



Physician Licensing

FAQs

I have an active Temporary Medical License (“Temporary 125 license”), when am I eligible for a Permanent Physician and Surgeon License (“Permanent 036 license”)?

- ✔ You are eligible for the Permanent 036 license after successful completion of 24 months of accredited clinical training and of the relevant qualifying examination (USMLE, COMLEX, or LMCC).

What documentation must I submit to apply for the Permanent 036 license?

- ✔ The 4-page application
- ✔ PH Form
- ✔ CCA Form
- ✔ VE-PC
- ✔ and the required \$500 fee
- ✔ TN-MED form completed by your program director, certifying successful completion of at least 24 months of accredited clinical training.
- ✔ Medical licensing exam transcripts (USMLE, COMLEX, LMCC). The exam transcript MUST be sent to IDFPR directly from the source.
 - If you submit the exam transcript yourself, it will be rejected, and your application will be deficient until the exam transcript is received by IDFPR from the source.
- ✔ Fingerprint results from both the FBI and the Illinois State Police (ISP). IDFPR cannot accept fingerprint results that were taken more than 60 days PRIOR to your application date.

Do I need to submit my educational transcripts with my Permanent 036 application?

- ✔ No. If you currently hold an active Temporary 125 license, you do not need to submit new copies of your educational transcripts. This includes foreign graduates as well. IDFPR will automatically transfer all pre-medical and medical school transcripts, ED-NONs, ECFMG certificates, and any licensure certifications (CT) that were required to obtain your Temporary 125 license.



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If I answer YES to one or more of the questions on the Personal History (PH) CCA form, or application, but it was addressed during my Temporary 125 licensure, do I have to resubmit those documents?

- ✦ If the positive responses were previously addressed and approved by the Department and **NOTHING** has changed, you must mark the correct responses on your Permanent 036 license application and provide a signed statement explaining the positive response. You will not be required to resubmit your documentation.

Which application is faster, on-line or paper? Does it matter which one I choose?

- ✦ The on-line application process is faster by approximately 3 weeks than mailing in a paper application.
 - You cannot apply on-line, if you do not possess a social security number.
- ✦ Double-check that your social security number is correct. Your licenses will not link together (125s or 336 controlled substances) if your social security number is off by one digit.



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Do I need to submit a Certification of Licensure (CT)??

- ▼ If you currently hold an active Temporary 125 license, you are not required to submit a CT.
- ▼ If you are applying for a Permanent 036 license by endorsement (other than Illinois) you are required to submit licensure certification from:
 - **Original Jurisdiction** - This would be the state or country where you were originally licensed. Temporary, training, or limited licenses are not considered original licensure by the State of Illinois, and CTs are not required.
 - **Current Jurisdiction** - Where you are currently and actively practicing medicine. If you hold active licenses from numerous states (like Telemedicine or Locums) choose the state where you reside (and/or actively practice). If you do not practice in the state that you designate as your home address on your application, please submit clarification when applying. This will avoid potential confusion and possible delays caused by unnecessary deficiencies.
 - **Remember:** All license CTs **MUST** be received directly from the primary source. If the certification is addressed from you, the applicant, either uploaded on-line or mailed to IDFPR, it will be rejected. The current exceptions are for **INDIANA** and **KENTUCKY**. Those states only provide certification to the applicant, so it is permissible to upload or mail the verification that the applicant accesses through the state licensing website.



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I have an FCVS profile, does that cover all of the requirements?

- ✦ Unfortunately, it does not. We have direct access to the FCVS database, and that credentialing service is considered primary source verification for the following:
 - Medical education (school transcripts and translations, if applicable)
 - Applicant identity
 - ECFMG certification (if applicable)
 - Post Graduate Training (fulfills TN-MED requirement)
 - Exam results
 - Board certifications
 - Licensure history (**NOT CERTIFICATIONS**)
 - Board action history
- ✦ **FCVS does not verify:**
 - Pre-Medical transcripts
 - Work History (**VE-PC form**)
 - Licensure Certifications
 - Certification of Non-LCME Accredited Medical College (**ED-NON form**)

Why does it take so long to correct a deficiency? I uploaded the required document the next day, but it still took several weeks before it was reviewed again.

- ✦ Previously, deficient documents had been processed, in the order they were received. This meant that deficient applications would be re-processed in another 4 - 6 weeks. Moving forward, once the Medical License Processing Unit completes the temporary licensure rush (approximately July 1), IDFPR will begin processing deficient documents/applications as they are received (daily). This will significantly decrease the processing time of deficient applications.



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When should I apply for my Permanent 036 license?

- ▼ Timing is everything! If you submit a Permanent 036 license application between March 15 and July 1, you will experience longer processing times. During this timeframe, IDFPR is busy processing temporary license applications, which take priority during this period each year.
- ▼ It is recommended that a second-year resident apply for a Permanent036 license approximately 5 months before their second year is complete (staying outside of the yearly March to July window). This gives you ample time to submit the required documents for your Permanent 036 license.
 - Your application expires after 3 years, so do not worry about submitting your application 5 months prior to your full eligibility. The IDFPR Medical Licensing Unit works applications in the order that they were received, so this is equivalent to getting in line early and avoiding the rush.
 - After successful completion of 24 months of accredited clinical training, you can submit the TN-MED form certified by your program director, which will be added to your Permanent 036 application. Note that future-dated TN-MED forms will be rejected.

HELPFUL LINKS

- ▼ [IDFPR Home Page](#)
- ▼ [Get My License](#) - Print your active IDFPR licenses
- ▼ [Physician License Application](#) - Apply for on-line physician licenses and forms access
- ▼ [Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Quick Reference](#)