

**148J.1 Definitions.**

For the purposes of [this chapter](#):

1. “*Board*” means the board of medicine established pursuant to [chapter 147](#).
2. “*Health care facility*” means all of the following:
  - a. A facility as defined in [section 514J.102](#).
  - b. A facility licensed pursuant to [chapter 135B](#).
  - c. A facility licensed pursuant to [chapter 135C](#).
3. “*International medical program*” means a medical school, residency program, medical internship program, or entity that provides physicians with a medical education or training outside of the United States that is substantially similar to the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in Iowa and that has been evaluated by the educational commission on foreign medical graduates.
4. “*International physician*” means an individual who meets all of the following requirements:
  - a. Has a medical doctorate or substantially similar degree issued by an international medical program in good standing.
  - b. Has been in good standing with the medical licensing or regulatory institution of the individual’s resident country during the immediately preceding five years and has no pending discipline before the licensing or regulatory institution.
  - c. Has completed a residency or substantially similar postgraduate medical training in the individual’s resident country.
  - d. Has practiced medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery as a licensed physician for five years following the completion of a residency or substantially similar postgraduate medical training.
  - e. Possesses basic fluency in the English language.

[2024 Acts, ch 1130, §1, 3](#)

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