

Examination Requirements

Physician Licensure

Texas statute requires passage of a licensure examination (typically USMLE or COMLEX) acceptable to the Board. A complete listing of acceptable exams is found in Board Rule §161.7 and can be viewed at: [Board Rules](#)

Attempt Limits

Passage of each part of the examination within 3 attempts, or

If you:

- have successfully completed a graduate medical education program approved by the board;
- hold a full license* and is in good standing as a physician in another state or Canada;
- do not hold and has never held a medical license subject to any restriction, disciplinary order, or probation;
- are not and have never been the subject of a peer review that has resulted or may result in limitation, restriction, suspension, or other adverse impact on the applicant's hospital or other medical facility privileges; and
- are not under investigation by any licensing or law enforcement agency, then
 - If you have held a full license* and been in active practice** for **at least one year and less than five years:**
 - a 4th attempt allowed on one part only,
 - or up to 6 attempts allowed on one part only, if you are specialty board certified by an ABMS or BOS board
 - If you have held a full license* and been in active practice** for **at least five years:**
 - No limit on attempts on any part(s)

* **Full license** - means a license to practice medicine that is not a training license, a permit, or any other form of authority to practice medicine issued to a person while the person is completing or enrolled in a residency, fellowship, or other supervised training program.

** **Active Practice** - means the practice of medicine by a person after successful completion of a residency, fellowship, or other supervised training program.

Time Frame for Passage of All Licensing Examination Steps

7 years, or

10 years if you:

- are specialty board certified by an ABMS or BOS board, or
- have practiced under a Texas FTL for 1 year

If you graduated from a combined MD/PhD or DO/PhD program, time frame extended by no later than the earlier of:

Second anniversary of the completion date all graduate medical training undertaken by the applicant, including internship, residency, and fellowship, or

12 years after the start date of graduate medical training

No time frame requirement if you:

- hold a license in good standing as a physician in another state;
- have been licensed for at least five years;
- do not hold a medical license in the other state that has or has ever had any restrictions, disciplinary orders, or probation; and
- will practice in a medically underserved area (MUA) or a health manpower shortage area (HPSA)

_____ No time frame requirement if you:

- have successfully completed a graduate medical education program approved by the board;
- hold a full license* and is in good standing as a physician in another state or Canada;
- been in active practice** for at least 1 year;
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Examination Transcripts

1. If using FCVS, exam scores (USMLE, FLEX, NBME, NBOME/COMLEX, LMCC or State Board examination, etc) will be included in the FCVS packet, so no separate transcripts are required.
 2. If not using FCVS, you must contact all examination agencies and request that a certified transcript of all examination attempts be sent directly to the Texas Medical Board.
- [USMLE](#)
 - [FLEX](#)
 - [NBME](#)
 - [NBOME/COMLEX](#)
 - [LMCC](#)
 - State Board Examinations - Contact the state medical board that administered the exam.