



PA Licensure Procedures and Number of PA Licenses by State

State	Number of Active PA Licenses	Average Length of Time for Licensure	Personal Interview Required of Every Applicant	Physician Identification Required Prior to Licensure	Letter(s) of Recommendation or Additional School/ Employer Form Required	Practice Agreement Approved by Regulatory Agency	Test on State Law (Jurisprudence Exam) Required	Licensure Requires Direct Board Action
Alabama	756	3 weeks	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes – Board approves
Alaska	848	8-12 weeks	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes – Board approves
Arizona	2,339	Up to 30 days	No	No	No	No	No	No
Arkansas	368	6-8 weeks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – Board approves
California	10,819	30 days	No	No	No	No	No	No
Colorado	3,126	8-10 weeks	No	No	Only if previously licensed	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Connecticut	2,101	3-4 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
Delaware	584	4-8 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
District of Columbia	737	At least 120 days	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Florida	7,896	30 days	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Osteopathic	*	30 days	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies

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Georgia	4,528	4-6 weeks	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Hawaii	272	At least 20 days	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Idaho	909	At least 4 weeks	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Illinois	3,460	6-12 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Indiana	1,230	Up to 60 days	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Iowa	1,355	2 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
Kansas	1,112	4-8 weeks	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Kentucky	1,132	60 days	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes – Board approves
Louisiana	1,003	4 +weeks	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Maine	747	90 days	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes – Board ratifies
Osteopathic	68	90 Days	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes – Board ratifies
Maryland	2,734	2-4 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No – Unless “advanced duties”
Massachusetts	2,905	2-3 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – Board must determine “good moral character”
Michigan	4,997	2+ weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
Osteopathic	*	2+ weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Minnesota	2,425	4 weeks	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board approves
Mississippi	162	4-8 weeks	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes – Board ratifies
Missouri	1,083	30 + days	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board approves
Montana	671	30 days	No	No	No	No	No	No
Nebraska	1,190	6-8 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
Nevada	862	15-60 days	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
<i>Osteopathic</i>	83**	15-60 days	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes – Board ratifies
New Hampshire	691	30+ days	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board approves
New Jersey	2,977	4-8 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
New Mexico	777	60 days	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
<i>Osteopathic</i>	22**	60 days	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
New York	11,835	3-5 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
North Carolina	6,334	2 weeks	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
North Dakota	368	14-90 days	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Ohio	3,131	30-60 days	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Oklahoma	1,518	2-3 months	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes – Board approves
Oregon	1,636	3-4 months	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

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Pennsylvania	7,672	2-4 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
Osteopathic	1,656**	2-4 weeks	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Rhode Island	502	4-6 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – Board approves
South Carolina	1,502	4-6 weeks	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes – Board approves
South Dakota	600	30-35 days	No	No	Board's discretion	Yes	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Tennessee	1,941	6 weeks	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Texas	8,064	Up to 120 days	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes – Board approves
Utah	1,287	2-3 weeks	No	No	No	No	No	No
Vermont	346	10-12 weeks	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Virginia	3,343	6-8 weeks	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Washington	3,245	4-6 weeks	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes – Board ratifies
Osteopathic	*	4-6 weeks	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes – Board ratifies
West Virginia	922	60 days	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Osteopathic	224**	60 days	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Wisconsin	2,611	8-12 weeks	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Wyoming	318	30-90 days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes – Board ratifies

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* PAs are regulated by state medical boards/osteopathic boards, but licensure is a function of separate state agencies

** State may double-count allopathic/osteopathic licensees

Information applies only to individuals with "clean" applications – those who did not check "yes" to questions on the application regarding criminal history or disciplinary action

Number of licenses per state is the most recent information available from state medical boards as of 8/5/16