RULE
Department of Health
Board of Medical Examiners

Licensure and Certification—Physician
(LAC 46:XLV.315, 415, and 417)

Pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1261-1292, and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (board) intends to amend its rules governing Licensure and Certification of Physicians, LAC 46:XLV, Subpart 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter B, §315 and Subchapter I, §415.B and §417.B.

The proposed amendments to §315.A expand the existing discretionary waiver of certain license requirements for applicants appointed to a full-time position by a medical school or college, at a rank of assistant professor or above, to an applicant who would be a full-time employee of an academic medical center whose duties and responsibilities are devoted primarily to training residents and fellows and other academic endeavors within post-graduate medical education. As with medical school professors, the proposed amendments would limit the applicant’s practice to the academic medical center, as defined in §315.B, for which he or she has been approved by the board and affiliated hospitals and clinics of such center within the same geographic area of the state. As is the case under the existing rules (§327), the proposed amendments would be available to medical educators who graduated from either U.S. or international medical schools and the waiver of qualifications would expire upon termination of the appointment (§415.B).

The proposed changes to §417.B are intended to conform the rules governing notification of license renewal to current agency practices (e.g. electronic notification), which resulted from the board’s transition from sending out paper license renewals to electronic renewals and courtesy notices over the past several years. The proposed amendments are set forth below.
Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part XLV. Medical Professions
Subpart 2. Licensure and Certification
Chapter 3. Physicians
Subchapter B. Graduates of American and Canadian Medical School and Colleges
§315. Waiver of Qualifications
A. Upon request by an applicant, supported by certification from the dean of a medical school or college or chief medical officer of an academic medical center within the state of Louisiana which is approved by the board, the board may, in its discretion, waive the qualifications for licensure otherwise required by §311.A.5 or 6, in favor of an applicant who has been formally appointed by a medical school or college to a full-time position at a rank of assistant professor or above or to a full-time position as an employee of an academic medical center whose duties and responsibilities are devoted primarily to training residents and fellows and other academic endeavors within postgraduate medical education. The practice of such an individual shall be limited to the medical school or college or academic medical center for which such person has been approved by the board, and to hospitals and clinics affiliated with such medical school or college or academic medical center within the same geographic area of the state.
B. Special Definition. For purposes of this Section, the term academic medical center shall be a hospital located in this state that sponsors four or more post-graduate medical education programs approved by the ACGME. At least two of such programs shall be in medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, family practice, emergency medicine or psychiatry.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 10:914 (November 1984), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 16:523 (June 1990), LR 24:1500 (August 1998), LR 27:848 (June 2001), LR 31:1584 (July 2005), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 47:728 (June 2021).

§417. Renewal of License; Prerequisite Condition
A. …
B. A courtesy renewal notice shall be mailed or electronically transmitted by the board to each person holding a license issued under this Chapter at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the license each year. Such form shall be transmitted to the most recent address of the licensee reflected in the official records of the board.
C. …

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