**Section 1285.50 Application for Examination**

a) An applicant for licensure to practice medicine in all of its branches must make application to the Division or its designated testing service on forms furnished by the Division.

b) Each applicant to take the examination for a license to practice medicine in all of its branches shall submit to the Division:

1) A fully completed application, signed by the applicant, on which all questions have been answered and all programs of medical education attended by the applicant have been identified;

2) Proof that the applicant is of good moral character. Proof shall be an indication on the application that the applicant has not engaged in any conduct or activity that would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities that would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as provided in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;

3) An official transcript of a course of instruction in a college, university or other institution as required by Section 1285.20(a) of this Part;

4) An official transcript and diploma or official transcript and certification of graduation from the medical education program granting the degree;

5) Individuals applying under Section 11(A)(2)(a)(i) of the Act shall also submit certification, on forms provided by the Division, that the core clerkship rotations were completed in accordance with Section 1285.20 of this Part and proof of current ECFMG certification set forth in Section 1285.20(k);

6) Proof of successful completion of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and 2 in accordance with Section 1285.60 or combination of examinations set forth in Section 1285.60(a)(4). Examination scores shall be submitted directly to the Division from the testing entity;

7) Fees as required by Section 21 of the Act;

8) Proof of satisfactory completion of an approved clinical training program in accordance with Section 1285.40;

9) Documentation of professional capacity, as set forth in Section 1285.95 of this Part, for applicants who have not been engaged in the active practice of medicine or have not been enrolled in a medical program for 2 years prior to application;

10) A certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure stating:

A) The date of issuance and status of the license; and

B) Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending.

c) If an applicant for examination has a Physician Information Profile (Profile) from the Federation Credentials Verification Service of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc., the applicant will be required to submit the following:

1) A Physician Information Profile that includes, but is not limited to, verification of medical education, ECFMG Certification (if applicable), clinical training and complete examination information. The information contained in the applicant's Profile shall be reviewed by the Division in order to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for licensure as set forth in the Act and this Part;

2) A fully completed Illinois medical application, on forms provided by the Division, signed by the applicant, on which all questions have been answered;

3) Proof that the applicant is of good moral character. Proof shall be an indication on the Illinois application that the applicant has not engaged in any conduct or activity that would constitute grounds for discipline under Section 22 of the Act. Applications of individuals who answer affirmatively to any question on the personal history portion of the application or who have engaged in activities that would constitute grounds for discipline shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Division of the Division of Professional Regulation for further investigation and action by the Medical Licensing Board as set out in Section 9(B)(4) of the Act;

4) An official transcript of a course of instruction in a college, university or other institution as required by Section 1285.20(a) of this Part;

5) Individuals applying under Section 11(A)(2)(a)(i) of the Act shall also submit certification, on forms provided by the Division, that the core clerkship rotations were completed in accordance with Section 1285.20 of this Part;

6) Documentation of professional capacity, as set forth in Section 1285.95 of this Part, for applicants who have not been engaged in the active practice of medicine or have not been enrolled in a medical program for 2 years prior to application;

7) A certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure stating:

A) The date of issuance and status of the license; and

B) Whether the records of the licensing authority contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending;

8) Fees as required by Section 21 of the Act.

d) Examination Prior to Completion of Clinical Training

1) A candidate may apply for the examination and take the examination given prior to completion of the clinical training required by the Act, provided the applicant:

A) satisfies all of the requirements to take the examination for licensure to practice medicine in all of its branches, except completion of an approved program of clinical training; and

B) furnishes a statement from hospital authorities certifying that the applicant who is applying to sit for the USMLE Step III has completed at least 12 calendar months of the approved program of clinical training, and performance in the training is satisfactory to date.

2) The results of the examination shall be made available to the applicant but no license shall be issued until the Division receives proof of the applicant's satisfactory completion of the required approved clinical training program.

e) When the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the relevance or sufficiency of the course work or training is questioned by the Division or the Medical Licensing Board because of lack of information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given, or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure shall be requested to:

1) Provide information as may be necessary; and/or

2) Appear for an interview before the Medical Licensing Board to explain the relevance or sufficiency, clarify information or clear up any discrepancies or conflicts in information.

f) Within 60 days after issuance of the license, the physician shall complete a physican profile in accordance with Section 1285.305.

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