

# GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



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## STATEMENT REGARDING PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS AND LICENSE INFORMATION

The Georgia Composite Medical Board obtains primary source verification of credentials required for licensure for all professions. Below is a list of items for which the Board obtains verification directly from the issuing entity during the initial licensing process.

1. **Qualifying degree**, from the medical school, physician assistant program, respiratory therapy program, orthotist/prosthetist program, etc).
2. **Postgraduate training**, from the residency training program.
3. **License history in other states**, from the board or agency that issued the license.
4. **Score report or similar evidence of passing a qualifying examination** (e.g., USMLE, FLEX, NCCPA, NCCAA, NBRC, NCCAOM, etc), from the entity that administers the examination.

## INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE BOARD'S LICENSEE SEARCH PAGE (updated daily)

The following data elements on the Board's website should be considered as primary source verification:

1. **License number**
2. **License status**
3. **Issue date**
4. **Expiration date**
5. **Public Disciplinary Actions**

The following data elements on the Board's website should not be construed as primary source verification:

1. **Specialty board certification**, as this is not a requirement for licensure in Georgia.
2. **Specialty**, because the Board licenses physicians to practice medicine and surgery, rather than to practice a specific specialty. (The Board may limit a licensee's practice through a consent order.)
3. **Practice address**, because the Board regulates the practice of medicine through licensing the individual rather than the practice site.
4. **Information listed in the physician profile**, which is provided directly by the physician to the public, as required by the Patient Right to Know Act.

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