

## COVID-19 Emergency Licensing for Internationally Trained Health Care Workers

### New Jersey State Portal and Application Process

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*In New Jersey, policymakers have taken executive action and legislative action to leverage internationally trained health care professionals to bolster the state's health workforce. On April 1, 2020, Governor Murphy issued **Executive Order 112** authorizing the state's licensing department to temporarily license internationally trained physicians provided the candidate is in good standing, has engaged in medical practice for at least five years, and has engaged in clinical practice within the last five years.*

*New Jersey also passed legislation, **S-2333/AA-3910**, on April 13, 2020, which was signed by Governor Murphy on April 14, 2020. The new law delegates to the director of the state licensing department the ability to temporarily suspend licensing requirements in all licensed health professions during the pendency of the emergency.*

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### Eligibility

New Jersey has issued temporary, emergency licenses to qualified internationally licensed physicians so that they may provide essential healthcare services during the current health emergency. An international physician must pass certain criteria to be eligible:

- Hold a current, valid, unrestricted license (or licenses) to practice medicine in a foreign country
- Have at least five years of experience practicing clinical medicine under the license(s);
- Have practiced clinical medicine within the last five years
- Be lawfully present and eligible to work in the United States (requirement under federal law)
- Complete an application, which will require submission of a copy of the medical license
- Certify to the accuracy of statements and documents submitted as part of the application

Under this temporary license, internationally licensed physicians will be limited to providing in-person, clinical medical services in a New Jersey Department of Health-licensed facility (e.g., hospital, field hospital, long-term care facility) or other location designated as an emergency health care center by the Commissioner of Health. The positions are paid.

### How to apply for a temporary license in New Jersey

Those who are eligible can apply on the Division of Consumer Affairs website [here](#). New Jersey has waived application fees. After obtaining licensure, physicians will be directed to the Department of Health's [portal](#) for health care professionals who are interested in supporting New Jersey's response to COVID-19. The Department of Health will work to connect applicants with opportunities where their skills are most needed. Applicants will need to input their new license number and other basic information in the portal.



To complete the Initial Application, select **Medical Examiners** as the profession, **INTL Physician Temporary License** as the license type, and **Application** as the method for obtaining license. This will initiate the application for the temporary license and activate the licensing fee waiver.

- For a complete use guide on how to register with N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs follow this [link](#)

#### **Additional Information**

- N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs program [FAQ page](#)
- [Registration instructions](#) for physicians
- [Volunteer form](#) for professionals with a background in health, mental health, and related fields who are willing to supplement N.J.'s health care capacity on a temporary basis.