



## Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners In Medicine and Surgery

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### Frequently Asked Questions Locum Tenens Registration

**1. How much does a Locum Tenens Registration cost?**

The application fee is \$300 for a ninety (90) day registration. The registration can be extended for another ninety (90) day period. However, you must pay an additional \$300.

**2. Is a background check required for a Locum Tenens Registration?**

Yes, as of September 1, 2017, the Arizona Osteopathic Board requires fingerprinting and a background check for a Locum Tenens Registration. For more information, please see the Fingerprinting/Background Check FAQ on the Applications page at [www.azdo.gov](http://www.azdo.gov).

**3. What is a “Sponsoring Physician”?**

A Locum Tenens Registration allows an osteopathic physician actively licensed in another state to temporarily substitute for or assist an M.D. or D.O. actively licensed in Arizona. The doctor requesting the substitution or assistance is the Sponsoring Physician.

**4. Does the sponsoring physician need to send anything for my application?**

Yes. The sponsoring physician must provide a written request for the registration. This request must state if the registration is for substituting or assisting him/her and also the exact starting date the registration is needed. A form is provided in the application packet.

**5. Do I need to have a current license to practice medicine in order to apply for a Locum Tenens Registration?**

Yes. The applicant needs to be actively licensed to practice medicine in another state.

**6. How long is a Locum Tenens Registration valid?**

It is valid for ninety (90) days but can be extended for an additional ninety (90) days.

**7. How long does it take to process a Locum Tenens Registration Application?**

It takes approximately thirty (30) days to process a Locum Tenens Registration Application if verifications are received in a timely fashion. An additional thirty (30) days may be needed for applications which must be decided by the Board.

**8. Once approved, where will the registration certificate be mailed?**

Upon approval of the application, the Locum Tenens Registration will be mailed to the sponsoring physician. The registrant will receive a copy by mail.

**9. Can a Locum Tenens Registration be extended?**

Yes. The sponsoring physician must send a written request stating the reason for the extension. Another \$300 fee must be paid in order to extend the registration for another ninety (90) days.

**10. Am I authorized to practice independently with a Locum Tenens while it is still active if I am no longer needed by my sponsoring physician?**

An osteopathic physician holding a Locum Tenens Registration cannot practice medicine in Arizona except as a substitute for or assistant to the Sponsoring Physician.