

How To Become a Physician in Maryland?

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What is MedChi?

- ▶ MedChi is the seventh oldest medical society formed in 1799 in Annapolis, MD
- ▶ The Mission of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients, and the public health of Maryland
- ▶ MedChi is the largest physician organization in Maryland
 - Physicians – primary care and specialists
 - Medical residents and students
 - Practice managers and medical staff



Maryland Board of Physicians

- ▶ The Board of Physicians issues licenses for physicians in Maryland.
 - Main regulatory authority for physicians
 - Also handle disciplinary actions
- ▶ International applicants must meet educational requirements, pass a qualifying exam, and demonstrate oral and written competency in the English language to qualify for a medical license in Maryland.

Contact information

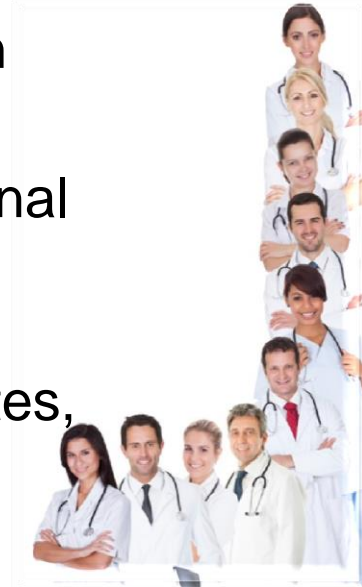
www.mbp.state.md.us

Maryland Board of Physicians
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215



How to Apply for Your Medical License

- ▶ Complete an online application with the Maryland Board of Physicians at www.mbp.state.md.us and include **all** of the following:
 - **Form IML2** – Verification of Education and English Language Instruction
 - **Form IML3** - Verification of Postgraduate Medical Education
 - **Form IML7** – State Board Licensure and Examination Certification
 - Nonrefundable **fee** of \$890 for graduates of international medical schools; \$790 for graduates of schools in US territories, Puerto Rico or Canada
 - Passport quality **photo**, as well as diplomas, certificates, and other documents as appropriate



Education Requirements

(Must meet one of these)

- a. Doctor of Medicine Degree from a school of medicine accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (**LCME**);
- b. DO Degree from a school of osteopathy in the US territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or Canada with standards equivalent to American Osteopathic Association
- c. Doctor of Medicine Degree from any medical school and obtain Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (**ECFMG**) certification
- d. Complete a “Fifth Pathway Program” which applies to students who are US citizens who have completed medical school except for social service and post-graduate training requirements
- e. Fulltime teaching at an LCME-approved medical school (case-by-case basis)
- f. Additional post-graduate training applies to **b through e**



Pass a Qualifying Exam

- a. United States Medical Licensing Examination (**USMLE**)
- b. Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Exam (**COMLEX**)
- c. Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada
- d. A State or DC Board of Medicine Exam
- e. National Board of Medical Examiners Exam
- f. Federal Licensing Exam(**FLEX**) and must meet minimum scores
- g. Special Purpose Exam (**SPEX**) or COMVEX exam required if
 - i. Last licensing exam was more than 15 years ago; and
 - ii. Applicant has not been licensed, board-certified or practiced medicine for 10 years.
 - iii. Exam may be waived if one of these conditions not met



English Language Requirements

(Must document one of the following)

- a. Graduation from a “recognized” English-speaking high school, professional school or undergraduate school after three years of enrollment
- b. Passed United States Medical License Exam (**USMLE**) Step 2 Clinical Skills
- c. Achieved a score of 26 or more on the “Speaking Section” of the internet-based **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- d. Achieved at least an “advanced” score on the **OPI** (Oral Proficiency Interview)



More on the Credentialing Process

Q: What credentialing services will the Board of Physicians accept for the evaluation of foreign degrees?

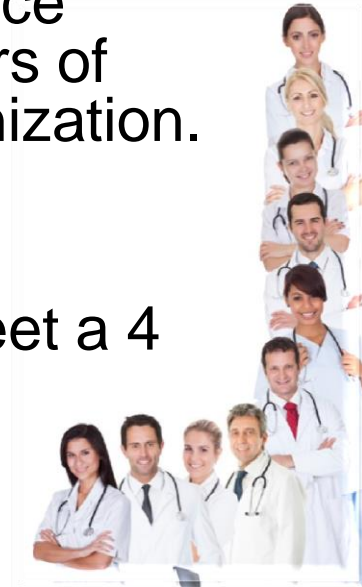
A: Federation Credentialing Verification Service at <https://www.fsmb.org/licensure/fcvs/overview>

Q: Do I need to take courses?

A. This will depend on your education and practice history. You may be required to take two years of post-graduate training by an accredited organization.

Q: How long will the credentialing process take?

A: The Maryland Board of Physicians tries to meet a 4 month standard.



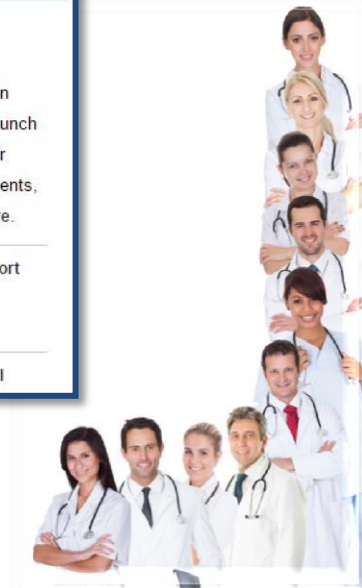
Maryland Resources for Foreign Medical Graduates & Physicians

- ▶ Maryland Board of Physicians
www.mbp.state.md.us
- ▶ MedChi
<http://www.medchi.org/membership/component-medical-societies/international-medical-graduate-section>
- ▶ Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
<http://www.ecfmg.org/programs/index.html>
- ▶ American Medical Association (AMA)
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/our-people/member-groups-sections/international-medical-graduates/practicing-medicine.page?>
- ▶ U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration
<http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradvisory/cogme/Publications/internationalmedicalgraduates.pdf>
- ▶ Federation of State Medical Boards
<http://www.fsmb.org/>
- ▶ International Forum of Medical Graduates on Facebook
<http://www.imgforum.com/>



MedChi Has an International Medical Graduate Section

The screenshot shows the MedChi website interface. At the top left is the MedChi logo with the tagline "The Maryland State Medical Society". To the right are navigation links: Home, About MedChi, Contact/Feedback, Careers, and a JOIN button. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation is a horizontal menu with categories: MEMBERSHIP, EVENTS, LAW AND ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, PRACTICE SERVICES, NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS, RESOURCES, and LOGIN/RENEW. The main content area features a large image of a female doctor in a white coat. Below the image is the heading "International Medical Graduate Section" followed by a list of officers: President — Laurel G. Yap, M.D.; Immediate Past President — Ambadas Pathak, M.D.; President-elect — Vasant Datta, M.D.; Vice President — Padmini Ranasinghe, M.D., MPH; Secretary/Treasurer — Jagdeep Singh, M.D.; Board of Trustee Representative — Laurel G. Yap, M.D.; HOD Delegate — Padmini Ranasinghe, M.D., MPH; and HOD Alternative Delegate — James Lacey, M.D. To the right of the main content are three icons with labels: a pencil for "Practice Services", scales for "Law and Advocacy", and a graduation cap for "Continuing Professional Development". Below these are "HOT BULLETINS" including "MedChi Lunch & Learn Series" and "2015 Legislative Wrap-up Report". A sidebar on the left lists membership options like "Join MedChi", "Member Benefits", and "Component Medical Societies".



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