

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : PROPOSED ORDER OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD : ADOPTING RULES  
: (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-032)

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PROPOSED ORDER

An order of the Medical Examining Board to amend Med 1.06 (3) (b), relating to the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing

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ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 448.40 (1), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: s. 448.05 (6), Stats.

Currently, s. Med 1.06 provides that applicants for a physician license must complete all three steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) within seven years. This requirement is apparently extremely difficult or impossible for an applicant who is enrolled in a combined MD-PhD program, and the board amends its rules to eliminate the 7-year requirement for such applicants. This will allow for those applicants who are in an MD-PhD program who are not able to complete all three steps of the USMLE examination in the 7-year period to complete all three steps within nine years.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Med 1.06 (3) (b) is amended to read:

Med 1.06 (3) (b) Commencing January 1, 1994, the board accepts the 3-step USMLE sequence as its written or computer-based examination and administers step 3 of the sequence. Minimum standard passing scores for each step shall be not less than 75.0. Applicants who have completed a standard M.D. training program shall complete all 3 steps of the examination sequence within 7 years from the date upon which the applicant first passes a step, either step 1 or step 2. Applicants who have completed a combined M.D. and Ph.D. medical scientist training program shall complete all 3 steps of the examination sequence within 9 years from the date upon which the applicant first passes a step, either step 1 or step 2. Applicants who have passed a step may not repeat the step unless required to do so in order to comply with the 7-year or 9-year time limit. If the applicant fails to achieve a passing grade on any step, the applicant may apply for and be reexamined on only the step failed according to the reexamination provisions of s. Med 1.08 (1).

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

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The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson  
Medical Examining Board

FISCAL ESTIMATE

1. The anticipated fiscal effect on the fiscal liability and revenues of any local unit of government of the proposed rule is: \$0.00.
2. The projected anticipated state fiscal effect during the current biennium of the proposed rule is: \$0.00.
3. The projected net annualized fiscal impact on state funds of the proposed rule is: \$0.00.

FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

These proposed rules will have no significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1) (a), Stats.

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