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§ 2245. Licenses; Category II.

(a) Category II: Conditional License for Foreign Physicians with U.S. Training and Expired U.S. Licensure. An applicant to practice as a physician under this category must:

(1) Be at least twenty-one years of age and lawfully entitled to enter, work and remain in the Commonwealth, and

(2) Provide proof of ECFMG certification and have taken and passed all parts of the FLEX, NBME or USMLE; and

(3) Have previously held an unrestricted license to practice medicine in a U.S. state or jurisdiction; and

(4) Demonstrate a command of the English language by taking and passing the TOEFL test. A score of at least 550 on the paper based test or a score of at least 79 on the Internet based test will be considered as an acceptable passing score. The test must have been taken and passed within the two year time period preceding the date of application to practice in the CNMI. Test scores must be submitted directly to the HCPLB from the Educational Testing Service (ETS); and

(5) Hold an unrestricted, active license to practice medicine in the country where s/he is currently practicing, and must have held that license and practiced independently in that country for at least two years preceding the date of application to practice in the CNMI; and

(6) Provide a Letter of Good Standing from the licensing and/or regulatory agency from the country where he/she is currently practicing medicine, satisfactory to the Board, that no disciplinary action has been taken against his/her license by any medical profession licensing authority and has not been the subject of any adverse action in which his/her license was suspended, revoked, placed on probation, conditioned or renewal denied. This Letter of Good Standing must be issued and dated within six months preceding the date of application to practice in the CNMI; and

(7) Provide an original or certified copy of a police clearance where s/he currently practices medicine issued and dated 30 days preceding the date of application to practice in the CNMI; and

(8) Provide proof of completion of a minimum of 50 U.S. Category 1 Continuing Medical Education in his/her field of medicine within the two year period preceding the date of application to practice in the CNMI.

(b) The conditional license shall be for a period of two years. After the two year period, if the applicant has satisfied the conditions of the license, she may apply for a two-year unrestricted license.

(c) A U.S. Social Security number and a National Provider Identification (NPI) number must be provided upon request by the Board during the period of time that the limited license is valid.

(d) Scope of Practice; Evaluation Report.

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(1) The foreign-licensed physician shall practice in accordance with his/her training and experience; and

(2) The foreign-licensed physician shall be employed only by the CNMI Government and shall practice only within the CNMI Department of Public Health; and

(3) A quarterly evaluation must be performed by a full-time physician with the same or similar specialty employed at DPH, to assess the foreign-licensed physician's performance and competence in his/her practice of medicine. The evaluation report must be submitted to the Board within a week after evaluation.

Source: PL 17-56, § 2(140-50.3-202) (September 27, 2011), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission removed numerical figures that repeated words in this section and changed "practicing independently" to "practiced independently" in subsection (a)(5) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(e) and (g), respectively.