



Oregon Medical Board

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SB 476 ITP Workgroup

Internationally Trained Physicians (ITP) Implementation in Oregon

Starting January 1, 2027, the Oregon Medical Board will grant provisional licensure to internationally trained physicians who demonstrate qualifications and competency. Pursuant to [SB 476 \(2025\)](#) sections 4-9, passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Kotek, these physicians can practice under the supervision of an Oregon-licensed physician. After completing four years of supervised practice, they become eligible to apply for full medical licensure in Oregon.

The new law authorizes the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) to establish rules regarding:

- Application, licensure, and renewal fees
- Supervision and assessment standards
- Clinical location requirements
- Clinical assessment evaluation for full licensure
- Other requirements necessary to carry out SB 476

The OMB will convene a workgroup to assist with implementing SB 476 and developing rules.

ITP Workgroup

The ITP Workgroup includes persons with subject matter expertise who will likely be affected by the proposed rules. OMB staff will ensure the Workgroup includes a diversity of experiences and perspectives. The Workgroup may consist of:

- 1-2 members of the Oregon Medical Board
- 2 representatives from professional associations or societies representing primary care and/or specialty physicians
- 1-2 representatives of a facility/employer who intends to hire and supervise ITPs
- 1-2 internationally trained physicians
- 1 representative of community organization supporting refugees/immigrants
- 1 community member representing health care consumers (no immediate tie to a healthcare provider/internationally trained physician)
- 1 *ex officio* member of the sponsoring legislator's office

The ITP Workgroup will include members of impacted communities so that their input informs the implementation process. The ITP Workgroup is advisory, and consensus is not necessary; the Oregon Medical Board retains final decision-making authority.

ITP Workgroup Virtual Meetings

- Wednesday, January 14, 5-7PM PST
- Wednesday, January 28, 5-7PM PST
- Wednesday, February 25, 5-7PM PST
- Wednesday, April 15, 5-7PM PST
- Wednesday, May 13, 5-7PM PST



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What to expect as a workgroup member during the meeting

ITP Workgroup meetings are public meetings. The Workgroup will meet by virtual participation and members may participate with video or by phone. OMB staff will facilitate the meetings and a member of the Oregon Medical Board will chair the Workgroup. ITP Workgroup members will be asked for their input and comments on the draft rules and other aspects related to the Internationally Trained Physicians program.

What to expect as a member of the public during the meeting

The OMB is holding these workgroup meetings as public meetings and any individual is welcome to observe and listen. Public attendees who are not ITP Workgroup members will be muted throughout the meeting, except during the designated public comment period. During that time, speakers should state their name and organization before commenting. Comments will be limited to approximately 3 minutes per person, or less if time is limited. Additional opportunities for public input will be available after the proposed rule changes are submitted to the Secretary of State.

Throughout the Workgroup process, members of the public are invited to submit written comments to elizabeth.ross@omb.oregon.gov. Based on date of receipt, written comments will be shared with the ITP Workgroup at their next meeting and posted online.

Public Meetings

ITP Workgroup meetings are public meetings and will follow Oregon Public Meeting Law. This includes providing public notice, ensuring public access, maintaining meeting minutes, and prohibiting private deliberations among Workgroup members between meetings. All Workgroup review and consensus-building must occur during scheduled meetings.

Tentative Timeline:

July 31, 2025	SB 476 signed by Governor Tina Kotek
January 5, 2026, 5PM PST	Deadline to submit ITP Workgroup interest email
January 14, 2026, 5-7PM PST	ITP Workgroup Meeting, Informational Session
January 28, 2026, 5-7PM PST	ITP Workgroup Meeting
February 25, 2026, 5-7PM PST	ITP Workgroup Meeting
March 11, 2026, 5PM PST	OMB Administrative Affairs Committee reviews the Workgroup's recommendations/progress and makes recommendations to the Oregon Medical Board
April 2, 2026	Oregon Medical Board reviews all recommendations
April 15, 2026, 5-7PM PST	ITP Workgroup Meeting
May 13, 2026, 5-7PM PST	ITP Workgroup Meeting



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June 10, 2026, 5PM PST	OMB Administrative Affairs Committee reviews the Workgroup's recommendations and makes recommendations to the Oregon Medical Board
July 9, 2026	Oregon Medical Board reviews all recommendations, initiates rulemaking
After July 9, 2026	OMB files notice of proposed rules; formal public comment period opens
September 9, 2026	Final review by the Administrative Affairs Committee
October 1, 2026	Final review and possible adoption by the Oregon Medical Board
October-December 2026	OMB staff develop program systems (IT, website, forms, etc.)
January 1, 2027	SB 476 sections 4-9 and OMB rules become effective.
January 4, 2027	OMB starts accepting ITP applications

All times in Pacific Standard Time. Dates and times subject to change.

Resources

- [SB 476 \(2025\)](#) sections 4-9
- OMB's [SB 476/ITP webpage](#)
- Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models, established in December 2023 to advise development of laws specific to the licensing of physicians who have already trained and practiced medicine outside the United States.
 - [Guidance Document #1 \(February 2025\)](#), focuses on eligibility requirements to ensure physicians entering these pathways are ultimately ready to safely practice medicine in the United States.
 - [Guidance Document #2 \(August 2025\)](#), recommendations for assessment and supervision that should be included during the period of provisional licensure
- Assessment of Internationally Trained Physicians During the Supervisory Period: [A Toolkit for Institutions and Supervisors](#)
- Federation of State Medical Boards, [Licensure Pathways for Internationally Trained Physicians Legislation and Regulation](#)
- In 2024, the OMB proposed a resolution - [Pathways to Licensure for International Medical Graduates \(IMGs\)](#) - at the Federation of State Medical Board's (FSMB) Annual Meeting that was passed unanimously.

For questions regarding SB 476/ITP implementation, email Elizabeth Ross, Legislative & Policy Analyst, elizabeth.ross@omb.oregon.gov.

For information on attending meetings or to request accommodations, contact Gretchen Kingham, Executive Assistant, gretchen.kingham@omb.oregon.gov or (971) 673-2700.