

**Special activity certificates.**

- (A) A special activity certificate may be issued to an applicant seeking to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in conjunction with a special activity, program; or event taking place in this state. A special activity certificate shall not be issued for purposes of locum tenens.
- (B) The applicant must hold a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued by another state or country and meet the educational requirements for licensure set forth in sections ~~4731.09~~ 4731.091 and 4731.14 of the Revised Code. A current, unrestricted license is a license or other authority granted by the appropriate entity or governmental body which lawfully permits the applicant to practice all branches of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery without governmental restriction or limitation.
- (C) Within the two year period immediately preceding application, the applicant must have done one of the following:
- (1) Actively practiced medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the United States;
  - (2) Participated in graduate medical education accredited by the ACGME, ~~or~~ the AOA; or a clinical fellowship program as defined in division (A)(1)(b) of section 4731.091 of the Revised Code;
  - ~~(3) Achieved a score of 75 or above on both component 1 and component 2 of the FLEX;~~
  - ~~(4) Become a diplomate of the "National Board of Medical Examiners" or the "National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners";~~
  - ~~(5) Passed part I of the "National Board of Medical Examiners" examination or step 1 of the USMLE, part II of the "National Board of Medical Examiners" examination or step 2 of the USMLE, and part III of the "National Board of Medical Examiners" examination or step 3 of the USMLE or component 2 of the FLEX. All steps, parts or components must have been administered prior to January 2000. The score achieved on each step, part, or component must have equaled or exceeded the figure established by the USMLE program, the "National Board of Medical Examiners", or the federation as a passing score for that step, part, or component, respectively; or~~
  - ~~(6) Passed component 1 of the FLEX and step 3 of the USMLE. The component and step must have been administered prior to January 2000. A score of 75 or above must have been achieved on component 1. The score achieved on step~~

~~3 must have been reported by the USMLE program as a passing score; or~~

~~(7)(3) Passed USMLE steps 1, 2, and step 3. All three steps must have been passed in accordance with rule 4731-6-14(C)(3) within a seven year period and the score achieved on each step must have been reported by the USMLE program as a passing score.~~

~~(4) Completed the COMLEX-USA sequence in accordance with rule 4731-6-14(C)(4).~~

- (D) The holder of a special activity certificate may practice only in conjunction with the special activity, event; or program for which the certificate is issued.
- (E) The determination that an applicant's practice in conjunction with the special activity; program; or event will be in the public interest and that a special activity certificate can thus be issued shall be made by the secretary of the board or, in his or her absence, by another member designated by the board. In making that determination, the secretary of the board or board designee shall take into consideration the nature and length of the activity, the existence of any information warranting investigation prior to issuance of a certificate, the number of prior special activity certificates issued to the applicant, and any available information regarding prior performance while practicing in this state.
- (F) If the application is complete and the secretary or board designee refuses or fails to authorize issuance of a special activity certificate prior to the initial date of the activity program; or event, the special activity certificate application shall be deemed converted to an application for a full license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery to be processed under the provisions of Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code and this chapter of the Administrative Code. Failure to submit additional required fees or information required for full licensure may result in the application being considered abandoned as provided under rule 4731-6-22 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) An individual may only apply six times within a consecutive two year period for a special activity certificate.

Effective: 10/31/2004

R.C. 119.032 review dates: 07/30/2004 and 10/31/2009

---

Certification

---

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03  
Statutory Authority: 4731.05  
Rule Amplifies: 4731.091, 4731.12, 4731.13,  
4731.14, 4731.142, 4731.291,  
4731.292, 4731.293,  
4731.294, 4731.296  
Prior Effective Dates: 2/29/88 (Emer.), 6/6/88  
(Emer.), 11/1/88, 12/19/88,  
2/10/89, 8/15/93, 12/1/99