

THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Foreign Training License (Public Chapter 929) Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who qualifies for the foreign training license under Public Chapter 929?

An international medical school graduate who meets all the requirements outlined below:

- Successfully completed all three (3) steps of the USMLE examination;
- Demonstrated competency as determined by the Board; (These competencies will be determined via rule which is forthcoming. Once these rules are finalized we will link the information here).
- Completed a postgraduate training program of a minimum of three (3) years in the graduate's licensing country;
- Practiced as a physician for the last three (3) years outside of the United States;
- **Must have, and submit, an offer of employment as a physician at a healthcare provider that operates in Tennessee that has a post-graduate training program in place accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).**

***"Healthcare" provider means an individual, entity, corporation, person, or organization, whether for profit or nonprofit, that furnishes, bills, or is paid for a healthcare procedure or service delivery in the normal course of business, and includes but is not limited to, a health system hospital, hospital-based facility, freestanding emergency facility, and urgent care clinic.

2. How do I apply and what documentation is required to be submitted with my application?

An application is available on our website that includes a checklist of the documentation required. [Foreign Training License Application](#)

3. Once I submit my application, how long will the application remain open?

Your application will be open for ninety (90) days to allow you to submit all required documentation.

4. Where can I find employment as a physician at a facility that operates in this state and has an ACGME-accredited post-graduate training program?

The Board does not assist with obtaining an offer of employment and therefore does not have a list of job opportunities to meet this requirement.

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5. Where can I find a list of ACGME-accredited post-graduate training programs?

The Board does not retain a list of post-graduate training programs accredited by the ACGME. The ACGME may have this information. The ACGME website is located at: [ACGME - Accreditation Data System \(ADS\) \(acgme-i.org\)](https://www.acgme-i.org/).

6. When can I apply for a license under this Public Chapter?

The law became effective January 1, 2025.

7. When can I apply for a full and unrestricted license?

The Board may grant a full and unrestricted license to a foreign training licensee who is in good standing and has actively practiced in Tennessee for two (2) years after the date the foreign training license was issued.

8. What documents are required to upgrade my foreign training license to a full and restricted license?

At this time, the Board does not have an application for this purpose.

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