OKLAHOMA HOUSE BILL 2050
ALTERNATE PATHWAYS FOR LIMITED LICENSURE FOR MEDICAL DOCTORS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What are the eligibility requirements for a limited license?**
   Title 59 O.S. § 493.2(C)(1)(2)
   - Graduate of medical school that meets requirements of ECFMG
   - Pay the application fee of $500
   - Verification of successful completion of a three (3) year post graduate training program in the graduate's licensing country; OR
   - Verification that the applicant otherwise practiced as a medical professional performing the duties of a physician for at least three (3) of the last five (5) years outside the United States verified by the employer or health care provider

2. **What are the restrictions for practicing?**
   Title 59 O.S. § 493.2 (C)(4)(5)
   - Provide medical services at a health care provider who has in place post graduate training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
   - Supervised by the chair of the department within the applicant's intended practice during the term of the limited license

3. **Should I wait until I have a job offer to apply for licensure?**
   You are not eligible for the limited license until you obtain employment with a health care provider.

4. **What is the definition of "health care provider"?**
   Title 59 O.S. § 493.2(C)(8)
   Health care provider means a facility that will be employing the licensee within an academic health system or the Oklahoma State University College of Medicine.

5. **Which facilities have an academic health system in Oklahoma?**
   - University of Oklahoma
   - Oklahoma State University

6. **I am not a United States citizen. Am I eligible?**
   Title 59 O.S. § 493.2(G)
   Must provide satisfactory evidence of having met requirements for permanent residence or temporary nonimmigrant status as set forth by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

7. **Do I have to obtain verification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)?**
   Title 59 O.S. § 493.2(H)
   Verification of ECFMG certification must be received directly from ECFMG.

8. **Can I ever achieve full, unrestricted licensure?**
   Title 59 O.S. § 493.2(C)(6)
   - Three (3) years after the first date practice begins at a health care provider in Oklahoma, the Board may grant a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine if:
     - License is in good standing without disciplinary actions or investigations pending from limited license period, and
     - Verification of passing score for United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) steps 1, 2CK, and 3.

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9. **Do I have to pass all three (3) steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)?**
   Title 59 O.S. § 493.2(C)(6)
   If you obtain a limited license, you must pass all three (3) steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

10. **Are there any time limits? I have not practiced medicine for more than two (2) years.**
    Title 59 O.S. § 493.2(J)
    If you have not been practicing medicine for more than two (2) years, you are subject to Section 495h of this title.
    Title 59 O.S. § 495(h)
    The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision may require satisfactory evidence of professional competence and good moral character from applicants requesting reinstatement of any license or certificate issued by the Board. The Board may set criteria for measurement of professional competence by rule.

11. **Are there relevant forms and/or documents that must be submitted with my application?**
    Forms and documents are currently being developed.

12. **What is the process for verification of my education?**
    The educational institution must complete and submit:
    - Form 1, verification of education
    - Official transcript

13. **What is the process for verification of my employment?**
    Forms and documents are currently being developed.

14. **What is the application fee?**
    $500

15. **Is Board certification required?**
    Board certification is not required for licensure in the state of Oklahoma.

16. **Is the application fee refundable if it is determined I am ineligible?**
    Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:1-1-7
    All fees are non-refundable for licensing and application.

17. **When does the law become effective?**
    November 1, 2025