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The Oregon Medical Board is responsible for licensing Doctors of Medicine (MD) and Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), who are trained in a myriad of specialties, including psychiatry.

To qualify for a medical license in Oregon, all physicians (regardless of specialty) must have earned an MD or DO degree from an accredited medical school. A physician who intends to specialize in psychiatry subsequently completes a four-year psychiatry residency in a nationally accredited program. An applicant also must have passed the national medical licensing examination.

The application for licensure is entirely online. The Oregon Medical Board performs primary source verification of the applicant's education, residency, national exam, and medically related employment. Alternately, the Board offers an Expedited Endorsement process that waives some primary source documentation for those applicants who hold an active license in good standing in another state, have no significant malpractice claims, and have at least one year of continuous active clinical practice immediately prior to applying for Oregon licensure. The application for a physician's medical license is \$375.00 plus \$48.00 for a fingerprint criminal background check.

In most cases, an applicant will be licensed after completing all requirements for the application. However, if questions or concerns are identified, the application may be reviewed by the Executive Director, Medical Director, and senior staff to determine if the applicant meets the qualifications for licensure. If issues remain, the application will be reviewed by the Administrative Affairs Committee and Board to determine whether to issue a license with or without limitations, open an investigation, or in rare cases, deny the application.

Licenses are granted on a daily basis and renewed every two years. The biennial registration fee for physicians is \$486.00 plus \$20.00 for the OHSU Library and \$50.00 for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program administered by the Oregon Health Authority.

To increase efficiency and transparency, the Board provides information and resources online, including a checklist of required documents, a flow chart of the application process, and more. Our Licensing Call Center staff are also available for calls and emails from applicants.

Staff at the Oregon Medical Board are pleased to assist the Committee in its work and available to answer any questions you may have.

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