

Licensing Requirements



Delaware is looking for primary care physicians in all disciplines with expertise and a commitment to providing the highest quality medical services to our growing population.

Obtaining a Medical Practice License

For additional information, licensure requirements, and application forms visit the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/medicalpractice/physlicense.shtml

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible to attain a license, you must provide the following:

- Recommendation from the Chief of Staff or Chief of Service in the medical facility you currently or previously had privileges.
- A *Verification of Post Graduate Medical Education* form from each program that you attended.
- If you now hold, or have ever held, a medical or training license in any jurisdiction other than Delaware, arrange for the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure office to receive a *Verification of Physician License* form from each jurisdiction where you have held a license.
- A self-query from the National Practitioner and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Banks.
- A complete examination history, including all passing and failing attempts, sent *directly* to the Board office from the appropriate organizations.
- Delaware accepts the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) of the Federation of State Medical Boards. If you use the FCVS service, arrange for the Board office to receive your Physician Information Profile.

If you are not using the FCVS service, you must follow the requirements outlined on the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline website.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are retired or thinking of retiring in Delaware but still want to keep up your skills, consider becoming a volunteer physician. As a volunteer physician, you are permitted to practice medicine in Delaware in a nonprofit medical clinic or service site provided you do not receive any direct compensation.

The requirements for Delaware licensure as a volunteer physician are essentially the same as for a general license to practice medicine and surgery, however, there is no licensure fee for a volunteer. Volunteer physicians are responsible for completing the required amount of continuing education as established by the Board of Medical Licensure.

