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## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

To: Mississippi Secretary of State  
From: Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure  
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Subject: Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption

Mississippi Code §73-43-11 gives the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure the authority to promulgate and publish reasonable rules and regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its functions and to enforce the provisions of law regulating the practice of medicine and the conduct of physicians.

This amendment will allow a podiatrist who has graduated from an accredited college of podiatric medicine prior to 1990, has continuously practiced for the past ten years and has held unrestricted licenses to practice podiatry, the opportunity to request a waiver of the Board's requirement of one year of APMA-approved postgraduate training.

Any comments concerning the proposed regulation may be sent to the following address:

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure  
1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200-B  
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## Chapter 03 Licensure Regulations Governing the Practice of Podiatrists

### Licensure by Examination

- 100 To qualify for admission by examination, an individual shall meet the following requirements, provided that the Board may admit any individual to the examination while reserving its right to deny licensure if that individual fails to meet all requirements for licensure subsequent to success or completion of the examination:
1. Applicant must satisfy the Board that he or she is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and of good moral character.
  2. Applicant must have had at least four (4) years of high school and be graduate of same; he or she shall have at least one (1) year pre-podiatry college education.
  3. Present a diploma from a college of podiatric medicine recognized by the Board as being in good standing, subject to the following conditions:
    - a. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.
    - b. No college of podiatry or chiropody shall be accredited by the Board as a college of good standing which does not require for graduation a course of study of at least four (4) years (eight and one-half [8½] months each) and be recognized by the Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association at the time of graduation.
  4. Present certified copy of birth certificate or valid passport.
  5. Successfully take an examination for podiatrists. The applicant shall be examined in the following subjects: anatomy, histology, physiology, chemistry, pharmacy, materia medica, therapeutics, bacteriology, pathology, surgery, dermatology, neurology, physical therapy, diagnosis and roentgenology, orthopedics, chiropody and chiropodial surgery, limited in their scope to the treatment of the human foot and leg, and if found qualified shall receive a license. The minimum of requirements for license shall be a general average of seventy-five percent (75%) of all the subjects involved, provided that a grade of not less than sixty percent (60%) be made on any one (1) subject or branch given in the examination held. However, applicants are encouraged to take the examinations given by the National Board of Podiatry Examiners.
  6. Complete an application for podiatry license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.
  7. Submit fee prescribed by the Board.
  8. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board.

### Licensure by Reciprocity or Endorsement

- 200 If the original license of an applicant was obtained by state board examination, the applicant must have the state board where original license was obtained by written

examination submit a certified copy of the examination directly to the Board.

- 201 The Board may affiliate with and recognize for the purpose of waiving examination and may grant licenses to Diplomates of the National Board of Podiatric Examiners. If a Diplomate of the National Board of Podiatric Examiners, the applicant must have certification of endorsement from that Board submitted directly to the Board.
- 202 In addition to the above requirements for licensure by reciprocity and/or endorsement, an individual shall meet the following requirements:
1. Applicant must be twenty-one (21) years of age, and of good moral character.
  2. Applicant must have had at least four (4) years high school and be graduate of same; he or she shall have at least one (1) year pre-podiatry college education.
  3. Present a diploma from a college of podiatric medicine recognized by the Board as being in good standing, subject to the following conditions.
    - a. Any diploma or other document required to be submitted to the Board by an applicant which is not in the English language must be accompanied by a certified translation thereof into English.
    - b. No college of podiatry or chiropody shall be accredited by the Board as a college of good standing which does not require for graduation a course of study of at least four (4) years (eight and one-half [8½] months each) and be recognized by the Council on Education of the American Podiatry Association at the time of graduation.
  4. Present proof of completion of one (1) year of APMA-approved postgraduate training in the U.S. or Canada. If the podiatrist graduated from an accredited college of podiatric medicine prior to 1990, has continuously practiced for the past ten (10) years and has held unrestricted license(s) to practice podiatry, the one (1) year of APMA-approved postgraduate training may be waived at the Board's discretion.
  5. Present certified copy of birth certificate or valid passport.
  6. Complete an application for podiatry license and submit it to the Board in the manner prescribed by the Board with a recent passport type photograph.
  7. Submit fee prescribed by the Board.
  8. Appear for a personal interview in the office of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and successfully pass the Jurisprudence Examination as administered by the Board.

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