

INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE (ITPE) LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Internationally-Trained Physician Employee License (ITPE) is for individuals who have obtained medical education and post graduate training outside the United States. You are eligible for an ITPE application if you meet the following qualifications:

- Applicants for the ITPE License must have an offer of full-time employment from an NC hospital or a rural medical practice with an on-site NC licensed physician.
- Must have practiced medicine for at least 5 years (not including postgraduate training).
- Graduates of an International Medical School must have completed all the steps to be eligible for ECFMG certification. This includes having your medical school verified by the ECFMG, passing both USMLE Step 1 and Step 2, as well as any additional assessments required under your selected Pathway within the time frame set by the ECFMG.
- ECFMG certification is not required but will expedite the application process.
- Applicants must also demonstrate competency, which may be done by various means including passing Step 3 of the USMLE, providing proof of board certification, or passing an examination that is considered comparable to the USMLE and recognized by certain established international regulatory medical boards.
- The applicant must also have no disciplinary actions or pending investigations in any jurisdiction, no criminal convictions, and be legally authorized to work in the United States.

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