



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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NORTHERN REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMAND (PROVISIONAL)
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MEMORANDUM FOR US ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

SUBJECT: Passing Grade on U.S. National Licensing Exam Part III for Successful Completion of a Military Internship

1. This policy prescribes licensure examination requirements for successfully completing a military internship. This policy is effective immediately; exceptions are not authorized.
2. A passing grade for USMLE/COMLEX Part III is required by all FYGME selectees in order to successfully complete a military internship. Absent such documentation, a military internship is considered incomplete, and the individual is not considered branch qualified in the Medical Corps. All such individuals who fail to secure this credential by the end date of their internship are automatically placed on Leave of Absence status from training until such documentation is provided. Thirty-nine of the fifty states and the District of Columbia require 7 months or less of GME training to take USMLE Part III; the requirement to sit for COMLEX III is a passing grade on the other COMLEX examinations and graduation from an AOA accredited School of Osteopathy. Complying with this requirement before the end of internship should not be problematic.
3. Individuals who are placed on an automatic Leave of Absence status will have 90 days to comply with this requirement. If the issue is not rectified at the end of this 90-day period, appropriate due process procedures will be initiated to consider such individuals for termination from training. If terminated, such individuals are subject to involuntary reassignment to a Corps other than Medical Corps, or separation proceedings with recoupment of educational expenses plus interest, whichever is most appropriate.
4. POC for this issue is COL John Powers, Director, Medical Education, who may be reached at 703-681-8256, or by email at john.powers@us.army.mil.


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