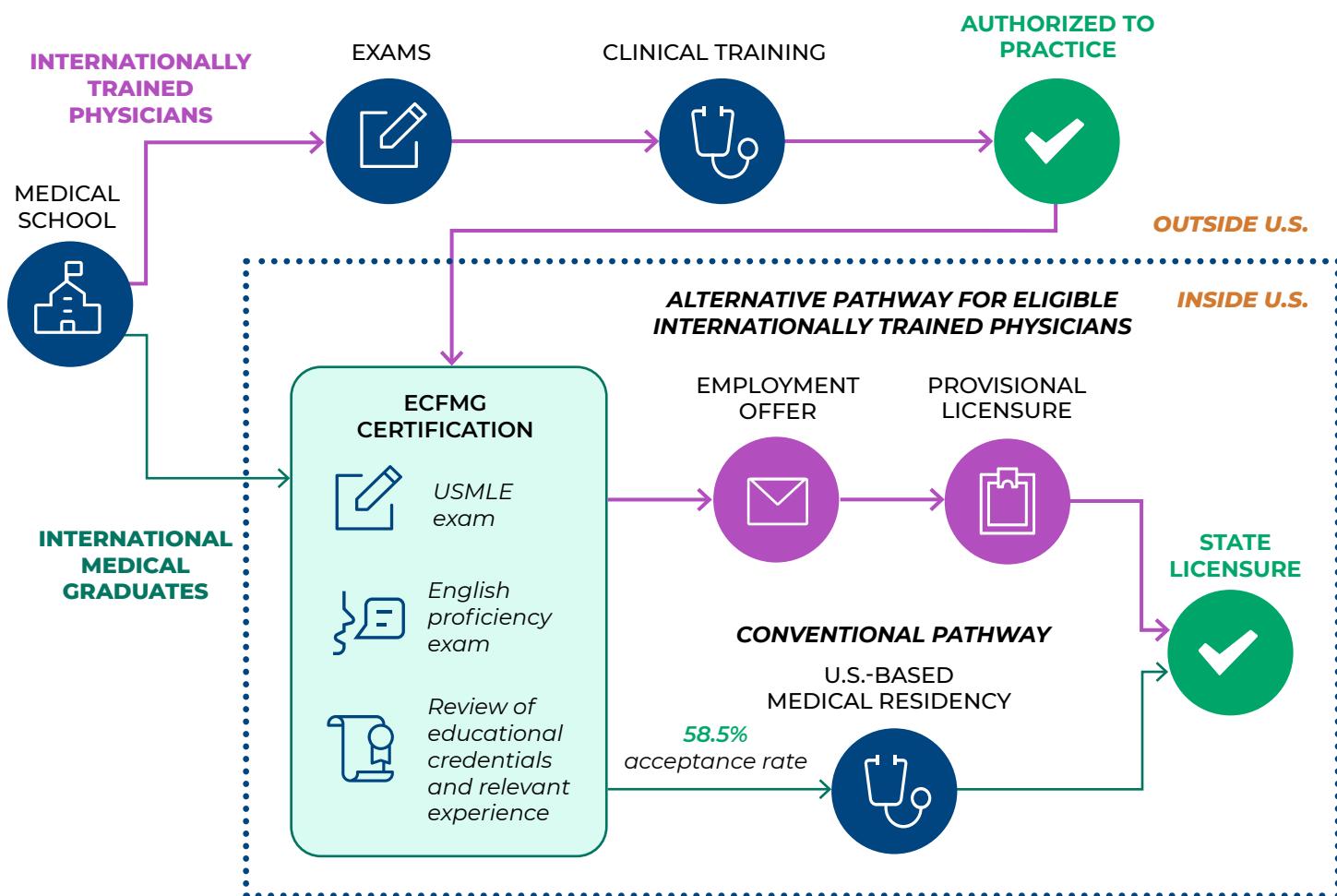


U.S. Licensure Pathways: Internationally Trained Physicians

This journey map outlines two pathways to U.S. medical licensure for internationally trained physicians. While Internationally Trained Physicians (ITPs) are a subset of International Medical Graduates (IMGs), the terms are not synonymous: **ITPs were trained and authorized to practice abroad, whereas IMGs are those who only completed their studies outside the U.S.** This map is intended as a reference tool for stakeholders seeking to understand the structural and practical differences between conventional and alternative licensure pathways, and to identify opportunities to better align licensure processes with the qualifications of internationally trained physicians.



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Bill Comparison Chart

This chart compares enacted state laws across the U.S. that create alternative pathways to medical licensure for internationally trained physicians. It serves as a policy analysis and reference tool for stakeholders such as policymakers, health care administrators, advocacy organizations, and licensing boards.

STATE	BILL	
Montana	MT Rule 24.156.607	These pathways have been established for over a decade. They create alternative pathways to licensure for internationally trained physicians without requiring a provisional license before becoming eligible for a full license.
New York	NY CRR Title 8 § 60.3 & § 60.5	
Colorado	CO HB 22-1050 (2022)	
Washington	WA SB 5118 (2025)	This bill allows internationally trained physicians to access the existing re-entry license pathway, recognizing their prior practice experience.
Illinois	IL SB 1298* (2023)	
Tennessee	TN SB 1451 (2023)	
Florida	FL SB 7016 (2024)	
Idaho	ID HB 542 (2024)	
Iowa	IA SB 477 (2024)	
Louisiana	LA HB 972 (2024)	
Massachusetts	MA H5100 (2024)	
Virginia	VA HB 995 (2024)	
Wisconsin	WI HB 954 (2024)	
Arizona	AR SB 601 (2025)	
Indiana	IN HB 1555 (2025)	
Minnesota	MN HF 2 (2025)	
Nevada	NV SB 124 (2025)	
North Carolina	NC HB67 (2025)	
Oklahoma	OK HB 2050 (2025)	
Oregon	OR SB 476 (2025)	
Rhode Island	RI SB 347 (2025)	
Texas	TX HB 2038 (2025)	