IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE LICENSURE PROCESSING TIME - MARCH 2015

The licensing process starts when an agency folder is created for the application, it does not take into account that the application may not be complete, the fee has not been received, or the uniform application may not be submitted. Some areas where additional time may be required: the 90-day process (where an applicant is not responsive), Board Licensure committee review, Iowa Physician Health Program review, waiting for verifications from other states, etc.

License issued by expedited endorsement (138 in 2014) – Average 83.8 days
1.4% issued <30 days
26.8% issued <45 days
1.2% issued <60 days
34% issued <90 days
36.9% issued 90+ days

Licenses issued by expedited endorsement are for qualified applicants who already hold a permanent medical license in another U.S. jurisdiction. The Board can rely on another state’s verification of medical education and post-graduate training. The applicant must provide a detail account of practice history.
License issued by endorsement (460 in 2014) – Average 87.13 days

3.9% issued <30 days
10.87% issued <45 days
17.4% issued <60 days
29.8% issued <90 days
36.3% issued 90+ days

Licenses issued by endorsement are for applicants who already hold a permanent medical license in another U.S. jurisdiction. The Board must primary-source verify the applicant’s medical education, post-graduate training, and national licensing examination scores. The applicant must provide a detail account of practice history.
License issued by exam (291 in 2014) – Average 77.2 days to issue
7.5% issued <30 days
15.4% issued <45 days
17.8% issued <60 days
27.1% issued <90 days
31.9% issued 90+ days

Exam Processing Time

8% < 30 days
15% < 45 days
18% < 60 days
27% < 90 days
32% 90+ days

Licenses issued by exam are for first-time licensees. These applicants do not hold a permanent medical license in any U.S. jurisdiction. The Board must primary-source verify the applicant’s medical education, post-graduate training, and national licensing examination scores.