



PHYSICIAN INITIAL LICENSURE QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

LICENSURE QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications for Licensure (Rhode Island General Law: [§ 5-37-2](#))

Allopathic Physicians

An applicant seeking licensure to practice medicine in Rhode Island must:

- Be of good moral character;
- Have graduated from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME); **or**
- Have graduated from a medical school located outside the United States which is recognized by the World Health Organization and the Board and have received certification by the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG);
- Have satisfactorily completed two (2) years of progressive post graduate training, internship and residency, in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; Accreditation Committee of the Federation of the Medical Licensing Authority of Canada or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
 - The Board may grant up to twelve (12) months of credit at the internship level to an applicant with a minimum of three (3) years of progressive international postgraduate training when advanced standing is also granted by the American Board of Medical Specialties.
- Have satisfactorily passed an examination approved by the Board

Osteopathic Physicians

An applicant seeking licensure to practice Osteopathic Medicine in Rhode Island must:

- Be of good moral character;
- Have graduated from an osteopathic medical school located in the United States that is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association;
- Have satisfactorily completed two (2) years of progressive post graduate training, internship and residency in a program approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
- Have satisfactorily passed an examination approved by the Board;

Controlled Substance Registration (CSR)

In order to prescribe, dispense, store or ship controlled substances in or into the State of Rhode Island, a CSR is required. **NOTE:** To have an active controlled substance registration in Rhode Island, you must provide a valid RI business address. You will not be issued a CSR without one. In addition, a DEA registration certificate from the Drug Enforcement Administration must be submitted within sixty (60) days of the issue date. Your DEA registration **must** be specific to your Rhode Island practice address. You may **not** use a DEA registration from another state at your Rhode Island practice address.

Temporary or Locum Tenens License

All physicians must have a full medical license to practice in Rhode Island. The only exemption are individuals in an accredited residency program and have been issued a training license.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

For **initial licensure**, please begin by applying online at <https://portal.fsmb.org/MyFsmb/>.

Here you will complete the online **Uniform Application** and **FCVS**.

FCVS uses primary sources to verify core physician credentials as part of the credentialing and in accordance with established policies and procedures set forth by the Board. When all information is received and reviewed for accuracy, FCVS will forward directly to the Board a "Physician Information Profile" containing certified photocopies of your credentials. If you already have a FCVS profile, please have FSMB release the profile to Rhode Island.

The Board was one the first boards to incorporate the **Uniform Application (UA)** into its Medical Licensing Application. You will be asked to provide your licensure and employment history, account for all time since medical school education, and provide any information on medical malpractice claims.

After both are submitted, the following documents **MUST BE PRINTED AND MAILED** to the Board:

- UA Affidavit and Authorization for release of information
- State Addendum
- Fee Payment - The fee for a full medical license is **\$1090.00** (or **\$1290.00** if you are also applying for a Controlled Substance Registration (CSR)). Please make checks or money orders payable to "RI General Treasurer." These application fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

These documents can be found through the [UA portal](#) under "Forms & Affidavit".

NOTE: For applicants who have an active and unrestricted license in another state, the Board may elect to consider granting licensure pending receipt of FCVS.

In addition to those components, we require the following:

- **National Practitioner Data Bank Self Query** (<http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>) - When you receive a response from the Data Bank, send the **ORIGINAL, UNOPENED** response to the Board.
- **State licensure verification** you may have/or held (via mail or Veridoc)

The application process is not considered complete until all documents are received in a manner satisfactory to the Board. Neither the Board nor FSMB (FCVS and UA) will accelerate processing of one application at the expense of others for any reason. It typically takes between 2 to 6 weeks to complete the application process. However, the timeframe does vary between physicians. Applications are reviewed once a file is complete. Please be advised that you may be required to appear before the Board.

Physician licenses are two year licenses and renewed on June 30th of every even-numbered year.

If you have any questions about this process or would like to check on the status of your Board application, please feel free to contact us at (401) 222-3855. Calls and emails are returned in the order received and will most likely take a day or two before they are returned.