

Frequently Asked Questions Clinical Perfusionist Licensure

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It is **RECOMMENDED** that **YOU DO NOT ACCEPT** an offer to practice as a Clinical Perfusionist in Georgia **UNTIL** you have met all the necessary requirements for licensure, and have been issued a license.

1. **How do I apply for a Clinical Perfusionist license?**

ONLINE: The quickest and easiest way to apply for this type of license is to submit your application online by visiting our website at www.medicalboard.georgia.gov and click the [Apply, Renew, Reinstatement or Manage License](#) link. You will be required to REGISTER first before you can apply online for this license.

PAPER APPLICATION: If you prefer to apply by paper application, you may visit our website at www.medicalboard.georgia.gov and click the [For Professionals](#) link. A request for an application may also be requested in writing by submitting the following information: your legal name and mailing address, or by contacting the Board directly at (404) 656-3913 or 3914.

2. **How long does it take to obtain a Georgia Clinical Perfusionist license?**

The normal processing time for a clinical Perfusionist license, depending on timeliness of primary source documentation and other required information, is **4-6 weeks**. Once your application is complete, your file will be sent to quality assurance and reviewed within 5-10 business days and an initial licensure determination will be made. **You will be notified in writing of the initial determination and the next scheduled Medical Board meeting date when your application will be considered.**

3. **I have a job offer and need a Clinical Perfusionist license immediately. What should I do if my application is not considered complete by the 5-business day deadline to go to the next Board meeting?**

4. **May I apply for a temporary license?**

YES. Temporary licenses may be issued to applicants between board meetings, who have submitted the application and all supporting materials and have met all the qualifications for licensure. Such licenses shall have the effect of a permanent license until the next regular Board meeting, when the temporary license shall become void. The temporary license fee shall be designated in the fee schedule.

Under these circumstances the Board encourages you to check with your primary source verifiers, (e.g., school transcripts, references, post-graduate training program, test scores, and out-of-state licensure verification), to make sure they send your information directly to the Medical Board in a timely fashion. **The Board does not issue licenses without a completed application.** The Board highly recommends that **YOU DO NOT ACCEPT** an offer of employment in Georgia **UNTIL** you have met all the necessary requirements for licensure and have been **notified** in writing of your approval for a Clinical Perfusionist license.

5. **What is the cost for a temporary license?**

There is a \$50.00 fee for a temporary license.

6. **What does “primary source verification” mean?**

The Medical Board verifies all applicant information as “primary source” verification. This means that we must receive the information **DIRECTLY** from the issuing source. (e.g., School transcripts must come directly from your school. We will not accept a non-certified copy).

7. **Does an application for a Georgia Clinical Perfusionist license have an expiration date?**

YES: Applications for a Georgia Clinical Perfusionist license remain active for **one-year only**. If you applied for a Georgia license and were not issued a permanent license within 12 months, you must reapply by submitting a new application, with your most current information, in addition to an application fee. Upon receipt and review of your application, we will notify you of any documentation previously provided which is acceptable. All other information, such as letters of reference and a current resume **MUST BE** resubmitted. We will not simply reactivate your old application.

8. **I have decided not to move to Georgia and I want to withdraw my application. What should I do? Is my application fee refundable?**
If you decide during the application process that you would like to withdraw your application, it is necessary for you to put this request **in writing**, sign and date the request and provide a brief explanation as to why you would like to withdraw your application. Fees paid to the Georgia Medical Board are **non-refundable** whether or not a license is issued, an application is withdrawn or the application is denied.
9. **Does Georgia issue provisional Clinical Perfusionist licenses?**
YES. Under the Clinical Perfusionist Licensure Act, a Provisional Clinical Perfusionist license may be issued to a person who submits evidence to the Board of having successfully completed an approved perfusion education program required for licensure, and upon filing of a completed application and the application fee. The law states that a provisional license shall be valid for two years from the date it is issued and **may not** be renewed. A provisional licensed clinical Perfusionist is required to be under the supervision and direction of a licensed clinical Perfusionist at all times during which the provisional licensed clinical Perfusionist performs perfusion.
10. **How much does a provisional license cost?**
The cost for a provisional license is **\$300**.
11. **I am scheduled to complete my training program in June of next year, when should I apply for my Georgia Clinical Perfusionist license?**
Application for a Clinical Perfusionist license remain active for **one year only**. Therefore, you should not apply for a license with the Board until you have satisfactorily completed all of your required training. **If you have not passed the competency examination required, you may NOT apply for a provisional perfusionist license.**
12. **Are there exceptions as to who must obtain a Clinical Perfusionist license?**
YES. Any person licensed as a physician pursuant to Article 2 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. A person licensed under Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as a registered professional nurse, physician's assistant or respiratory care professional is exempt from the prohibition contained in O.C.G.A. 43-34-177, if the person does not represent to the public, directly or indirectly, or use any name, title or designation to indicate that the person is licensed as licensed clinical Perfusionist or provisional clinical Perfusionist; and the person limits his or her acts to the scope of practice authorized by the appropriate licensing agency. In addition, O.C.G.A. 43-34-178(5) exempts any legally qualified Perfusionist employed by the U.S. government while in the discharge of his/her official duties from obtaining a license.
13. **Are there continuing education requirements for renewal of my permanent Clinical Perfusionist license? How do you verify if I have fulfilled my continuing education obligation?**
YES. Completion of thirty (30) hours of continuing education in courses, programs or activities approved for continuing education credit by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) for the period of the previous 2-year renewal cycle is required. At the time of renewal, proof of continuing education IS NOT required unless you are randomly audited. If audited, you must provide to a representative of the Board, proof of completing your continuing education requirements. Failure to provide proof of continuing education completion may lead to possible action by the Medical Board.
14. **How do I report a change of address?**
You may visit our website at www.medicalboard.georgia.gov, log into your account and update your address online. You may also send an e-mail to medbd@dch.ga.gov. Please be sure to include your full name, title, license number, your old address and the new address. It is very important to specify if the address change is for your **mailing/practice address OR both**. Also remember that the mailing address you provide will be the address listed on our website for the public to view **UNLESS** you provide a practice location address.