

USMLE/COMLEX Scores, Medical Licensure, & Board Certification

Outlined below are the yearly JSGMESB requirements, but due to the COVID 19 Pandemic applicants to the 2020 JSGMESB may have significant limitations to successfully meet these requirements.

All eligible applicants will be considered for GME. The Board process will take all unique circumstances, as well as the significant issues caused by the pandemic, into consideration.

ALL APPLICANTS are required to upload into MODS a copy of the official transcript from the NBME or NBOME showing all attempted exams (with dates) and scores. **INDIVIDUAL SCORE REPORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

MEDICAL STUDENTS: Selection for Graduate Medical Education (GME) is a competitive process that occurs through the Joint Service Graduate Medical Education Selection Board (JSGMESB).

- 1) You must attempt at least the written component of the Step/Level 2 licensing exams prior to the board.
- 2) It is strongly recommended that you also attempt the practical component of the Step/Level 2.
- 3) You must upload into MODS the complete NBME or NBOME transcript with Step/Level 1 and 2 scores no later than **6 November**, showing all exam dates and scores including unsuccessful attempts. Keep in mind that it may take up to 6 weeks to receive your results after you test.
- 4) Students may have a medical school official complete score report letter with documentation of all test attempts. A template is provided in the Other Resources section of the [Physician Education website](#).

NOTE: Selection for GME is contingent upon successful completion of Steps/Levels 1 and 2 and graduation from medical school prior to the start of GME (1 July). If you are unable to successfully complete these requirements by 1 July, your case will be evaluated for action by Physician Education (i.e., academic leave of absence, separation with recoupment of scholarship, etc.).

CURRENT INTERNS: You must have scheduled Step/Level 3 no later than the application deadline of **6 November**. The test date must be submitted with your application on the “Step/Level 3 Intention Form” available in the Other Resources section of the [Physician Education website](#).

Step/Level 3 must be taken prior to **15 March**, with passing results received by Physician Education no later than **30 April**. Selection for GME is contingent on successful completion of the Step/Level 3 licensing exam. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

CURRENT RESIDENTS & STAFF PHYSICIANS: You are required to upload into MODS a copy of the official transcript from the NBME or NBOME showing all current exam dates and scores, including Step/Level 3. **INDIVIDUAL SCORE REPORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

Licensure: All applicants who have successfully completed a PGY1 must provide a copy of their current, unrestricted state medical license in accordance with AFI 44-119, paragraph 4.4.1.1. The license must be a current, unrestricted, state issued medical license with license number and expiration date. Internet verifications or a copy of a wallet card are preferred.

A state issued training license is NOT a valid unrestricted medical license

The [Federation of State Medical Boards website](#) has additional information regarding licensing requirements in each state.

Board Certification: Board certification is required for all applicants who have completed a full residency. If Board Certification is pending, this must be addressed in the Personal Essay.