**Section 1285.60 Examinations**

a) Examinations for Licensure to Practice Medicine in All of Its Branches. An applicant that successfully passes or completes one of the following examinations will be eligible for licensure:

1) Completion of all steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) with a passing performance on each step as determined by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). All steps must be completed within a ten-year period after passage of the first step. Applicants with a combined degree (MD/PhD) must complete all steps within a twelve-year period after passage of the first step. No applicant may have exceeded the maximum number of attempts for any step as established by the FSMB and the NBME so long as that maximum attempt is 5 or less in accordance with 225 ILCS 60/16.

2) Completion of all levels of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA) with a passing performance on each level as determined by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME). All levels must be completed within a ten-year period after passage of the first level. Applicants with a combined degree (DO/PhD) must complete all steps within a twelve-year period after passage of the first step. No applicant may have exceeded the maximum number of attempts for any level as established by the NBOME.

3) Completion of all parts of the examination required to qualify for a Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) with a passing score on each part as determined by the Medical Council of Canada (MCC).

4) Completion of all components of the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) with a passing score on all components as determined by the FSMB:

5) Completion of all parts of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Examination with a passing score on all parts as determined by the NBME.

6) Completion of all parts of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) Examination with a passing score on all parts as determined by the NBOME.

7) Completion of one of the following examination combinations with a score of 75 or better on each component, step, part, or level:

A) Flex Component I plus USMLE Step 3;

B) USMLE Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 plus FLEX Component II;

C) NBME Part 1 or USMLE Step 1, plus NBME Part 2 or USMLE Step 2, plus NBME Part 2 or USMLE Step 3;

D) NBME Part 1 or USMLE Step 1, plus NBME Part 2 or USMLE Step 2, plus FLEX Component II; or

E) NBOME Part I or COMLEX Level 1, plus NBOME Part II or COMLEX Level 2, plus NBOME Part III or COMLEX Level 3.

b) Examinations for Licensure to Practice Chiropractic

1) Examinations for licensure to practice chiropractic shall consist of Part I, Part II, Part III, and Part IV of the examination administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE).

2) To be successful, examinees must receive a passing score on all 4 parts of the examination as determined by the NBCE. No applicant may have exceeded the maximum number of attempts for any part as established by the NBCE so long as that maximum attempt is 5 or less in accordance with 225 ILCS 60/16.

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