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IMLC Pathway A — Georgia as State of Principal License (SPL): GCMB Issues Letter of Qualification (LOQ)

Purpose

How to obtain an IMLC Letter of Qualification (LOQ) when Georgia is your State of Principal License (SPL), core timelines, & the Board's post-licensure documents.

Steps

1. Apply for a Letter of Qualification via the IMLC portal.
2. Once you have the LOQ, then you can apply for an expedited license.
3. Designate Georgia as SPL if you hold a full & unrestricted GA license & GA is your: primary residence; or 25% practice location; or employer location; or federal tax home.
4. GCMB verifies eligibility & transmits the determination to the Interstate Commission; application **must** be completed in 60 days.
5. **GCMB performs a criminal background check using FBI-compliant fingerprint/biometric results.** This information will be provided to you by GCMB staff.
6. Once approved & license issued, GCMB reports licensure to the IMLCC.

Within 30 days of Georgia licensure (send these to GCMBCompact@dch.ga.gov) per Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-40-.02(6)

1. **NPDB/HIPDB self-query** & reports if you have ever held a U.S. or Canadian license (excludes training licenses).

These may be needed but not required unless requested: Current CV/resume, Affidavit of Applicant, Citizenship Affidavit for Medical Board License, Secure & verifiable ID: See Secure and Verifiable Documents Under O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2, Compact-IMLCC Malpractice Questionnaire + documentation, if applicable, Military discharge documents, if applicable, Specific Power of Attorney, if authorizing another person to inquire.

Timelines & conditions

- LOQ is valid for 365 days from issuance. — **Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-40-.01(4)**
- Register with Georgia's PDMP within 30 days of initial licensure if you hold a DEA registration.
- IMLC fees are set by the Commission & are non-refundable.
- Expedited license terminates if SPL is not maintained for a non-disciplinary reason without redesignation.
- Renewal through IMLC; renewal notices typically sent 90 & 60 days before expiration, contingent on continued participation criteria.

References: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-300–304; Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 360-40-.01 – 360-40-.06.