The Expedited Pathway to Medical Licensure

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Compact Mission

• The mission of the IMLCC is to increase access to health care – particularly to patients in underserved or rural areas.

• The IMLCC accomplishes this mission by making it possible for physicians to extend the reach of their practice, improving access to medical specialists and leveraging the use of new medical technologies, such as telemedicine.

• The IMLCC process provides the answer to a simple question: “What are the common standards of licensure that could be verified by one and accepted by many?”
Compact Overview

- The IMLCC process is available to physicians
  - Doctors of Osteopathy (DO)
  - Doctors of Medicine (MD)
- The IMLCC provides an expedited process for physicians to obtain a full, unrestricted license from a member state.
- The license is issued by the member state’s board and is subject to that state’s practice of medicine requirements.
- The IMLCC is a governmental instrumentality controlled and governed by the member states. There is no outside control or governance.
- The IMLCC became a legal organization in April 2015 when Alabama became the 7th authorizing state.
- The first application was processed April 7, 2017 and the first license using the compact process was issued 13 days later.
Compact Administration

- It is a statutorily established governmental instrumentality, as recognized by IRS code § 115.
- The IMLCC is “created” by each member board state when legislation is passed and signed by the governor. This action makes the IMLCC a discretionary state function – i.e. a part of that state’s government.
- Once the legislation is passed, each member state selects 2 commissioners as part of the IMLCC’s governance structure.
- The IMLCC has rulemaking authority established in the initial legislation, which is binding on the member states.
- An Executive Committee is comprised of an elected Chair, Vice Chair, Immediate Past Chair and Treasurer, with the Executive Director acting as Secretary, and the chairs of the IMLCC standing committees:
  - Audit
  - Budget
  - Bylaws and Rules
  - Communications
  - Personnel
  - Technology
Member States

Status

• Active – SPL and issuing licenses
  • AL, AZ, CO, GU, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NV, SD, TN, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY

• Active – Issuing licenses only
  • GA, OK, VT

• On boarding
  • DC, LA

• Delayed implementation
  • PA
Compact License Eligibility – Step #1
State of Principal License selection requirements

- HOLD a full, unrestricted medical license in a Compact Member state (AL, AZ, CO, Guam, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, MT, ND, NE, NH, NV, SD, TN, UT, WA, WI, WV, WY)

- MEET at least one of the four following requirements:
  - Your principal residence is in the SPL
  - At least 25% of your practice of medicine occurs in the SPL
  - Your employer is located in the SPL
  - You use the SPL as your state of residence for U.S. federal income tax purposes
Compact License Eligibility – Step #2
The 9 Common Standards

1. Medical School Accreditation: LCME, COCA, IMED
2. No more than 3 attempts at USMLE or COMLEX-USA steps
3. Graduate Medical Education accreditation by ACGME or AOA
4. ABMS or AOA-BOS including time-unlimited certificates
5. No prior convictions or criminal activity
6. No history of licensure actions
7. Clean DEA history
8. No active investigations
9. **Must pass FBI Criminal Background Check**
Cost – IMLCC fees

• The IMLCC application fees is $700.00 at the time of application
  • $300.00 of the fee is paid to the State of Principal License
  • $400.00 of the fee is paid to the IMLCC

• Additional License fee is $100.00 to add licenses to an active LOQ

• For renewals to fee is $25 plus the renewal fee charged by the member board.
Processing Information – Data sliced 3 different ways

• Data #1 - Cumulative Numbers
  • April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021
    • Applications Processed = 12,818
    • Licenses Issued = 18,295

• By Calendar Year
  • 2017
    • Applications Processed = 553
    • Licenses Issued = 745
  • 2018
    • Applications Processed = 2,216
    • Licenses Issued = 3,767

• 12-month Pre-Covid (March 2019 to February 2020)
  • Applications Processed = 3,738
  • License Issued = 3,877

• 2019
  • Applications Processed = 3,402
  • Licenses Issued = 3,768

• 2020
  • Applications Processed = 5,166
  • Licenses Issued = 7,385

• 12-month Covid-19 Pandemic (March 2020 to February 2021)
  • Applications Processed = 5,282
  • Licenses Issued = 8,126
Questions?
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