

SUBCHAPTER 19. SPECIAL VOLUNTEER MEDICAL LICENSE

435:10-19-1. Purpose

The purpose of this Subchapter is to set forth the requirements for receiving and maintaining a special volunteer medical license. This volunteer medical license shall be issued as provided for in Title 59 O.S., §493.5 for the sole treatment of indigent and needy persons without expectation of receiving any payment or compensation.

435:10-19-2. Procedure for volunteer license

(a) Application for a volunteer medical license shall be submitted on forms provided by the Board and document all information as required in Title 59 O.S., §493.5.

(b) The volunteer medical license shall be issued without the payment of an application fee.

(c) No person granted a volunteer medical license shall practice outside the scope of the license. Any practice outside the scope of the volunteer medical license shall be deemed to be unprofessional conduct and may be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

(d) All other provisions of the act and rules shall apply to holders of a volunteer medical license.

435:10-19-3. Annual renewal

(a) Holders of a volunteer medical license must apply for renewal on an annual basis on forms provided by the Board.

(b) Renewals issued by the Board will be without any continuing education requirements or renewal fee.

§59-493.5. Special volunteer medical license.

A. There is established a special volunteer medical license for physicians who are retired from active practice and wish to donate their expertise for the medical care and treatment of indigent and needy persons of the state. The special volunteer medical license shall be:

1. Issued by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to eligible physicians;
2. Issued without the payment of an application fee, license fee or renewal fee;
3. Issued or renewed without any continuing education requirements;
4. Issued for a fiscal year or part thereof; and
5. Renewable annually upon approval of the Board.

B. A physician must meet the following requirements to be eligible for a special volunteer medical license:

1. Completion of a special volunteer medical license application, including documentation of the physician's medical school graduation and practice history;
2. Documentation that the physician has been previously issued a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Oklahoma or in another state of the United States and that he or she has never been the subject of any medical disciplinary action in any jurisdiction;
3. Acknowledgement and documentation that the physician's practice under the special volunteer medical license will be exclusively and totally devoted to providing medical care to needy and indigent persons in Oklahoma or to providing care under the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps; and
4. Acknowledgement and documentation that the physician will not receive or have the expectation to receive any payment or compensation, either direct or indirect, for any medical services rendered in this state under the special volunteer medical license. The only exception to the indirect compensation provision is for those out-of-state physicians that participate in the free medical care given by means of Telemedicine through the Shriners Hospitals for Children national network.