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Specialized Licensing Services for Foreign Medical Professionals.

## Part 60 - A Brief Introduction

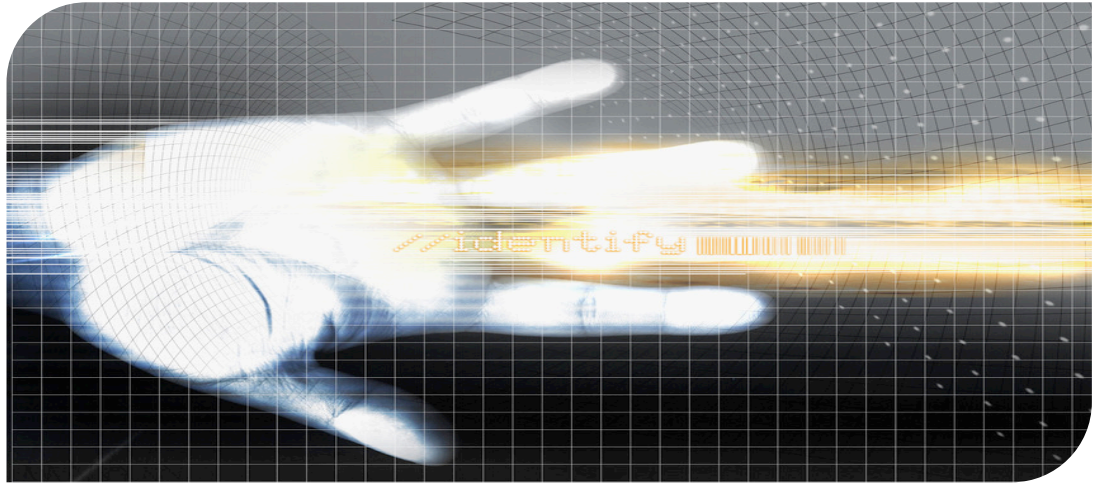


On April 8, 2011 the New York State Board of Regents promulgated Part 60 - a section of Commissioner's Regulations that allow for endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met.

### **§60.1 PROFESSIONAL STUDY OF MEDICINE.**

A. To meet the pre-professional and the professional education requirement for licensure in this State, the applicant shall present evidence of:

1. the completion of two years of pre-professional education acceptable to the department;
2. the completion of a curriculum of not less than 32 months in length in a medical program registered by the department, accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department, or recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the school is located as an acceptable educational program for physicians or the completion of a medical program registered by the department or accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department in which the student received advanced standing for prior academic work;
3. having received, from a school offering a program which meets the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision, the degree doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic medicine or the equivalent as determined by the department; and
4. having obtained a passing score on a satisfactory proficiency examination, if the program of medical education is completed in a medical school not registered by the department or determined by the department to be equivalent to a registered program; provided, however, that a satisfactory diplomate certificate earned by examination may be accepted for the required proficiency examination.



Commissioners Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses to fulfill the licensure requirements.

### **§60.3 EXPERIENCE.**

- a. For issuance of a license to practice medicine, all applicants who make application for licensure after July 1, 1985 shall have completed at least one year of postgraduate hospital training acceptable to the department, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this section.
- b. For issuance of a license to practice medicine, graduates of medical education programs neither registered by the department nor accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department, except those applicants seeking licensure pursuant to section 6528 of the Education Law, shall meet the following requirements:
  - 1. individuals who make application for licensure on or after July 1, 1981, shall have completed at least three years of postgraduate training approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association or their predecessors or successors.
- c. A year of postgraduate training shall mean a period of not less than the equivalent of 11 calendar months of full-time experience after passing an acceptable proficiency examination. A graduate entering the licensing examination pursuant to this section may sit for the examination following completion of undergraduate medical education but prior entry into the required postgraduate training.
- d. Fellowships in the United States or Canada, which are clinical in nature or postgraduate hospital training obtained in a country in which such training is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance that has been approved by the Board of Regents, may be accepted by the Committee on the Professions toward meeting the postgraduate training requirement. Fellowships determined to be other than clinical or postgraduate hospital training obtained outside the United States or Canada may be accepted on a pro rata basis at the discretion of the Committee on the Professions, based on the content of the experience as compared to the experience obtained in the postgraduate training prescribed in subdivision (b)(2) of this section.
- e. A diplomate certificate satisfactory to the department and earned by examination may be accepted for one year of the required postgraduate hospital training.

## New York License Statistics

### Licenses Issued (2009-2013)

US CITIZENS:	92,852
NON-US CITIZENS:	335
TOTAL:	93,187

\*\*The number of Foreign Medical Professional Petitioners has increased x%

“Gaining recognition for professional experience overseas is arguable the greatest barrier to professional practice.”

- Migration Policy Institute

Obtaining medical licensure is extremely time-consuming, expensive and complex, making it unreachable for the many foreign physicians who lack financial resources or time to study for and take the USMLE examination or to apply for and serve long residencies.

### **§60.5 LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT.**

- a. Endorsement of foreign licenses. A medical license or registration certificate granted in a foreign country in which licensure or registration is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance of licensees and acceptable to the Board of Regents, may be accepted by the department for licensure in New York State if the applicant:
  1. is eligible for admission to the medical licensing examination;
  2. has acceptable grades on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the department or has a diplomate certificate which was obtained on the basis of satisfying the experience and examination requirements established by a recognized organization responsible for specialty certification;
  3. is in possession of the appropriate medical license or certificate from that country;
  4. presents evidence satisfactory to the department of completion of the postgraduate training required by section 60.3 of this Part; and
  5. has not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience or practice following licensure or registration.

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.



#### **SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS (§ 60.1 - § 60.5)**

1. Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education;
2. Proficiency Examination;
3. Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training;
4. Appropriate medical license or certificate;
5. Acceptable scores on clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department;
6. Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience;
7. United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.
8. Evidence of good moral character
9. Course completed in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.

