
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 453-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Before any applicant shall be eligible for licensure,
4 the applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the board
5 that:

6 (1) The applicant is of demonstrated competence and
7 professional knowledge; and

8 (2) The applicant is a graduate of:

9 (A) A medical school or college whose program leading
10 to the M.D. degree is accredited by the Liaison
11 Committee on Medical Education or whose program
12 leading to the D.O. degree is approved by the
13 American Osteopathic Association Commission on
14 Osteopathic College Accreditation, and has served
15 a residency of at least one year in a program
16 that has been accredited for the training of
17 resident physicians or osteopathic physicians by



1 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
2 Education or the American Osteopathic
3 Association, respectively, or a residency of at
4 least one year in a program in Canada that has
5 been accredited for the training of resident
6 physicians by the Royal College of Physicians and
7 Surgeons of Canada, or the College of Family
8 Physicians of Canada; or

9 (B) A foreign medical school [~~and~~] listed in the
10 World Directory of Medical Schools; has
11 demonstrated a proficiency in the English
12 language; has had at least two years of residency
13 in a program accredited by the Accreditation
14 Council for Graduate Medical Education or the
15 American Osteopathic Association[7]; or has
16 completed a minimum of two years of higher level
17 clinical training as an international fellow who
18 was not in a position accredited by the
19 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
20 Education or the American Osteopathic Association
21 at a training institution accredited by the



1 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
2 Education or the American Osteopathic Association
3 and who has demonstrated clinical competence
4 comparable to that of an individual who has
5 graduated from a program accredited by the
6 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
7 Education or the American Osteopathic
8 Association; or has had at least two years of
9 residency in a program in Canada that has been
10 accredited for the training of resident
11 physicians by the Royal College of Physicians and
12 Surgeons of Canada, or by the College of Family
13 Physicians of Canada; and:

14 (i) Holds the national certificate of the
15 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical
16 Graduates, or its successor, or for
17 applicants with residency training in
18 Canada, has passed with scores deemed
19 satisfactory by the board, the Medical
20 Council of Canada Evaluating Examination, or
21 its successor; [~~or~~]



(ii) Holds the certificate of the Fifth Pathway
Program of the American Medical Association;
or

(iii) Has passed the United States Medical
Licensing Examination (USMLE) with scores
deemed satisfactory by the board;

provided that for a period of two years after
June 26, 2004, the requirements of subsection
(b) (2) (B) (i) and (ii) shall not apply to any
applicant who has had four years of residency in
a program accredited by the Accreditation Council
for Graduate Medical Education or the American
Osteopathic Association and who has passed, with
scores deemed satisfactory by the board, the
Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) [-]; provided
further that the requirement that an applicant
complete at least two years of residency in an
accredited program shall not apply to any
applicant who has had at least one year of
fellowship training in a program whose parent
program or hospital is accredited by the



1 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
2 Education or the American Osteopathic
3 Association, or who has had at least one year of
4 fellowship training in Canada in a program whose
5 parent program or hospital is accredited by the
6 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of
7 Canada, or by the College of Family Physicians of
8 Canada; provided further that the board may waive
9 the residency requirement under this subparagraph
10 for an applicant who is a graduate from a foreign
11 medical school who has passed, with scores deemed
12 satisfactory by the board, the United States
13 Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and who
14 provides services in a specialty that no other
15 physician licensed in the State provides."

16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Medical Students; Licensure; Requirements; Waiver; Foreign
Medical Graduates; Exemptions

Description:

Specifies the types of foreign medical schools whose graduates may be accepted for licensure. Specifies licensure requirements for foreign medical graduates. Exempts foreign medical graduates from the residency requirements for medical licensure if the applicant had at least one year of fellowship training in a program whose parent program or hospital holds certain accreditations. Authorizes the Hawaii Medical Board to waive the residency requirements if the foreign medical graduate applicant has graduated from a foreign medical school, passed the USMLE, and practices in a specialty that no other licensed physician in the State practices in. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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