



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4731.142 English language proficiency.

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, an individual must demonstrate proficiency in spoken English, by passing an examination specified by the state medical board, to receive a license to practice issued under section 4731.14 of the Revised Code if the individual's eligibility for the license is based in part on certification from the educational commission for foreign medical graduates and fulfillment of the undergraduate requirements established by section 4731.09 of the Revised Code at an institution outside the United States. The board shall adopt rules specifying an acceptable examination and establishing the minimum score that demonstrates proficiency in spoken English.

(B) An individual is not required to demonstrate proficiency in spoken English in accordance with division (A) of this section if any of the following apply:

- (1) The individual was required to demonstrate such proficiency as a condition of certification from the educational commission for foreign medical graduates;
 - (2) For the five years immediately preceding the date on which the applicant submitted to the board an application as described in section 4731.09 of the Revised Code, the applicant held an unrestricted license issued by another state to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery and was actively engaged in such practice in the United States;
 - (3) At the beginning of the five-year period preceding the date on which the applicant submitted to the board an application as described in section 4731.09 of the Revised Code, the applicant was receiving graduate medical education and, upon completion of that education, held an unrestricted license issued by another state to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery and was actively engaged in such practice in the United States.
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