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Alabama	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 yrs. (must be in 3 rd yr. of GME)	3 yrs.	None (must be enrolled in GME program)	1 yr.
Alaska	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 yr.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	2 yrs. (1 yr. if completed medical school before 1/95)
Arizona	Yes	No	Yes	6 months	3 yrs.	6 mos.	1 yr.
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	Yes	None	3 yrs. (1 yr. if currently enrolled in program at U of Arkansas for Med Sci.)	None	1 yr.
California	Yes	Yes	Yes	None	2 yrs. (include. 4 mos. gen. med.)	None	1 yr. (including 4 mos. gen. med.)
Colorado	Yes	Yes	No	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	1 yr.
Connecticut	Yes	Yes (WHO)	Yes	None	2 yrs.	None	2 yrs.
Delaware	Yes	No	No	1 yr.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	1 yr.
DC	Yes	No	Yes	6 mos.	3 yrs.	6 mos.	1 yr.
Florida	Yes	No	No	None	2 yrs.	None	1 yr.
Georgia	Yes	Yes (CA list)	Yes	1-3 yrs.	3 yrs. (1 yr. prior to 7/1/85)	1 yr.	1 yr.
Guam	No	No	No	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	2 yrs.	-
Hawaii	Yes	No	No	1 yr. (must be in 2 nd yr. of program)	2 yrs.	None (must be enrolled in 1st yr. of GME program)	1 yr.
Idaho	Yes	No	No	2 yrs. 9 mos.	3 yrs.	9 mos.	1 yr.
Illinois	Yes	No	Yes	1 yr.	1 yr. (entered GME post-1988) 2 yrs.	1 yr.	2 yrs. (1 yr. if entered GME before 1/88)
Indiana	Yes	Yes (CA list)	Yes	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	1 yr. (6 mos. may be waived)	1 yr.
Iowa	Yes	No	Yes (with	7 mos. (or	2 yrs. AOA,	7 mos. (or	1 yr. AOA,

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Kansas	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 yrs. (in enrollment in GME accredited program plus 1 yr.	3 yrs. (2 yrs. In ACGME-accredited program plus one other year	1 yr. (or enrollment in GME program in Kansas)	1 yr.
Kentucky	Yes	No	Yes	1 yr.	2 yrs.	1 yr.	2 yrs.
Louisiana	Yes	Yes (WHO) IMED	No	None (must be in GME program)	3 yrs. (Fifth Pathway may be counted as 1 yr. of required GME)	None	1 yr. allopathic GME
Maine	Yes	Yes (IMED)	Yes	1 yr.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	3 yrs. (for those graduating after 7/1/04)
Maryland	Yes	No	Yes	None	2 yrs. ACGME or RCPSC-accredited GME (as of Oct. 1, 2000)	None	1 yr. (plus 1 yr. GME if candidate failed any part of an exam 3 times)
Massachusetts	Yes	No	Yes	1 yr.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	2 yrs.
Michigan	Yes	No	Yes (with valid Canadian. license)	6 mos.	2 yrs.	6 mos.	2 yrs.
Minnesota	Yes	Yes (IMED)	Yes	None (must be in GME program)	2 yrs.	None (must be enrolled in GME program)	1 yr.

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Mississippi	Yes	No	No	1 yr.	3 yrs. (or 1 yr. plus ABMS certification)	1 yr.	1 yr.
Missouri	Yes	No	No	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	1 yr.
Montana	Yes	Yes	No	1 yr. (plus ECFMG)	3 yrs.(or ABMS or AOA certification)	1 yr.	2 yrs.
Nebraska	Yes	No	Yes	None	3 yrs.	None	1 yr.
Nevada	Yes	No	Yes	None (must be in GME program)	3 yrs.	None	3 yrs.
New Hampshire	Yes	No	Yes	1 yr.	2 yrs.	None (but must be enrolled in GME program)	2 yrs.
New Jersey	Yes	Yes (FAIMER)	No	1 yr.	2 yrs. (Contract for year 3, if graduated after 7/1/03; 1 yr. if completed before 7/1/85)	1 yr.	2 yrs., and contract for year 3, if graduated after 7/1/03; 1 yr. if graduated before 7/1/03
New Mexico	Yes	Yes (CA list)	No	1 yr.	2 yrs.	1 yr.	2 yrs.
New York	Yes	No	Yes (with valid Canadian. provincial license and fulfillment of all other licensure requirements)	None	3 yrs.	None	1 yr.
North	Yes	No	Yes	None	3 yrs.	None	1 yr.

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Carolina							
North Dakota	Yes	Yes (CA list)	Yes	1 yr. (none if enrolled in-state)	30 mos.	6 mos. of a 1-yr ACGME or AOA	1 yr.
Ohio	Yes	No	Yes	9 mos.	2 yrs. (through the 2 nd yr. level)	9 mos.	1 yr.
Oklahoma	Yes	No	Yes	None	2 yrs.	None	1 yr.
Oregon	Yes	No	Yes	None (Must be in GME program)	3 yrs.	None (must be enrolled in GME program)	1 yr.
Pennsylvania	Yes	No	Yes (if passed after 5/70 and in English)	None	3 yrs. (1 yr. if GME taken in U.S. before 7/87)	None	2 yrs. (1 yr. if GME in U.S. before 7/1/87)
Puerto Rico	Yes		Yes	None	1 yr.	None	1 yr.
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes (WHO)	Yes (with valid Canadian. provincial license and fulfillment of all other licensure requirements)	1 yr.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	2 yrs.
South Carolina	Yes	No	Yes	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	1 yr.
South Dakota	Yes	No	Yes	None	Completion of residency (1 yr. if U.S. GME taken before 7/87)	None	Completion of residency program
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 yr.	3 yrs.	1 yr.	1 yr.
Texas	Yes	Yes	No (but accepts LMCC exam. as	None	2 yrs.	None	1 yr.

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			licensing exam.)				
Utah	Yes	No	No	None	2 yrs.	None	2 yrs.
Vermont	Yes	Yes (CA list)	Yes	7 mos.	3 yrs. (Canadian GME not accepted)	7 mos.	1 yr. (Canadian GME accepted if program accredited by RCPSC or CFPC)
Virgin Islands	No	No	No	Not applicable	1 yr. U.S. GME	USMLE not offered	1 yr.
Virginia	Yes	No	Yes	None	2 yrs.	None	1 yr.
Washington	Yes	No	Yes (if passed after 12/69)	1 yr. (or enrollment in GME program)	2 yrs. (1 yr. if medical school completed before 7/28/85)	1 yr. (or enrolled in GME program)	2 yrs. (1 yr. if completed medical school before 7/28/85)
West Virginia	Yes	No	Yes	None	3 yrs. (or 1 yr. plus ABMS cert.)	None	1 yr.
Wisconsin	Yes	No	Yes (if passed after 12/77)	1 yr.	1 yr.	1 yr.	1 yr.
Wyoming	Yes	No	Yes	1 yr.	2 yrs.	1 yr. in good standing in 1 or more states for past 5 yrs.	2 yrs. (1 yr. if certified by ABMS or AOA board, or continually licensed.)