

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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#### **ADEQUACY OF RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES**

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In order to qualify for medical licensure in Tennessee, graduates of Board-approved international medical schools must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a three (3) year residency program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The residency program must be three (3) years in length and constitute a single discipline.

Although residency training programs are typically completed in successive years without interruption, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners sometimes encounters applicants for licensure who have completed three years of ACGME-accredited residency training in more than one specialty, or who have been given credit for three years of residency training in a single program after only completing two years of successive training in that program. In these instances, or in any other instance in which the Board must make a determination regarding whether a three (3) year residency program has been completed in a single discipline, the program director for the program verifying completion will be asked to confirm whether the applicant for licensure was given credit for successful completion of a three (3) year ACGME-accredited residency training program. Such confirmation must be provided in writing, and must be notarized or bear the verifying institution's seal. Receipt of a program director's written verification of a three (3) year ACGME-accredited residency program will constitute sufficient evidence of qualifying training, such that the Board will accept it was completed in one discipline. Tennessee Comp. R. and Regs., Rule 0880-02-.04(5).

An individual who has not completed qualifying training may nonetheless qualify for licensure if he or she is currently board certified by an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) specialty board.

**Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners on this 21st day of March, 2018.**