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Chapter 16-1  
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Subject: Regulations Governing the Temporary Licensing of Foreign  
Medical School Graduates in West Virginia.

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Section 1. General

1.01. Scope.--These regulations establish general rules for the  
licensing of Foreign Medical School Graduates in West Virginia.

1.02. Authority.--Thses regulations are issued under authority of  
West Virginia Code, Chapter 16-1, Article 3, Section 4.

1.03. Effective Date.--These regulations were adopted on April 8,  
1968, to become effective immediately.

1.04. Filing Date.--These regulations were filed in the Office of  
the Secretary of State June 18, 1968.

1.05. Certification.--These regulations were certified authentic  
by the Secretary of State by certification number 17.

Section 2. Regulations Governing the Temporary Licensing of Foreign  
Medical School Graduates in West Virginia.

2.01. Right to Practice.--Graduates of foreign medical schools may  
obtain temporary licenses to practice medicine and surgery in hospitals  
operated by the State of West Virginia and in privately-operated, approved  
hospitals in West Virginia by special permission from the Medical Licensing  
Board.

2.02. Definition.—The term "Approved hospital" shall be interpreted to mean a hospital approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals as meeting unconditionally its minimum requirements for general standardization.

2.03. Requirements.---

- (a) Each application shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of premedical and medical education, a small photograph of applicant (approximately 3 inches by 3 inches), and any other evidence available covering training and experience. A minimum of eighteen years of education is required.
- (b) All applicants, with the exception of those expecting to locate in State-operated hospitals, or those licensed in some other State in the United States, shall submit evidence of having passed the examination given by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical School Graduates.
- (c) Applicants are required to appear before the Medical Licensing Board for approval. Meetings are held in January, April, July, and October. Physicians arriving in West Virginia between sessions of the Board shall contact the Secretary of the Board concerning approval until the next regular meeting.
- (d) A fee of \$20.00 is required for the examination and evaluation of credentials and \$5.00 for the issuance of a temporary certificate. Those applicants eligible for an annual renewal are required to pay an additional \$5.00 for the certificate.
- (e) Applicants shall sign a contract agreeing to abide by the regulations of the Medical Licensing Board before assuming any duties.

(f) Physicians shall receive permission from the Board for a change of location and must notify the Board upon termination of services.

2.04. Permanent Licenses.--Foreign medical school graduates shall apply for permanent licensure in West Virginia as soon as eligible. Failure to do so will cause cancellation of the temporary license granted by the Board.

Section 3. Regulations for Medical Examination

3.01. Qualifications.--

- (a) Preliminary Education - At least two years of academic work of collegiate grade in a standard college of arts and sciences of equal rank with the College of Arts and Sciences of West Virginia University. (A certified transcript of premedical education must accompany application.)
- (b) Medical Education - Graduation from a Class A medical school as classified by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association; or graduation from a foreign medical school, provided original diploma of graduation is presented with application to be authenticated by the Medical Licensing Board, and provided further that graduate is a citizen of the United States, has resided in West Virginia for at least three years immediately preceding application, and has been recommended by his county medical society as possessing the necessary learning and experience. (A photocopy of applicant's medical diploma must accompany application)
- (c) Internship - Graduates subsequent to July 1, 1931, must file a certificate of satisfactory completion of one year of internship in a hospital approved for internship by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association or in a hospital fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. If the applicant served an internship of nine months during World War II, a certificate showing service of at least three months with the United States Armed Forces or the United States Public Health Service will be accepted in lieu of three months hospital service.

- (d) Birth Certificate - Each application must be accompanied by a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate or other satisfactory documentary evidence of citizenship in the United States.

3.02. Submission of Application.--All applications must be in the office of the Secretary of the Medical Licensing Board of West Virginia, State Office Building, 1800 Washington Street, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305, sixty days prior to the examination. The filing of an application does not entitle an applicant to practice. The only legal authority for practicing is a certificate from the Medical Licensing Board.

3.03. Documents.--All documents submitted as evidence of eligibility for licensure must be properly signed and under the seal of the issuing authority. This evidence becomes the property of the State as a part of the permanent records of the Medical Licensing Board and will not be returned.

3.04. Fee.--A check or money order of \$25.00, covering the \$20.00 for examination and \$5.00 for a certificate of licensure must accompany each application. The examination fee will not be returned if a certificate is refused, but the applicant is entitled to reexamination without further cost at either the first or second succeeding examination conducted by the Board. One such examination exhausts this privilege under the original application.

3.05. Rules of Examination.--

- (a) Examination manuscripts are furnished by the Board.
- (b) After finishing each section, write your name and number on front cover.
- (c) One and one-quarter hours are allowed for each section.
- (d) Applicants are not permitted to leave the hall during an examination.
- (e) Upon finishing a section, applicants will at once hand in their manuscripts to the examiner and retire from the room.
- (f) A general average of 75 per cent entitles applicant to licensure provided he does not fall below 65 per cent in any branch.

3.06. Disqualification of Applicant.--Any applicant detected giving or receiving help will be summarily dismissed from the examination. All fees will be forfeited and the Medical Licensing Board will consider the applicant thereafter ineligible for licensure by any means at any future date.