

Guidelines for Alternate Pathway for COMLEX-USA Level 3 Attestation

The NBOME requires an attestation from a residency program director indicating a resident is in good academic and professional standing to take the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination. Good standing denotes that they meet the academic and professional requirements of the residency program and are eligible to continue as a resident in the program. This attestation requirement is consistent with the NBOME's mission to protect the public, the Federation of State Medical Board/licensing board's interest in "duty to report," and professional self-regulation.

The NBOME has created an alternate pathway for candidates who have never participated in any residency program and therefore unable to attain a residency program director's attestation. The following conditions must be met to obtain an attestation via an alternate pathway:

- The candidate has met the COM graduation requirements and has been awarded a graduation diploma. The attestation will be required from the candidate's dean of their college of osteopathic medicine who will attest that, as of the date of meeting the graduation requirements listed above, the candidate was in good academic and professional standing.
- The candidate has not participated in an accredited GME program in which the candidate was eligible to receive an attestation from a residency program director, except in cases of approved exceptions, such as serious illness or completion of a preliminary residency program (see Exceptions).
- The candidate agrees, if requested, to provide additional information to the NBOME following the examination for evaluation of the alternate pathway. Such information may include the candidate's future status in obtaining a residency position or other professional opportunities, along with related details.
- Exceptions to this policy may be granted at the discretion of NBOME for candidates who experience extraordinary circumstances beyond their control, such as serious illness, or for candidates who have completed a portion of graduate medical education, such as completion of a preliminary residency program.
- Candidates are not eligible if they withdraw from, are dismissed from, or otherwise leave an accredited residency program, or if they leave a residency program with an approved attestation and do not take the examination within six (6) months after leaving the program.
- The candidate will comply with all requirements, terms and conditions as listed in the COMLEX-USA Bulletin of Information.

Please submit the petition to your dean's office for completion. Once completed, your dean will return the signed petition to the Vice President for Strategy and Quality Initiatives of the NBOME at the address listed on the form, or via email at: clientservices@nbome.org.

Petition for Temporary Alternate Pathway for COMLEX-USA Level 3 Attestation for DO Graduates

The NBOME requires an attestation from a residency program director indicating a resident is in good academic and professional standing in order to take the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination.

The NBOME will accept a request from a dean of a college of osteopathic medicine for an alternate pathway for COMLEX-USA Level 3 attestation. The dean will attest the candidate was in good academic and professional standing based on the conditions outlined on the petition guidelines.

Instructions to complete the form: Sections 1 and 2 are to be completed by the CANDIDATE and then forwarded to your DEAN to complete Section 3. Once the form is completed, please mail or email to the address provided below. By submitting to your dean, you have accepted these conditions.

MAIL OR EMAIL PETITION TO:

National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

Attn: Vice President for Strategy and Quality Initiatives
101 W. Elm Street, Suite 100
Conshohocken, PA 19428

clientservices@nbome.org

1. COM

Name of College of Osteopathic Medicine:

2. CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name of Candidate:

Date of Graduation:

NBOME ID Number:

3. CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the candidate's request, I attest this candidate has met the COM graduation requirements and has been awarded a graduation diploma and has not yet matched in an accredited GME program. As of the date of meeting graduation requirements listed above, I attest this candidate was in good academic and professional standing. By signing this document, I also attest that I have reviewed the conditions as outlined in the Petition Guidelines with the candidate and therefore request that s/he be provided the opportunity to take the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination.

Signature:

Print Name:

Title:

Date: