



[Ohio law \(R.C. 9.79\)](#) requires the State Medical Board of Ohio, to establish “a list of specific criminal offenses for which a conviction, judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty **may** disqualify an individual from obtaining an initial license” and make that list available to the public on the Medical Board website.

The Medical Board has adopted the attached State Medical Board of Ohio [Disqualifying Offense List](#). This disqualifying offense list contains criminal offenses that can be considered by the Medical Board in reviewing the applications for all Medical Board initial licenses, training certificates, or limited permits, including, but not limited to, physicians (MD, DO, DPM), massage therapists, physician assistants, dietitians, anesthesiology assistants, respiratory care professionals, acupuncturists, radiologist assistants, and genetic counselors.

When reviewing these applications, the Medical Board may only consider criminal offenses which are on this list. If an applicant has a conviction, judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty for one of the criminal offenses on the Medical Board’s Disqualifying Offense List, that offense is **not** automatically disqualifying. Instead, the law requires the Medical Board to weigh the following factors in deciding, under a preponderance of the evidence standard, whether the conviction disqualifies the individual from receiving the license:

- (a) The nature and seriousness of the offense for which the individual was convicted, found guilty pursuant to a judicial finding, or pleaded guilty;
- (b) The passage of time since the individual committed the offense;
- (c) The relationship of the offense to the ability, capacity, and fitness required to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of the occupation;
- (d) Any evidence of mitigating rehabilitation or treatment undertaken by the individual, including whether the individual has been issued a certificate of qualification for employment (R.C. 2953.25) or a certificate of achievement and employability (R.C. 2961.22);
- (e) Whether the denial of a license is reasonably necessary to ensure public safety.

The Medical Board will follow this process in evaluating applications for initial licenses, training certificates, or limited permits.