Frequently Asked Questions:
Types of Licenses, Registrations and Permits

1. Does Arizona have reciprocity with other states?

   No.

2. Does Arizona participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLCC)?

   Yes. Please see IMLCC’s website for requirements and application procedures at www.imlcc.org.

3. Does Arizona have a Temporary License?

   Yes. You may apply for a Temporary License if you have applied for a full license and the application is in process; if you hold an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in another state, territory or possession of the U.S.; have never had a license revoked or suspended or surrendered a license for disciplinary reasons; and you are not the subject of an unresolved complaint in any jurisdiction.

   The Temporary License application is available for download on our website at www.azdo.gov > Applications.

4. Can I prescribe medications under a Temporary License?

   Yes. From the Board’s perspective, an Active temporary license has all the same privileges as a full license. However, you will need to contact other entities such as your employer or the DEA for any restrictions they may have for you.

5. Does Arizona have a temporary license for postgraduate training (internship, residency or fellowship)?

   Yes. A temporary Postgraduate Training Permit is available for osteopathic physicians who are enrolled in an ACGME or AOA accredited internship, residency or fellowship program. Contact your residency coordinator for a copy of the form and instructions. Your program’s coordinator is an important part of the process. You will submit your completed application and supporting documents to him/her rather than directly to the Board’s licensing division. Your coordinator will forward your application packet to the Board.

6. I’ve been asked to substitute/assist an Arizona physician but I do not plan to practice in Arizona permanently and do not want a full license. Do you have a temporary license for this?

   Yes, For physicians who will be temporarily assisting or substituting for an Arizona licensed MD or DO, Arizona has a Locum Tenens Registration that is good for 90 days. The combined application and issuance fee is $300. This registration may be extended once for an additional and contiguous 90 days upon written request and payment of an additional $300 fee. Please see the application and instructions on our website at For DOs > Applications for more information about a Locum Tenens Registration.
7. Does Arizona have a volunteer or pro bono license?

We have a Pro Bono Registration, which is not a license. This registration allows an osteopathic physician who is not a licensee to practice in this state for a total of 60 days each calendar year (cumulatively or consecutively) if the physician meets all of the following requirements:

a. Holds an active and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a state, territory or possession of the United States,

b. Has never had a license revoked or suspended by a health profession regulatory board of another jurisdiction,

c. Is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, and

d. Agrees to render all medical services without accepting a fee or salary or performs only initial or follow-up examinations at no cost to the patient and the patient’s family through a charitable organization.

To apply for a Pro Bono Registration, use the application on our website at For DOs > Applications. There is no fee for this registration.

8. Do I need a full license to teach at a College of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona?

You need either a full license or a Teaching License. The Teaching License application may be downloaded from our website at www.azdo.gov > For DOs > Applications. You cannot practice clinical medicine outside of your teaching duties with a Teaching license.

9. Does the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners have an Administrative License?

No, the Board does not have an administrative license. Physicians who wish to practice administrative medicine will need a full license. Use the Initial License Application to apply for a full license.

10. Which applications require fingerprinting?

- Initial License
- Teaching License
- Locum Tenens Registration

11. Which applications may I send by fax or email?

Any application that does NOT require notarization may be sent by fax, email, mail or delivery service.