



Resident Doctor Licensure Requirements Policy:

It is the policy at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center that **all** residents obtain an unrestricted West Virginia Medical License as soon as they are eligible to do so under state law.

For MD degree applicants, WV Board of Medicine requires passage of all three steps of the USMLE examination within a ten year period.*

Graduates of US and Canadian medical schools are eligible for licensure after successful completion of one year of postgraduate education. They are required to take, and pass, USMLE Step 3 by the end of their second postgraduate year. These residents will not be advanced to a third year unless they have passed all steps of the USMLE and have applied for West Virginia licensure. It is expected that a resident will obtain the license within 90 days of the initial application.

Graduates of medical schools outside the US and Canada must take, and pass, USMLE Step 3 before the completion of their second year. They will not be advanced to the third year unless they have passed all steps of the USMLE. Following completion of three years of postgraduate training, they must have applied for West Virginia licensure. It is expected that a resident will obtain the license within 90 days of the initial application.

Exceptions for extension to these deadlines must be approved by the GMEC Taskforce and the DIO.

Doctors of Medicine:

**West Virginia Board of Medicine
101 Dee Drive
Charleston, WV 25311
(304) 348-2921 or (304) 558-2921**

Dentistry:

**West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners
P.O. Drawer 1459
Beckley, WV 25802
(304) 252-8266**

Doctors of Osteopathy participating in residency programs at WVU School of Medicine are also required to be licensed by the State of West Virginia when they are first eligible**. They must have passed all three parts of the COMLEX to qualify for this license. They will not be advanced to the PG 3 level unless a passing COMLEX level 3 score is provided. They must complete the licensure application by the end of the PG 2 year and will not be provided a PG 3 contract without proof of application. It is expected that a resident will obtain the license within 90 days of initial application.

Information on rules and regulations, fees, and applications can be obtained from:

**State of West Virginia
Board of Osteopathy
334 Penco Road
Weirton, WV 26062
(304) 723-4638**

*Amended August 2008 due to change in West Virginia State Code.

** Amended in April 2009 with SB526.