COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 2021-03

POLICY ON PROVISIONALLY ISSUED LIMITED LICENSES

FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

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In order to ensure an adequate supply of physicians to staff hospitals, and to eliminate any administrative delays for physicians who qualify for limited licensure, the Board of Registration in Medicine will *provisionally* issue a limited license to qualifying limited license applicants who meet specific criteria. The provisionally issued limited license will allow qualifying limited licensees to begin their program start dates on time and legally authorizes the licensee to participate in the postgraduate training program while the Board completes the administrative review of the application.

1. In instances where an applicant has submitted a Limited License Application and application fee, the Board will conduct a review of the application and supporting documentation to determine if all of the following criteria have been met:
	1. The applicant meets all requirements for limited licensure except to the extent that primary source documentation not yet received by the Board may verify; and
	2. The Limited License Application does not require Licensing Committee review pursuant to 243 CMR 2.00 and Policy 19-05.
2. If the criteria in paragraphs 1a – 1b have been met, the Board will provisionally issue a limited license to the applicant. This provisionally issued limited license shall be valid until either the Board approves the limited license, or the Board has cancelled the provisionally issued license in accordance with this policy. Written notice of cancellation will be sent to the applicant and the postgraduate training program. Written notice may consist of a letter or an email sent to the applicant at an email address provided by the applicant on his or her application.
3. At any point prior to the Board issuing written notice that the limited license has been approved, the Board may cancel a provisionally issued limited license on any of the following bases:
	1. The Board does not receive required primary source documentation within 90 days of the start date of the postgraduate training program and the Board cannot otherwise verify to its satisfaction the information that the primary source documentation would have verified;
	2. The Board receives the required primary source documentation and the Board determines that it is materially inconsistent with information provided by the applicant in connection with the application;
	3. The Board receives additional information that warrants review by the Licensing Committee pursuant to 243 CMR 2.00 and Policy 19-05; or
	4. The program terminates the applicant’s appointment.
4. The applicant must cease all clinical activities immediately upon receipt of written notice from the Board of cancellation of the provisionally issued limited license.
5. A provisionally issued limited license may be disciplined by the Board at any time for any of the grounds that would subject the holder of a physician’s license to discipline in Massachusetts.