



# United States Medical Licensing Examination<sup>SM</sup>

## What Do I Need to Do?

To make the application and testing process as easy as possible, here's a list of key things to do and remember:

### Registering and Preparing for Your Examination

- Review the applicable USMLE® *Bulletin of Information*
- Ensure that you are eligible to register to take the USMLE
- Log in to the registration website of the appropriate organization (dependent on your medical school and the Step for which you are applying)
- Ensure that the name you enter on your application matches your unexpired, government-issued photo identification exactly
- Choose an eligibility period
- Indicate on your application if you plan to apply for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Submit your application and other required forms
- After your application is processed, you'll receive your scheduling permit via email and may schedule your test date; if it turns out you are unable to test during your eligibility period, contact the organization that registered you to request an eligibility period extension (fees and restrictions may apply)
- Prepare for the USMLE by using the free practice materials that are available on the USMLE website; you can also register for a practice session at a Prometric test center or purchase an NBME Self-Assessment
- [Contact Prometric](#) if you need to reschedule your test date

### Examination Day and Testing

- Before you go to the test center, review the Rules of Conduct; make sure you understand what behaviors violate the rules; this includes understanding what items you may and may not access during the exam
- Report to the test center at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled testing appointment
- Bring a paper or electronic copy of your scheduling permit to the test center
- Bring an acceptable form of unexpired, government-issued photo identification
- Comply with security checks when entering the test center and throughout the test day
- Report any issue or suspicious behavior you encounter on test day
- Consider rescheduling your examination if you do not feel well or otherwise feel unprepared to test

**Be sure to visit [USMLE.org](https://www.usmle.org) or [contact us](#) if you have any questions.**

