



MEDICAL LICENSE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

MEDICAL LICENSE(S)

Physicians must provide information on all medical licenses held to practice medicine in the United States, its territories or Canada. All licenses must be valid, full, unrestricted and unqualified BOTH at the time of application AND on the date of the examination. A valid medical license is a certificate to practice medicine which is issued by an appropriate and authorized licensing board, and which certifies that a physician is allowed to practice medicine within that state or province.

An unrestricted license is a license that contains no restrictions on the physician's privilege to practice.

Restrictions include – but are not limited to – any disciplinary action; revocation; cancellation; suspension; condition; agreement; stipulation; probation; forfeiture; surrender; plea agreement; settlement agreement; failure to renew; prohibition against applying; lapse; inactive status; or contingency in any way relevant to a license and/or the physician's privilege to practice professionally that resulted from -- or is based on -- personal or professional misconduct, professional ethics, moral turpitude, criminal charges, indictments and/or convictions or professional incompetence and/or malpractice.

If licenses are held in more than one jurisdiction, all licenses held by the physician must be full and unrestricted to meet this eligibility requirement. An active and unrestricted medical license must be maintained, even if a physician is out of the country for extended periods of time.

A physician in possession of any restricted medical license, even if the physician also possesses an unrestricted license, will not be eligible to sit for the ABAM Certification Examination, cannot be issued a board certificate in addiction medicine and cannot represent themselves as a Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

Exceptions

An exception exists when the restriction is due to the fact that when the medical license was issued it was limited to

geographical areas within a jurisdiction – such as Federal military installations – and is not in any way limited due to, because of, or by virtue of, a disciplinary, legal or administrative action against the physician.

An exception exists when the restriction is due to participation in a physician's health monitoring program or other appropriately monitored treatment program for substance use disorders or medical or behavioral illness. In this instance, documentation of at least 18 months of continuous good health and recovery status from a reliable monitoring source must accompany your application for the examination.

The American Board of Addiction Medicine protects the confidentiality of a physician's health information as required by law.

License Verification

The licenses of all applying physicians are verified and confirmed by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).

The American Board of Addiction Medicine may, at its sole discretion, determine whether to investigate an applicant's license and the information provided by the applicant. The Board reserves the right to determine if a license fulfills this ABAM examination and board certification eligibility policy. The American Board of Addiction Medicine has the final determination in accepting or denying a physician's application.

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to provide the information requested, and any omissions or errors are the applicant's alone. An application that is incomplete or has incorrect or omitted information can invalidate the application or lead to the loss of Diplomate status.

It is the sole responsibility of the applying physician to immediately inform ABAM of any action taken by a state medical licensing board within sixty (60) days of such action.