

**PHYSICIAN RE-ENTRY AFTER ABSENCE FROM PRACTICE  
APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL LICENSURE  
OR  
CHANGE IN STATUS FROM INACTIVE TO ACTIVE**

Physician re-entry has been defined by the American Medical Association (AMA) as "a return to clinical practice in the discipline in which one has been trained or certified following an extended period of clinical inactivity not resulting from discipline or impairment."

In Idaho, physician re-entry is a return to practice following clinical inactivity for a "period exceeding one (1) year, or when practice has been significantly interrupted." IDAPA 22.01.01.050.08.iii.

The Idaho State Board of Medicine (hereinafter Board) must determine whether the applicant wanting to re-enter practice or change his licensure status from inactive to active "possesses the requisite qualifications to provide the same standard of health care as provided by" other Idaho licensed physicians.

Given its charge "to assure the public health, safety and welfare . . . by the licensure and regulation of physicians," the Board has established this online resource to provide applicants with information relevant to re-entry requirements. Idaho Code § 54-1802.

An application for medical licensure following clinical inactivity or a change in licensure status from inactive to active must include a written personal re-entry program which documents the method in which the applicant evaluated his clinical skills and competency.

The personal re-entry program also should include a plan to address any education and/or training, deficiencies identified in the evaluation. A re-entry program may also include, but is not limited to, current Board Certification, concurrent continuing medical education and establishing a working relationship mentor who will directly supervise the applicant's provision of medical care.

Applicants may wish to check with their specialty boards if they are or have been certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Board. The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) also offers a list of some of the available re-entry and remedial programs available at: <http://www.fsmb.org/globalassets/usmle-step3/spexplas-pdfs/remedprog.pdf>

Applicants will be given an opportunity to address the Board during their personal interviews. To this end, re-entry programs should be submitted at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the scheduled interviews and should include any relevant evaluation program, training and/or education brochures.

Upon consideration, the Board may approve, modify or deny an application and proposed re-entry program. A license to practice medicine following clinical inactivity or change in status in Idaho may be conditioned upon the successful completion of the proposed re-entry program.