

Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison

State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon
Osteopathic Physician Assistant



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Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon

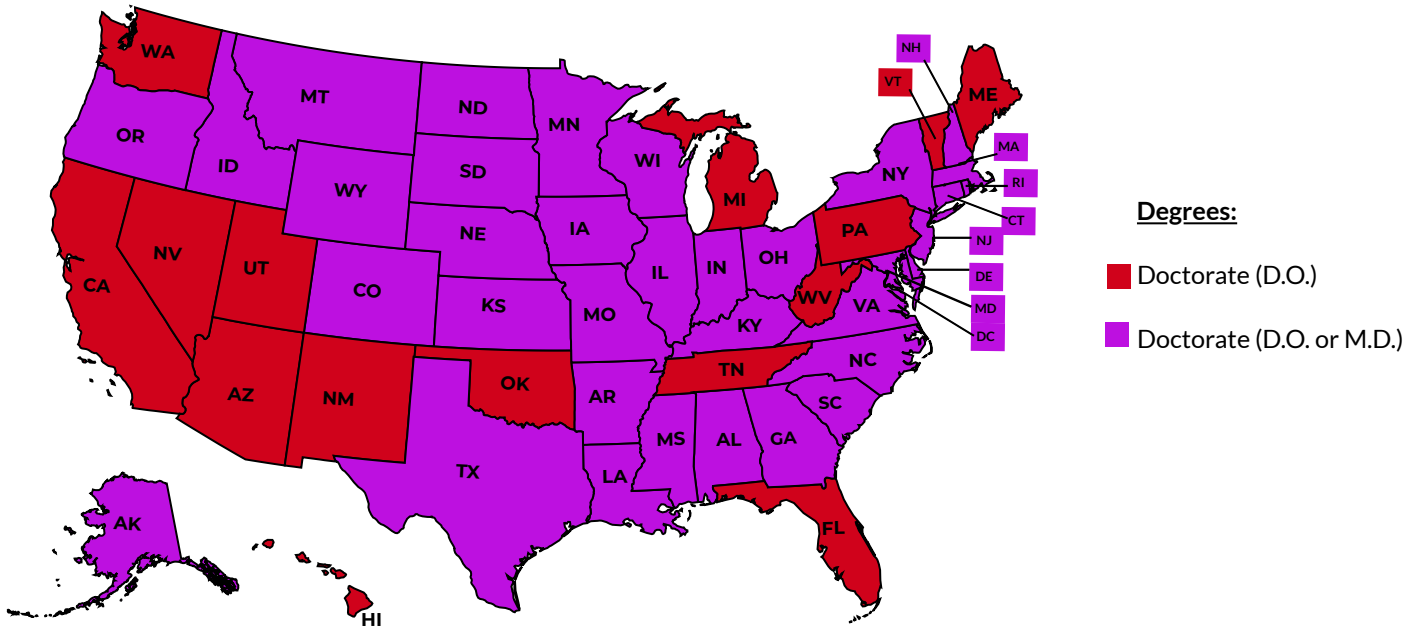
Fully licensed physicians/surgeons who practice in all areas of medicine. Emphasizing a whole-person approach to treatment and care, Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (DO) are trained to listen and partner with their patients to help them get healthy and stay well.

Osteopathic Physician Assistant

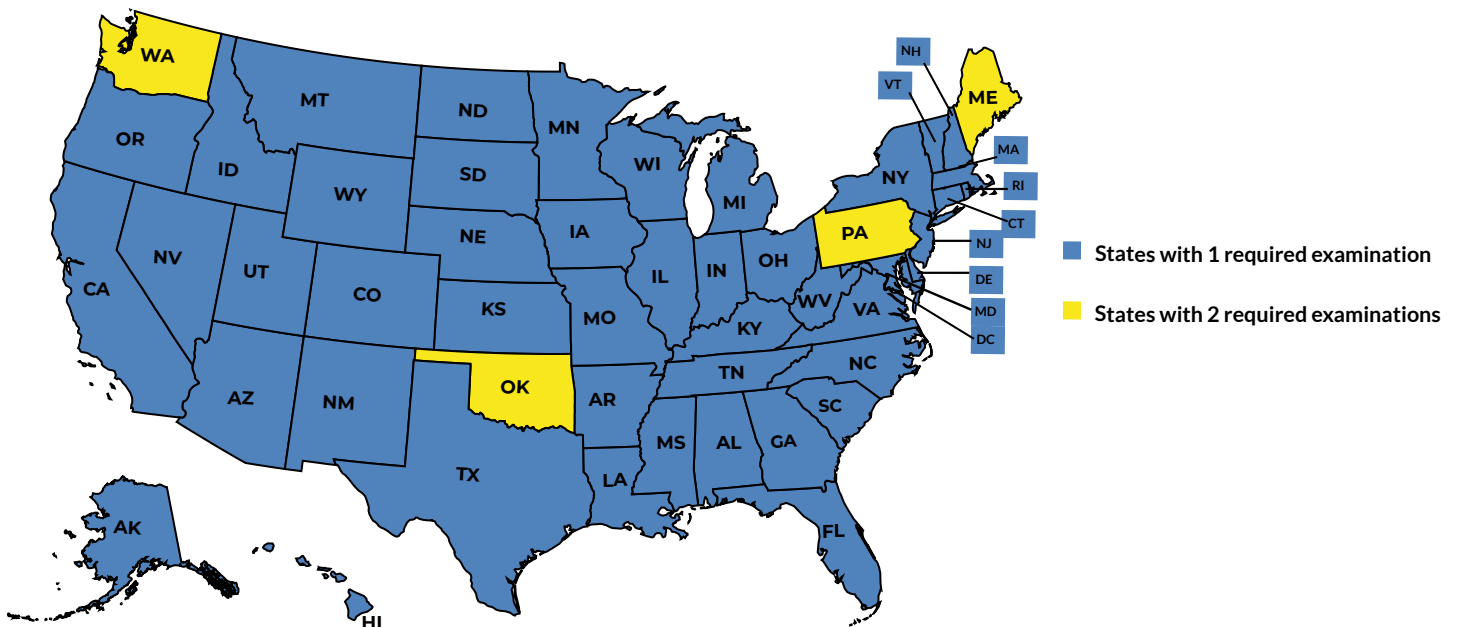
A person licensed by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and trained to perform, under the supervision of a physician, many clinical procedures traditionally performed by a physician, such as diagnosing and treating minor ailments.

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Degree Requirement

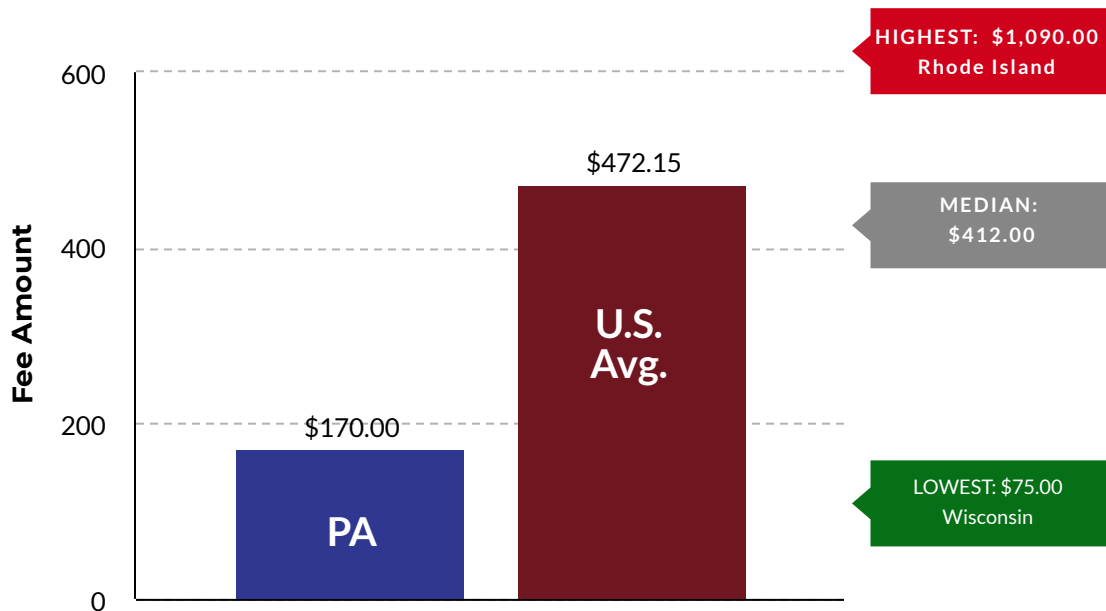


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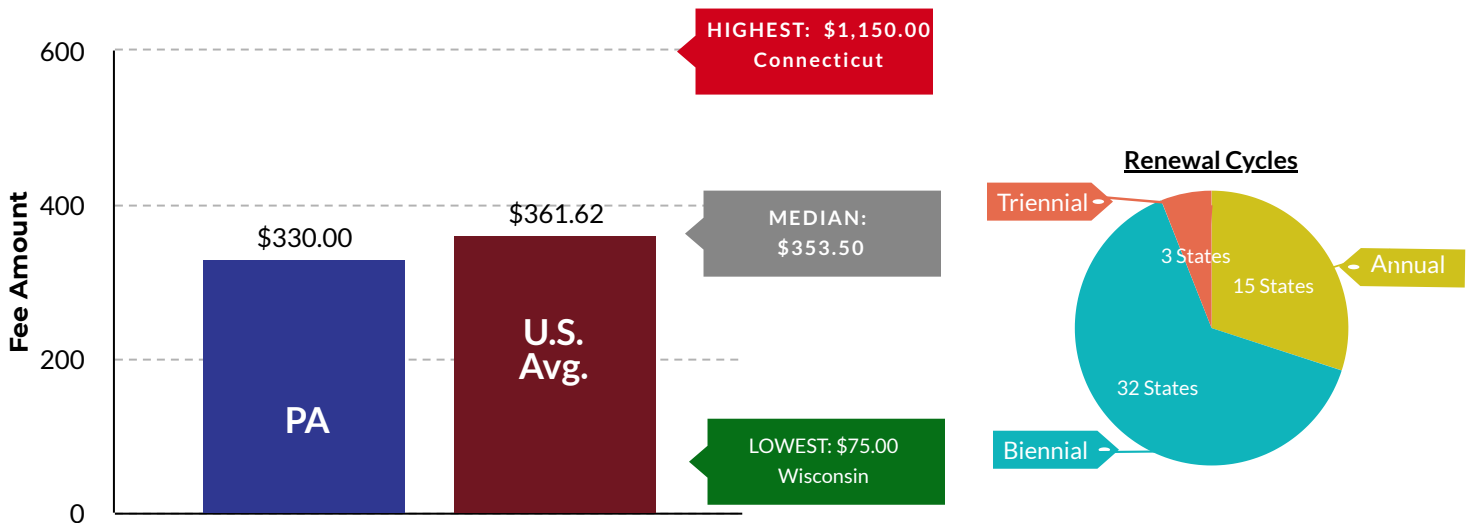
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Initial Licensing Fee



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Renewal Fees



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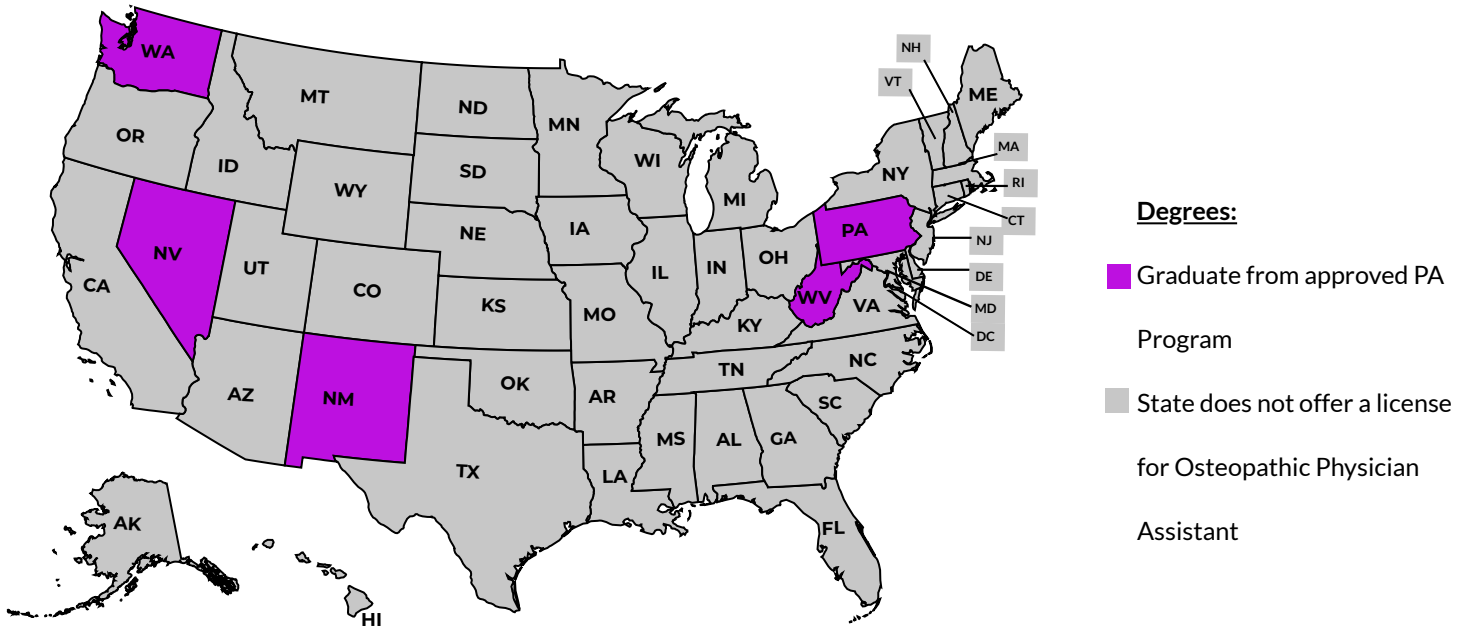
States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>Endorsement/Reciprocity</u>
Colorado	California	Alabama
Florida	Georgia	Arizona
Idaho	Louisiana	District of Columbia
Illinois	Maine	Hawaii
Indiana	Maryland	Iowa
Kansas	Oklahoma	Minnesota
Kentucky	South Dakota	Missouri
Michigan	Vermont	North Dakota
Montana	Washington	Tennessee
Nebraska	Wisconsin	Virginia
Nevada		<u>Credentials</u>
New Jersey		Alaska
New Mexico		Delaware
New York		New Hampshire
North Carolina		<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Mississippi		Massachusetts
Ohio		Wyoming
Oklahoma		
Oregon		
Pennsylvania**		
Rhode Island		
South Carolina		
Texas		
Utah		
West Virginia		

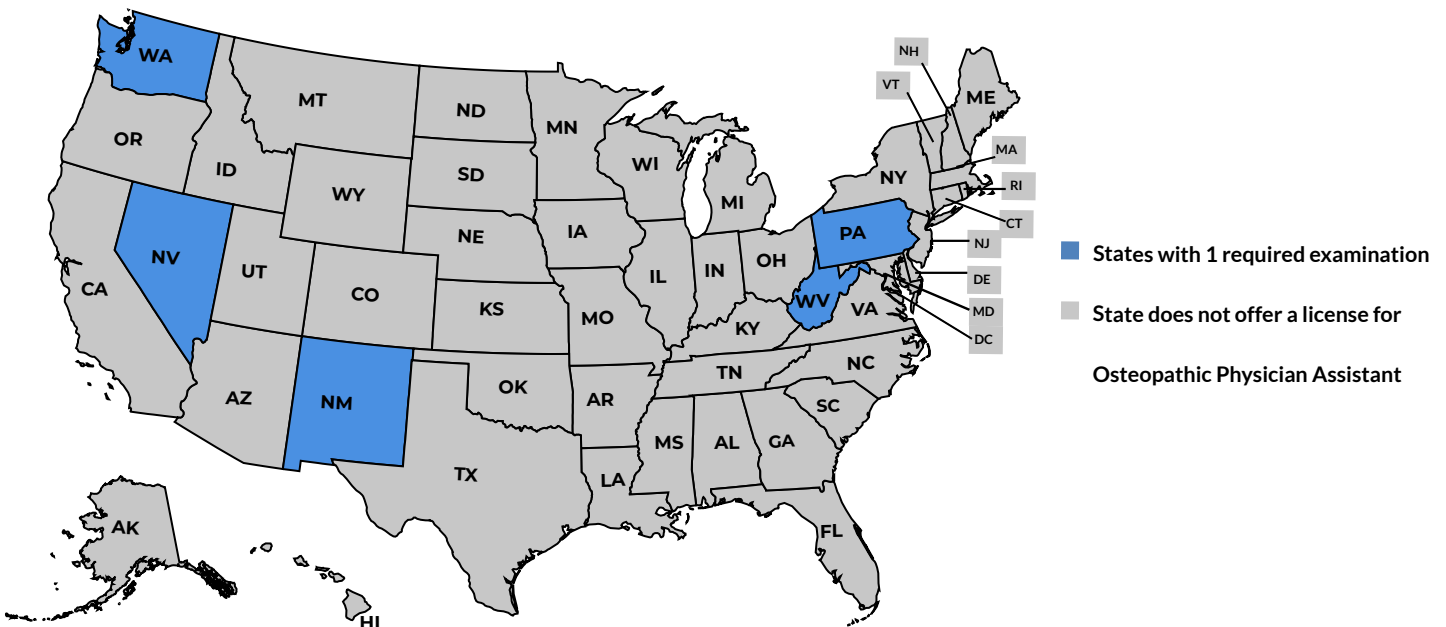
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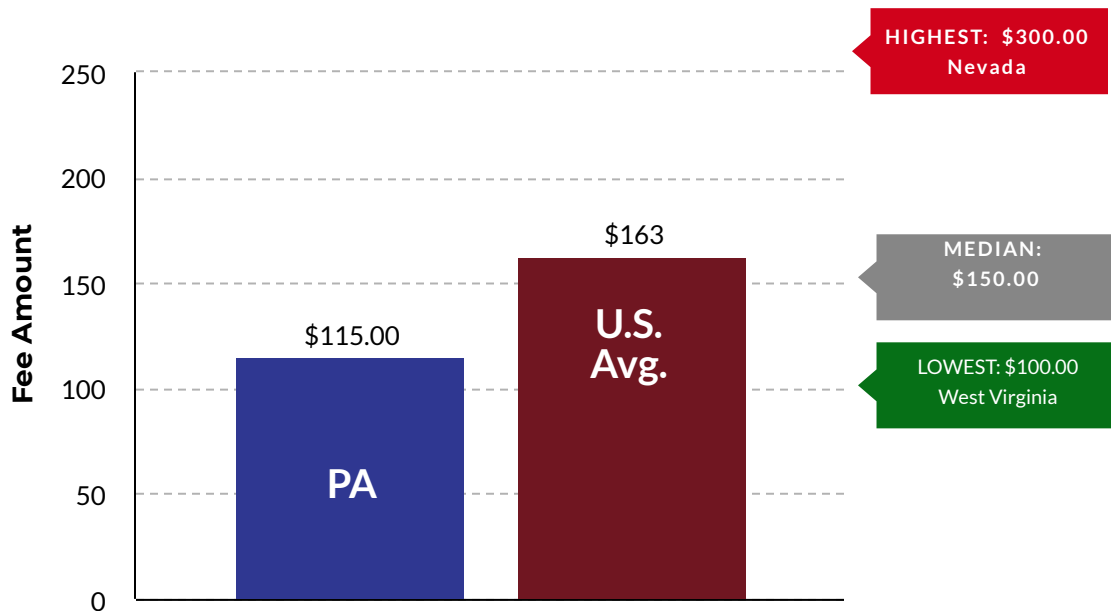


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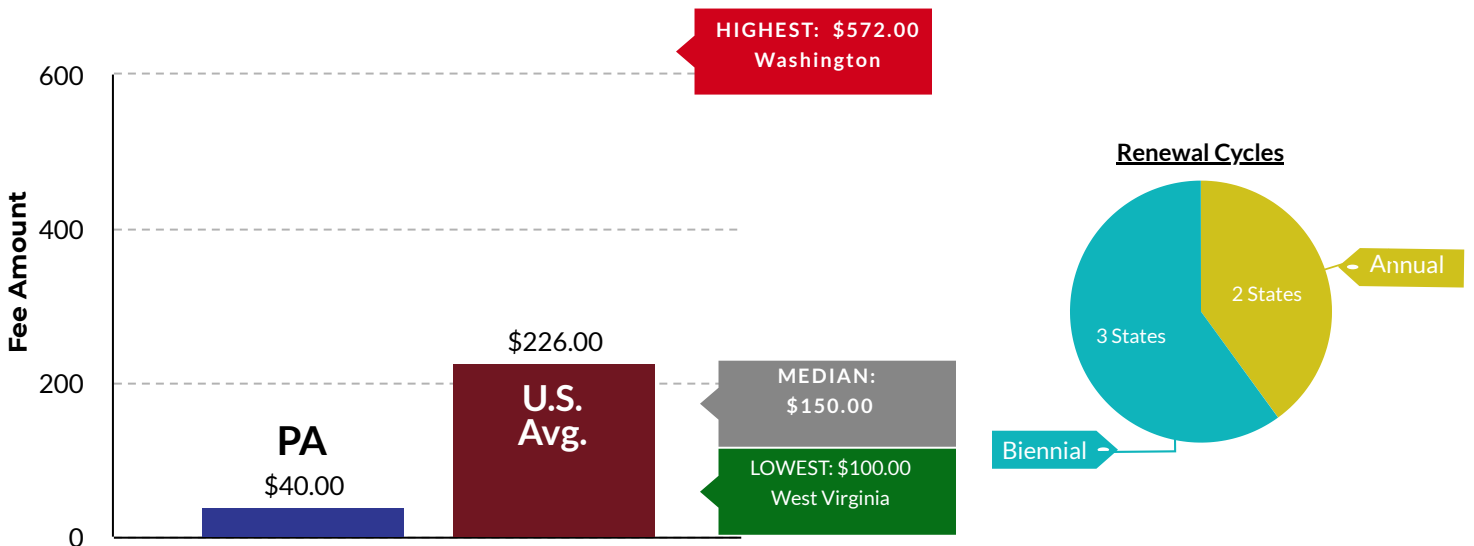
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<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>ACT 41</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Nevada New Mexico	Pennsylvania**	Washington West Virginia

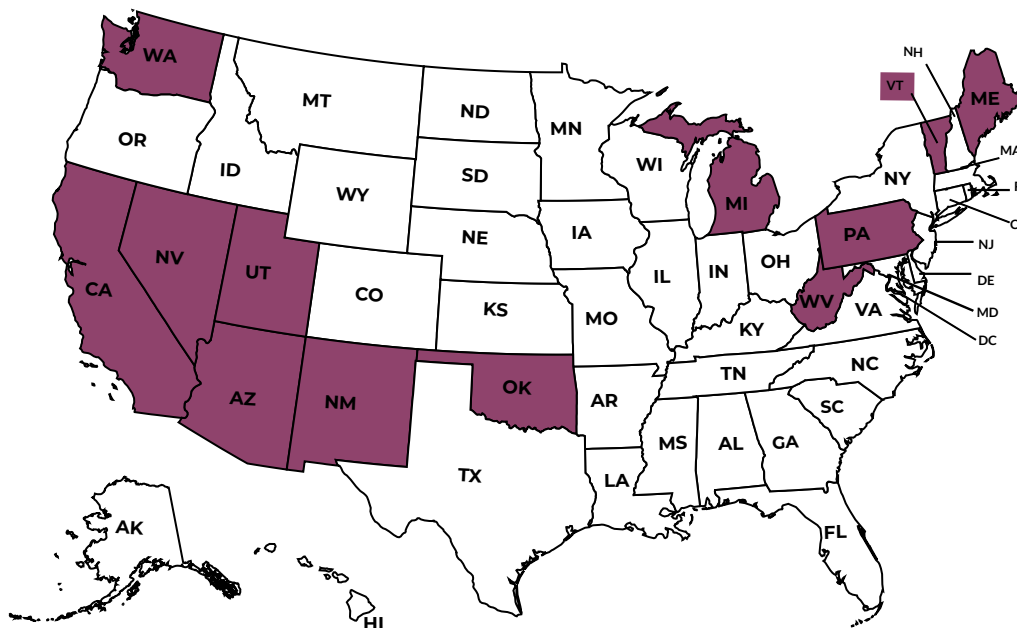
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Observation Section

Thirteen states have a separate license for **Osteopathic Physicians (D.O.)**, the other remaining states issue the same license type for D.O.'s and M.D.'s with the same requirements for licensure. Those states were included in the Osteopathic Physician report to compare licensure standards with the thirteen states that license D.O.'s individually.

The thirteen states that have a separate licensing board for Osteopathic Physicians include:

- Arizona
- California
- Florida
- Maine
- Michigan
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania**
- Utah
- Vermont
- Washington
- West Virginia



The Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine also licenses:

- Osteopathic Acupuncturists
- Osteopathic Athletic Trainers
- Osteopathic Genetic Counselors
- Osteopathic Perfusionists
- Osteopathic Physician Acupuncturists
- Osteopathic Respiratory Therapists

Please see the State Board of Medicine report for more information for these occupations. This was done since a majority of states do not have a separate license class for osteopathic practice of these professions, making them difficult to compare across states.

For states that do not offer a license for Osteopathic Physician Assistants, please see the State Board of Medicine report for more information.

Sources: State Licensing Boards

Arizona
<https://www.azdo.gov/Licensure/Licensure#>

California
<https://www.ombc.ca.gov/>

Florida
<https://floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov/licensing/osteopathic-medicine-full-licensure/>

Maine
<http://www.maine.gov/osteo/>

Michigan
[file:///C:/Users/Workstation/Downloads/1972_2019-076LR_AdminCode%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Workstation/Downloads/1972_2019-076LR_AdminCode%20(1).pdf)

Nevada
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-633.html>

New Mexico
http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/OsteopathicMedicine_Fees.aspx

Oklahoma
<https://www.ok.gov/osboe/documents/Fee%20Schedule%20Template.pdf>

Pennsylvania
<http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/OsteopathicMedicine/Pages/Board-Laws-and-Regulations.aspx>

Utah
<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter1/58-1.html>
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Vermont
<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/professional-regulation/list-of-professions/osteopathic-physicians.aspx>

Washington
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=18.57>

West Virginia
<https://www.wvbdosteo.org/>