

Texas Medical Board

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TEXAS PHYSICIAN LICENSURE SEMINAR

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- I. Governance**
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– Full Physician License**
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Physician License**
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Licensing**
- V. License Types**
- VI. Recent Legislative Changes
Affecting Licensure – 82nd
Session**

GOVERNANCE

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STATUTE

- ✘ Laws relating to licensure, registration, and discipline of physicians
- ✘ TMB Web site link – www.tmb.state.tx.us – Laws, Rules and Guidelines/Texas Statutes/Texas Occupations Code

BOARD RULES

- ✘ Rules are adopted by the TMB
- ✘ Board cannot waive requirements in rule unless rules specifically allow it
- ✘ Rule change process
- ✘ TMB Web site link – www.tmb.state.tx.us – Laws, Rules and Guidelines/Board Rules

PHYSICIAN LICENSURE PROCESS – FULL PHYSICIAN LICENSE

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Stage 1 Pre-Licensure

- Look for an email from us with your LIST username and password the first working day after you apply.
- Submit the items listed under the Lacking Reasons tab in LIST. These are the items we expect you to submit or complete, based on your application.
- Use LIST to track receipt of the items.
- In most cases, additional items will be required later. Don't worry! That's expected. We just want to make sure you have the basics first.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

- ✘ How long it takes to complete Pre-Licensure depends on you.
- ✘ 42% of FY 11 licensees spent 90 days or less in Pre-Licensure screening.
- ✘ The average for all was 130 days.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Stage 2 Licensing

- You've submitted all of the documents required for your application in Pre-Licensure.
- Your application has been assigned to a licensing analyst.
- Keep checking LIST. Your licensing analyst will post requests for additional items in the Lacking Reasons section.

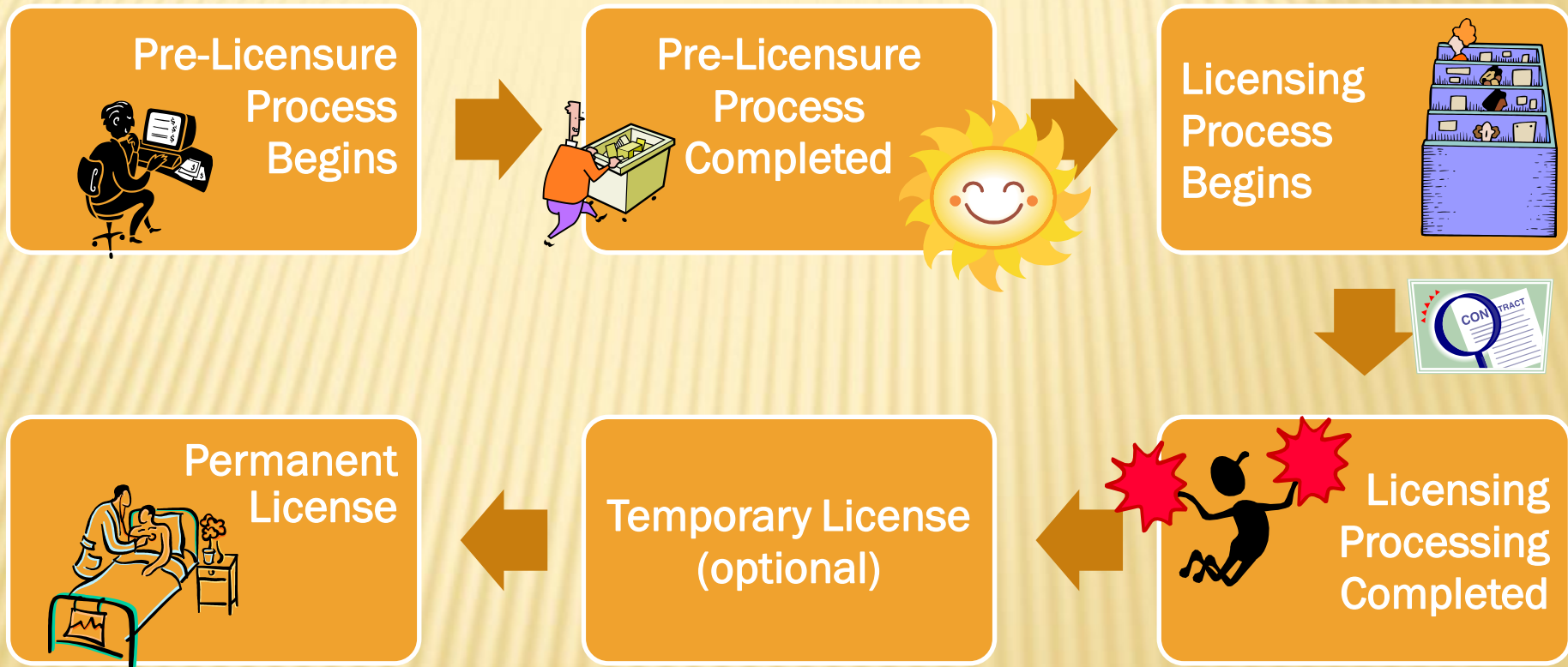
42
Days
Average

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Application
Complete

- Congratulations! You are ready to be licensed!
- A temporary license will be issued if you requested one.
- Regular licenses are issued twice a month.
- Register your license. You will receive a postcard within 2 weeks of being licensed, with registration instructions.

PRE-LICENSURE AND LICENSING STAGES



PRIORITY AND EXPEDITED HANDLING

- ✘ Priority - Physician applicants who agree to treat Medicare/Medicaid Patients for 5 years following licensure
- ✘ Expedited - Physician applicants planning to practice in:
 - + A medically underserved area (MUA)
 - + A health professionals shortage area (HPSA)
 - + A rural area

ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS – FULL PHYSICIAN LICENSURE

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– FULL PHYSICIAN LICENSURE

www.tmb.state.tx.us - Click on *Services for Healthcare Professionals/Physicians/Physician Applicants*

- ✘ Education
- ✘ Postgraduate Training
- ✘ Examinations
- ✘ Professional Character
- ✘ Demonstration of Current Competence

TMB PROCESS FOR ELIGIBILITY ISSUES

- ✘ Clear Cut Ineligibility
- ✘ Possible Ineligibility
- ✘ Licensure File Review
- ✘ Outcomes
- ✘ Executive Director, Medical Director file review
- ✘ Appeal Process

TIPS FOR A SMOOTH LICENSURE PROCESS

- ✘ Review eligibility – look at the TMB web site
- ✘ Read and follow all instructions
- ✘ Review application for completeness
- ✘ Send supplemental documentation in one package
- ✘ Track your mail – use a service that delivers to TMB’s physical address, not the PO Box

Hint: If an applicant has to analyze every word in a question to justify answering “no,” it’s better to answer “yes” and explain the circumstances.

CURRENT STATUS OF PHYSICIAN LICENSING

Physician Licenses – FY 2011

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 2011
Average Days to License	46	42	37	43	42
Number of Licenses Issued	585	750	963	1138	3436

Average Licensing Time for Priority License Applications – FY 2011 YTD

Priority Category (may be more than one category/application)	Number of Applications	Average Days to Complete
Applicants Selecting 1 or More Priority Category	1532	43
Agree to Treat Medicare/Medicaid Patients	1463	43
Plan to Practice in Health Professional Shortage Area	357	49
Plan to Practice in Medically Underserved Area	407	43
Plan to Practice in Rural Area	255	48
Total All Applications	3436	42



Why do expedited applications take longer than regular applications?

LICENSE TYPES

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- ✘ Full Physician License
- ✘ Limited Licenses Associated with Academic Institutions/Training Programs
 - + Physician in Training License
 - + Faculty Temporary License
 - + Visiting Professor Temporary License
 - + Conceded Eminence License
 - + Distinguished Professor Temporary License
- ✘ Provisional License
- ✘ Public Health License
- ✘ Telemedicine License
- ✘ Visiting Physician Temporary Permit

**RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AFFECTING LICENSURE –
82ND SESSION**

RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Bill Number	Description
HB 1380	Postgraduate training requirement for IMGs reduced to 2 years from 3
SB 189	Additional service required for physicians who are not citizens or permanent residents
SB 867	Reasonable accommodations during testing
SB 1733	Alternative licensing requirements for spouses of active duty service personnel
SB 1661	Policy requirements, etc. for non-profit health organizations certified by TMB
SB 761, SB 894, SB 311, HB 1568, HB 2351	Direct hire of physicians by certain hospitals, hospital districts
HB 2098	Physician/PA Owned Clinics
SB 1360, HB 2975	CME and Lyme disease

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