

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts	
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to define “successful completion” of the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (“USMLE”) and the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination of the United States (“COMLEX-USA”) as it pertains to K.A.R. 100-7-1.¹ This policy is intended to be a guidance document under K.S.A. 77-438.

AUTHORITY:

K.S.A. 77-438; K.A.R. 100-7-1.

POLICY:

Successful completion of the USMLE is defined as passing Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 3.²

- For each applicant for licensure by examination to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine in Kansas submitted on or after July 21, 2021, Step 2 CS attempts will not be counted towards the seven total attempts in K.A.R. 100-7-1.

Successful completion of the COMLEX-USA is defined as passing Level 1, Level 2-CE, and Level 3.³

- For each applicant for licensure by examination to practice osteopathic medicine in Kansas submitted on or after February 11, 2021, COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE attempts will not be counted towards the seven total attempts in K.A.R. 100-7-1.

¹ As the USMLE and COMLEX-USA examinations evolve, the Board intends to revisit this policy as needed to reflect changes that emerge.

² “The USMLE Step 2 CS Examination was last administered on March 16, 2020. Examinees with a failing outcome may not have had an opportunity to retest. The USMLE defines successful completion of its examination sequence as passing Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 3.” [USMLE Policy Updates Following Step 2 CS Discontinuation](https://www.usmle.org/usmle-policy-updates-following-step-2-cs-discontinuation), available at <https://www.usmle.org/usmle-policy-updates-following-step-2-cs-discontinuation>, July 21, 2021.

³ The NBOME Board of Directors indefinitely postponed COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE. [NBOME Postpones COMLEX-USA Level 2-PE Indefinitely](#), available at [NBOME Postpones COMLEX USA Level 2-PE Indefinitely — NBOME](#), Feb. 11, 2021; *See also*, [NBOME Special Commission on Osteopathic Medical Licensure Assessment Final Report – June 2022](#), available at [Report from the Special Commission on Osteopathic Medical Licensure Assessment 2022 \(nbome.org\)](#).

Approved by the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts on this 14th day of October 2022.

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