



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-15

RELATIVE TO PROMULGATING INTERIM RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO REPLACE OUTDATED LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, the current rules and regulations of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners require all applicants to have passed the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or the exam given by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME); and

WHEREAS, the FLEX has not been administered in the United States since December of 1993, and the NBME examination was last given in May of 1994; and

WHEREAS, the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) has been the nationally recognized examination throughout all jurisdictions in the United States since December 1994; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the rules of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners will take time before becoming official, due to the procedural requirements of the Administrative Adjudication Law; and

WHEREAS, meanwhile, the Guam Board of Medical Examiners is unable to grant licensure to eligible applicants due to the outdated examination requirements contained in their rules, thus unfairly excluding eligible applicants from practicing, as well as leaving our island's ever-growing community without additional, new medical practitioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, and in order to ensure that eligible applicants are not unfairly excluded from practicing and to allow the continued addition of qualified medical practitioners for our island's growing health needs, do order that the Guam Board of Medical Examiners licensure requirements as contained in Subsection C of Rule I and Rule V are expanded as provided below, as an interim measure, and are effective as of the date of the signing of this Order and for a period of 180 days:

1) Subsection C of Rule I shall read:

"C. The applicant must have passed both components of the FLEX examination with a weighted average score in both components of at least 75, and beginning in 1986, with a score of 75 on each component; alternatively, an applicant must be a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners or pass the following combinations of examination:

a. Both Component 1 and Component 2 of the FLEX; or



- b. Part I, Part II, and Part III of the NBME; or
- c. All parts of the examination of the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of the American Osteopathy Association; or
- d. Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 of the USMLE; or
- e. NBME Part I and Part II and USMLE Step 3; or
- f. NBME Part I and USMLE Step 2 and USMLE Step 3; or
- g. USMLE Step 1 and NBME Part 2 and USMLE Step 3; or
- h. FLEX Component 1 and USMLE 3."

2) Rule V shall read:

"V. Examination Qualifications and Requirements.

- A. Federal Licensing Examination (FLEX), Qualifications and Requirements.
 - 1. Completed FLEX application form;
 - 2. Notarized copy of diploma from approved school of medical training;
 - 3. 2x2 photograph taken within the last Six (6) months;
 - 4. Full payment of examination fee. Fee is that cost that the Board pays to the Federation of State Medical Board for each applicant's examination booklets and materials plus \$530.00 for administrative costs. The fee is nonrefundable.
 - 5. Submission of completed application to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners Ninety (90) days before the first day of the scheduled examination.
- B. United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 3, Qualifications and Requirements.
 - 1. An applicant who desires to take the USMLE Step 3 sponsored by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Have obtained the M.D. or D.O. degree from a Board approved medical or osteopathy school program; and
 - b. Have passed USMLE Step 1 and Step 2, or FLEX Component 1, or National Board of Medical Examiners examination (NBME) Parts 1 and 2 or NBME Part 1 and USMLE Step 2 or USMLE Step 1 and NBME Part 2; and



- c. Have completed a minimum of Two (2) years of postgraduate training in the United States approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Training must be completed at least Ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled examination; and
 - d. Provide verification of licensure from each jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed and is currently licensed. Verification of any action taken by any licensing board must be submitted. This includes denial, suspension, or termination of licensure, and any malpractice judgment or settlement.
 2. An applicant who desires to take the USMLE Step 3 sponsored by the Guam Board of Medical Examiners must meet the following requirements by submitting:
 - a. A completed and notarized application with a 2x2 passport size photo, signed and dated. The photo must have been taken within the past Three (3) months; and
 - b. Certificate of Medical Education form with transcript from a medical school program indicating graduation date and degree earned; and
 - c. Verification of completion of postgraduate training form; and
 - d. Verification of license from appropriate governing body; and
 - e. Payment of proctor fee of \$530. Fee does not include candidate fee charged by USMLE.
 3. Applicants who are graduates of a foreign medical school must submit the following:
 - a. Original verification from Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG); and
 - b. Verification of graduation from a medical school program, with official translation if not in the English language; and
 - c. Verification of eligibility for license in the country of training.
 4. Within Twenty-one (21) days after the Guam Board of Medical Examiners has received notification of the Step 3 score, the Board shall notify the applicant in writing of applicant's score. No verbal notification of a Step 3 score will be given. A score of 75 is passing for USMLE Step 3 for the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.



5. Cancellations must be submitted in writing and will be accepted Thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the examination. A Thirty percent (30%) fee is charged for all cancellations. After these deadlines, no fees will be refunded.
- C. **DISCLAIMER:** Eligibility to sit for the USMLE Step 3 does NOT signify eligibility for licensure in the territory of Guam.
 - D. For every scheduled examination, the Board will examine a minimum of Five (5) applicants and a maximum of Fifteen (15) applicants. A waiting list may be maintained for applicants who fully meet application requirements but for whom no seat was available on a first come first serve basis."

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agaña, Guam this 21st day of May 1996.



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



DON PARKINSON
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam