

## 243 CMR: BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

# Licensing Requirements for Practicing Medicine in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In order to provide patient care and practice medicine in the state of Massachusetts, a physician must be licensed through the Board of Registration in Medicine (BRM) and comply with the 243 CMR 2.00: *Licensing and the Practice of Medicine* requirements and regulations. The purpose of this grid is to breakdown the various and differentiating requirements for each licensure status recognized by the BRM. This grid is a summary for your convenience, is not intended to be legal advice, and should not replace consulting the official full regulations.

The seven standard requirements that every individual physician must comply with are the following:

1. Be 18 years of age or older
2. Possess good moral character
3. Have pre-medical education
4. Have medical school education
5. Sign and swear to contents of licensing application
6. Pay a registration fee
7. Certify compliance with the Commonwealth tax laws

Type Of License	PREREQUISITES FOR MASSACHUSETTS PHYSICIAN LICENSE						REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL			
	Post-Graduate Medical Training	Professional Exam	Opioid and Pain Management Training	Refrain from Balance Billing Medicare Recipients	Demonstrate EHR Proficiency	Malpractice Insurance	100 CME Credits	2 of 100 CMEs in End of Life Care	Clinical Assessment	Opioid and Pain Management Training
Active	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Inactive*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Limited†	No	No	No	N/A	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Volunteer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Administrative	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Temporary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	50%	Yes	Yes	Yes
Restricted	If the Board determines that an applicant's qualifications and professional training aren't satisfactory, it may issue a license restricted to any of the following: 1. A specialty or specified procedures within the specialty in which the applicant is a diplomate 2. A specified health care facility in which the applicant will practice under the supervision of a fully licensed specified physician 3. Prohibitions on performing certain procedures or operations, or prohibitions on performing procedures or operations under certain circumstances 4. In any other manner deemed appropriate by the Board based on its assessment of the applicant's qualifications and professional training									
Lapsed	This type of license is issued when a provider fails to renew their license before the renewal deadline date. It is illegal for a provider to practice medicine and offer patient care with a lapsed license and must petition the Board, upon submission of license application and required fee, in order to revive a license.									
Retired	A retired license status is an inactive status. A provider who no longer wishes to practice medicine must submit a written statement requesting to change license status from active to retired. Additionally, a provider's written statement must include details of any open or reasonably anticipated complaints before the Board and an agreement to make patient records accessible; also, it must be signed under penalties of perjury.									

\*Licensee must certify they will not practice medicine in Massachusetts while in inactive status and may not prescribe medications.

†For medical students



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