# CHAPTER 50-02-02
# SPECIAL LICENSE

**50-02-02-01. Exceptions to technical requirements on licensure.**

A license issued under this section is, for all purposes, the same as a regular medical license issued by the board.

1.  The board shall issue a license to an applicant who holds a current valid letter of qualification issued through the interstate medical licensing compact. The issuance of a license does not preclude the board's ability to require additional information from the applicant.

2.  The board may issue a medical license to an applicant who does not meet all technical eligibility requirements if the board determines the applicant is uniquely qualified through training or experience or will make a unique or special contribution to the practice of medicine not readily available to the citizens of the state. In applying this rule, the board shall make written findings supporting the issuance of a special license. In addition to the potential benefit to the state, the board shall include in its analysis consideration of the following:

    a.  Board certification;

    b.  Nature and length of medical practice;

    c.  Nature and length of postgraduate training or research;

    d.  Licenses issued by other states;

    e.  The existence of disciplinary actions by other medical boards or adverse actions by medical facilities;

    f.  History of malpractice judgments or settlements;

    g.  Licensing examinations, such as the United States medical licensing examination (USMLE) or special purpose examination (SPEX); and

    h.  Such other considerations that bear upon an applicant's eligibility.

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**50-02-02-02. Special license requirements for foreign medical school graduates.**

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