complaint. After each encounter, the candidate completes a written SOAP note.

COMLEX Level 3 is a two-day, written examination consisting of multiple choice questions used singly or in case scenarios from the following encounters: family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, surgery, psychiatry, osteopathic principles and emergency medicine. Emphasis is on testing the information physician's knowledge based on the actual practice patterns of osteopathic primary care physicians. This level of the exam utilizes a proactive wellness approach to patient health care, covering such topics as psychosocial issues relating to patients' environments and lifestyles. Additional items such as cost management, physician impairment and other issues related to the practices of today's health care are incorporated. The examination consists of four test books, each given in a four-hour test session; each book contains items relating to all disciplines.

Eligibility requirements

A candidate may take Level 1 upon satisfactory completion of the first half of the sophomore year in an AOA-approved college of osteopathic medicine and with the approval of the Dean. Both parts of Level 2 may be taken after having passed Level 1 within the NBOME's requirement, and having satisfactorily completed the third year in an AOA-approved osteopathic medical school and with approval of the Dean.

A candidate who has passed Part I/Level 1 and Part II/Level 2, within the requirements of the NBOME, shall be eligible to complete COMLEX Level 3 upon compliance with the following requirements:

1. Graduation from a college of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, with the earned DO degree.

2. Must currently be participating in or have completed an AOA Bureau of Professional Education approved internship or ACGME-approved PGY 1.

3. Application must be made on current original form. The signature of the Director of Medical Education or the Program Director is required for Level 3 applications. A notarized copy of the internship certificate or PGY 1 certificate may be submitted in lieu of this requirement.

DATES OF EXAMINATION

The NBOME conducts Levels 1 and 2 of its examinations only twice a year at AOA- approved colleges of osteopathic medicine and/or testing sites arranged by the NBOME. The Level 2-PE exam is only given at the NBOME National Center for Clinical Skills Testing in Pennsylvania. Exam dates are subject to change. Applications may be obtained from the NBOME or the office of the dean of an osteopathic college. Level 1 is given in June and October; Level 2-CE is given in January and August, and the PE is offered daily year round; and Level 3 is given in June and December at NBOME-approved regional testing sites geographically centered to the largest known concentration of interns in each area. Level 3 applications are distributed to osteopathic internship program hospitals where candidates have contracted through the AOA. Applications may also be obtained by contacting the NBOME office. All candidates participating in ACGME approved postgraduate training programs should contact the NBOME directly for a Level 3 application.

The completed application form and check with the current fee must be received in the NBOME office by the established deadlines. All correspondence should be sent to: National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Inc., 8765 West Higgins Road, Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60631 (773) 714-0622 or you can visit their Website at www.nbome.org.

COMPREHENSIVE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL VARIABLE PURPOSE EXAMINATION - USA (COMVEX-USA)

The COMVEX is the newest evaluation instrument offered to osteopathic physicians who need to demonstrate current osteopathic medical knowledge for licensing purposes. As a measurement tool, the COMVEX provides the state medical licensing boards with a clear evaluation of a candidate's knowledge of current osteopathic medical practices.

The COMVEX is available to candidates through the individual state licensing boards. The examination is created under the auspices of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners by test construction and review committees composed of a variety of osteopathic physicians from a range of medical disciplines.

SPECIAL PURPOSE EXAMINATION (SPEX)

The Federation of State Medical Boards administers the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX). The purpose of SPEX is to reexamine specific physicians for whom a licensing board determines the need for a demonstration of medical knowledge. It is a one-day examination composed of multiple choice questions, which are specially selected to test physicians who are five or more years beyond medical school graduation.