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Clinical Experience Limited License.

(1) The commission recognizes the barriers to the practice of medicine for international medical graduates in Washington and intends to create a limited license to allow these individuals to gain clinical experience.

(2) For purposes of this section, "approved facility or program" means the facility, clinic, educational program, or tuition-based training program at which the individual holding the clinical experience limited license is permitted to practice medicine and the commission has deemed acceptable.

(3) The commission may issue a clinical experience limited license to practice medicine in this state to an individual who:

(a) Is nominated to practice medicine at an approved facility or program for the purpose of gaining clinical experience prior to initiating a graduate medical training program;

(b) Completes an application on a form provided by the commission;

(c) Has graduated from a medical school outside the United States, Canada, or Puerto Rico;

(d) Presents proof of current Washington residency for at least two years;

(e) Is issued a certificate with an indefinite status from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG);

(f) Creates and allows the commission full access to the following:

- (i) ECFMG applicant profile;
- (ii) American Medical Association practitioner profile;
- (iii) Federation of State Medical Boards practitioner profile.

(g) Is not subject to denial of a license or issuance of a conditional license under chapter 18.130 RCW;

(h) Is physically and mentally capable of safely practicing medicine. The commission may require any applicant to submit to such examination or examinations as it deems necessary to determine an applicant's physical and/or mental capability to safely practice medicine.

(i) Submits a letter of nomination from a program director, medical leadership, or representative of the facility or program acceptable to the commission, at which the applicant intends to practice medicine.

(4) Nothing in this section may be construed as prohibiting the commission from requiring such additional information from applicants as it deems necessary. The issuance and denial of licenses are subject to chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

(5) (a) A person with a limited license issued under this section may practice medicine only in connection with the person's duties at the approved facility or program and may not engage in any other form of practice. A person with a limited license issued under this section may practice only under the supervision and control of a physician licensed in this state, but such supervision and control may not be construed to necessarily require the personal presence of the supervision physician at the place where services are rendered.

(b) The letter of nomination described in subsection (3) (i) of this section must be submitted and signed or attested to by a physician licensed in this state who is contracted or

affiliated with the facility or program. The letter must outline the general practice area or areas of the facility or program in which the applicant will participate. Multiple letters of nomination for different sites and programs may be submitted with an application. Licenses may be amended with additional letters of nomination to add additional programs for clinical experience but this does not extend the expiration date of the license.

(6) A license issued under this section expires twelve (12) months after issuance of the license. The license may be renewed once at the request of the program or facility and at the discretion of the commission.