



Physician and Surgeon (MD) Frequent Questions

Once I apply, how long does it take to get a license?

The average processing time for a license application is 8 to 20 weeks.

Do you have a locum tenens license or some type of temporary permit?

We do not have a locum tenens license. We do have a temporary permit. It must, however, be requested in conjunction with a full application. Please these items to process the request: full license application, temporary permit request, fees, and state license verifications. The applicant must also meet the eligibility requirements applicants as listed in ([WAC 246-919-390](#)) Once approved, temporary permits are issued for a period of 90 days and expire either on the 90th day, upon the approval of the full license application, OR upon initiation of an investigation of the applicant. ([WAC 246-919-395](#)) Please note: it often occurs that the last document needed to issue a temporary permit is also the last document to complete the full license, but fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. ([WAC 246-12-340](#))

I have been out of practice for more than 3 years. Are there additional requirements I would be required to do by the Medical Commission?

Depending on the circumstances and the time you have been out of the practice, the Commission may require an individual to pass the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) given by the Federation of State Medical Boards. ([WAC 246-919-370](#)) Generally, if you have been out of practice for a period of 3 years or longer, the Commission will need to see some kind of evidence that you have kept current with medical knowledge.

I did not receive my renewal notice. What do I do?

It is the responsibility of the licensee to renew their license, whether we receive the notice or not. ([WAC 246-12-030](#)) The license expires unless renewal takes place on or before the expiration date. ([WAC 246-12-030](#)) Any renewal the department receives after midnight (postmark or in-person) is late and the licensee must pay the late fee.

There is no grace period for renewal of a license.

How do I request a license verification letter for another state board?

Go to www.veridoc.org and follow the instructions to create and send verification. Veridoc sends verifications immediately. The fee is \$60.00.



I went to an approved medical school and received a DO degree. Can the Medical Quality Assurance Commission still license me?

No, law specifically prohibits this. ([RCW 18.71.055](#))