

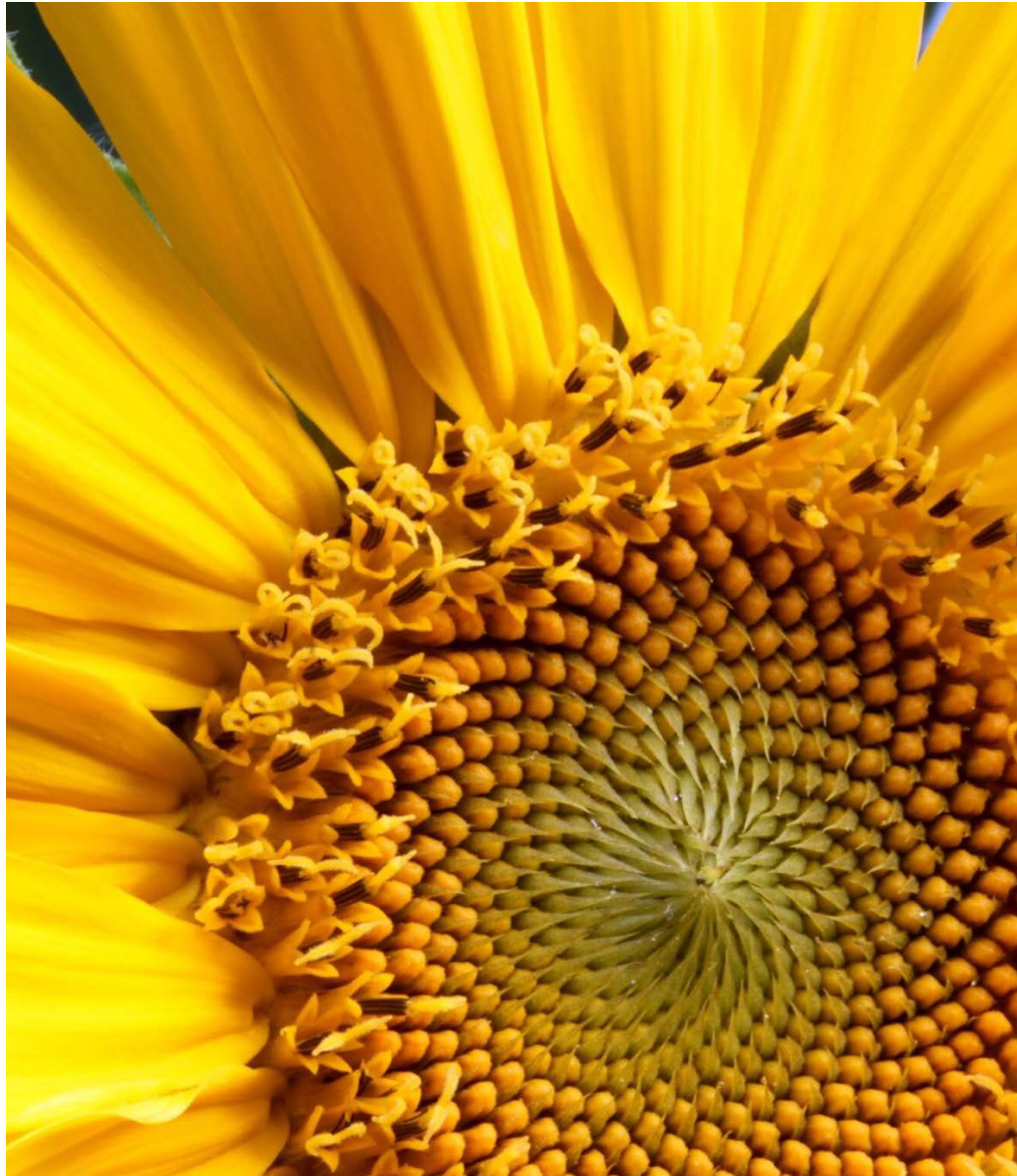
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# KANSAS IMLC (PHYSICIAN LICENSING) COMPACT

# HOW DOES A STATE JOIN THE COMPACT?



- Legislature must introduce and enact a bill authorizing the state to join
- Language of compact must be consistent in each state that joins



# KANSAS JOINS THE IMLC COMPACT

- K.S.A. 65-28,133 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
  - Became effective July 1, 2016
- KS begins issuing SPL in April 2017
- KS begins issuing non-SPL in May 2017

# BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT

- Compact does not prevent enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent with the compact.
- All laws in a member state in conflict with the compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.
- All lawful actions of the IMLC, including all rules and bylaws, are binding upon the member states.

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 24



# IMLC RULES

- **“Rule”** – Written statement by the IMLC that is of general applicability, implements, interprets or prescribes a policy or provision of the compact, or an organizational, procedural or practice requirement, **and has the force and effect of statutory law in a member state.**
- [Policies & Laws | Interstate Medical Licensure Compact \(imlcc.org\)](https://www.imlcc.org)

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 2(m); Section 15(c)

# KS IMLC COMMISSION REPRESENTATION

- Each Compact state gets two representatives on the IMLC Commission
- If a state has separate MD/DO boards, each Board gets 1 seat
- Representatives must be a physician or public member of the board, or the Executive Director
- Administers the Compact's bylaws, rules, policies, and advisory opinions
- Robin Durrett, D.O. KSBHA Board Member and past President & Tucker Poling, KSBHA Executive Director



## STATE OF PRINCIPAL LICENSURE (SPL)

- A member state where a physician holds a license to practice medicine and which has been designated as such by the physician for purposes of registration and participation in the compact.
- Must be one of the following:
  - State of primary residence;
  - State where at least 25% of the practice of medicine occurs;
  - Location of the physician's employer; or
  - If none above, state of residence for purpose of federal income tax.

→ LOQ

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 4

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Hold a full, unrestricted medical license in a Compact member state (SPL)
- Graduated from an accredited medical school or a school listed on the International Medical Education Directory
- Passed each component of USMLE, COMLEX-USA, or prior examinations accepted as an equivalent within 3 attempts
- Completed ACGME/AOA accredited graduate medical education
- Hold a current specialty certification by ABMS or AOABOS
- Never been convicted, received adjudication, deferred adjudication, community supervision or deferred disposition
- Never held a license subjected to discipline (excluding action related to non-payment of fees related to license)
- Never had a controlled substance license/permit suspended or revoked by a state or DEA
- Not under active investigation

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 2(k); Section 3(a).



# APPLICATION



- [www.imlcc.org/apply/](http://www.imlcc.org/apply/)
- SPL reviews application, qualifications, and criminal background check
- Issued LOQ, valid for 1 year
- Appeals on determination of eligibility shall be made to the member state where the application was filed.

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 5

# I'VE APPLIED FOR AN LOQ IN KANSAS, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The application is assigned to a licensing analyst who reviews, and cross references the information with the physicians record to verify eligibility and accuracy.

- Medical school transcript, postgraduate training verification, and exam scores are reviewed
- Background Check Waiver and request to obtain fingerprints is sent via email
- Compliance with the Kansas Healthcare Stabilization Fund is verified
- National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB") Query ran
- Physician Data Center ("PDC") Query ran

Once all items are received, the application is sent for final review.

If the physician meets all requirements, a formal Letter of Qualification ("LOQ") is issued.

# I'VE SELECTED KANSAS AS AN ADDITIONAL STATE, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The application is assigned to a licensing analyst to review and enter the information into our database.

- If the physician holds a current Kansas license, compliance with the Kansas Healthcare Stabilization Fund is verified
- If the physician does not hold a current Kansas license, a request for proof of professional liability insurance is sent via email.

Once all items are received, the application is sent for final review. Using the LOQ issued by the SPL, the Kansas license is issued.

- If the physician does not already hold a Kansas license, a new license letter is sent via email, the agency website is updated, and a wall certificate is mailed in 2-4 weeks.

# RENEWAL

- Must renew licenses obtained through the compact using the IMLC website.
- Eligible for renewal through the Compact if:
  - Maintains a full and unrestricted license in SPL;
  - Has not been convicted, received adjudication, deferred adjudication, community supervision or deferred disposition for any offense;
  - Has not had a license subject to discipline by any state, federal or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any action related to non-payment of fees related to a license; and
  - Has not had a controlled substance license/permit suspended or revoked by any state or DEA.
- Must comply with all CME requirements

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 7

## COORDINATED INFORMATION SYSTEM

- IMLC shall establish a database of all physicians licensed, or who have applied for licensure.
- Member boards shall report to IMLC any public action or complaints against a licensed physician who has applied or received a license through the compact.
- Member board shall report disciplinary or investigatory information determined as necessary and proper.
- Member boards may report any non-public complaint, disciplinary or investigatory information.
- Member boards shall share complaint or disciplinary information about a physician upon request of another member board.
- All information provided to IMLC or distributed by member boards shall be confidential, filed under seal, and used only for investigatory/disciplinary purposes.

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 8

# JOINT INVESTIGATIONS

- A member board may participate with other member boards in joint investigations of physicians licensed by the member boards.
- Member boards may share any investigative, litigation or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under the Compact.

K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 9





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I APPLY?



[WWW.IMLCC.ORG/APPLY/](http://WWW.IMLCC.ORG/APPLY/)

WILL THE LOQ EXPIRE?



YES

The LOQ expires 365 days after it is issued.

IF I SELECT KANSAS AS MY SPL,  
IS A SEPARATE LICENSE ISSUED?

NO

Kansas issues a full, unrestricted license that provides the same authority and rights as a full, unrestricted license issued through the traditional application process.

WHERE DO I FIND MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
COMPACT?

[WWW.IMLCC.ORG](http://WWW.IMLCC.ORG)



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