

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Medical Examining Board

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

ORDER OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD ADOPTING RULES
CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 15-021

ORDER

An order of the Medical Examining Board to repeal Med 1.04 relating to entrance to exams.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

ANALYSIS

Statutes interpreted:

Section 440.071 (1), Stats.

Statutory authority:

Sections 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., and 2013 Wisconsin Act 114

Explanation of agency authority:

Pursuant to ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 227.11 (2) (a), Stats., the Medical Examining Board is generally empowered by the legislature to promulgate rules that will provide guidance within the profession and interpret the statutes it administers. 2013 Wisconsin Act 114 created s. 440.071 (1) Stats, which provides that neither the Department nor a credentialing board may require a person to complete any postsecondary education or training before the person is eligible to take an examination for a credential. This legislative change prompted the Medical Examining Board to exercise its rule-making authority to draft the proposed rule which seeks to bring current administrative code into compliance with the new legislation.

Related statute or rule:

None.

Plain language analysis:

This proposed rule addresses a change in policy instituted by 2013 Wisconsin Act 114. The new legislation requires the Department of Safety and Professional Services and its attached boards refrain from requiring applicants complete their postsecondary education before being eligible to take an examination for licensure. This change prompted a review of Wis. Admin. Code ch. Med 1. The pertinent section affected is s. Med 1.04, which requires applicants to submit a completed application including all required documents to the board no less than three weeks prior to the date of an administration of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). The required documents which must be submitted includes evidence of graduation from medical school; thereby requiring, that applicants graduate medical school before submitting a completed application. However, Act 114 states that no such requirement may be imposed on applicants seeking licensure. The proposed rule repeals s. Med 1.04 in order to bring current rules into conformity with Act 114.

Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:

None.

Comparison with rules in adjacent states:

Illinois: Illinois requires submission of an official transcript and diploma or an official transcript and certification of graduation from the medical education program granting the degree as a requirement for licensure. 68 Ill. Admin. Code tit.68 § 1285.70 a) 5).

Iowa: Iowa requires evidence of a diploma issued by a medical college or college of osteopathic medicine and surgery approved by the board. Iowa Code §148.3. However, this requirement is not a prerequisite for taking an examination for a credential.

Michigan: For licensure by examination, Michigan requires applicants to establish that he or she is a graduate of a medical school approved by the board. Mich. Admin. Code r. 338.2317 (2). However, Michigan does not require applicants to complete any postsecondary education as a prerequisite to taking an examination for a credential.

Minnesota: Minnesota does not require applicants to complete any postsecondary education as a prerequisite to taking an examination for a credential.

Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:

No factual data or analytical methodologies were used in drafting the proposed rule due to the proposed rule being prompted by recent legislation.

Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Eric.Esser@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 267-2435.

Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis document is attached.

Effect on small business:

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Med 1.04 is repealed.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. 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.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)
