

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 2020-09

INTERIM POLICY ON EMERGENCY TEMPORARY LICENSES
FOR FULL LICENSE APPLICANTS

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On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts in Executive Order No. 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19. In order to ensure an adequate supply of physicians to staff hospitals, and to eliminate any administrative delays for physicians who qualify for licensure, the Board of Registration in Medicine issues this policy.

The Board hereby establishes an Emergency Temporary License that shall be valid until the applicant's Full License Application is adjudicated or this policy is rescinded by the Board. The Emergency Temporary License is a full, unlimited and unrestricted medical license.

A request for an Emergency Temporary License must be made by a Massachusetts healthcare facility (as defined by M.G.L. c. 111, § 1) to either the Executive Director of the Board or the Director of Licensing.

In order to qualify for an Emergency Temporary License a physician must;

- Meet all statutory requirements for licensure in M.G.L. c. 112;
- Submit the Full License Application and application fee;
- Not have any Board actions, limitations or special requirements imposed upon the applicant due to questions of competency, disciplinary matters, qualifications or good moral character;
- Not have any medical or physical condition(s) that impairs the applicant's ability to practice medicine safely; and
- Provide the FCVS Physician Profile, which will include:
 - Official examination scores (USMLE, FLEX, COMLEX, LMCC, etc.);
 - Verification of all medical education;
 - Verification of all U.S. and Canadian postgraduate training, including any non-accredited postgraduate training;
 - National Practitioner Data Bank Report; and
 - ECFMG Certificate, if an international medical graduate.

- The application must not contain any affirmative responses to application questions 21-52 (Application Rev 8/19). If an applicant has an affirmative response to question 21-52 in the application the Chair of the Board or his designee is authorized to approve the emergency license.

The above list describes the minimum requirements and supporting materials required to obtain an Emergency Temporary License in Massachusetts. The Board may, at any time, request additional documentation.

Staff may present any request for an Emergency Temporary License to the Chair of the Board or his designee should staff believe that review of the application is warranted.

This policy expires on September 15, 2021.