

# Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

## Board Certification Equivalency Criteria

Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:10-7-2

*Allopathic physicians in Oklahoma who may lawfully claim to be “Board Certified” or “Certified by” or a “Diplomat” or “Fellow” are only physicians who have presented to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision evidence of successful completion of all requirements for certification by a member Board of the organization of American Board of Medical Specialties as listed by the American Medical Association, or by any other organization whose program for the certification requested has been found by the Board to be equivalent thereto.*

[Source: Amended at 11 Ok Reg. 4535, eff. 7-27-94 (emergency); Amended at 12 Ok Reg. 1223, eff. 5-11-95]

The following are points to be considered when deciding if a certifying board is equivalent to boards certified by American Board of Medical Specialists (ABMS).

1. The recognizing agency of the board in question must be a legally recognized not-for-profit independent 501-c entity that certifies members as having advanced qualifications in a particular allopathic medical specialty through peer reviewed demonstrations of competence in the specialty being considered.
2. The board in question must provide evidence of having a post-graduate training residency or fellowship that is accredited by the American Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and must provide substantial and identifiable training in the scope of the specialty presented.
3. Pathways other than #1 such as apprenticeships, non recognized fellowships not supported by a core ACGME program or “experience” in the field shall not be considered as satisfying this requirement
4. There must be a psychometrically validated exam required by the board.
5. There must be periodic re-certification.

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