



Expert Witness Qualifications

Board-by-Board Overview

Document Summary:

- Twenty-two (22) states require expert witnesses to be licensed, of which nineteen (18) allow witnesses to be licensed in any state.
- Twenty-seven (27) states, as well as Guam, do not require expert witnesses to be licensed.
- One (1) state, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, have no statutory requirements for expert witnesses.

	State License Required?	License and Qualification Statute(s)
AL	Y ¹	Ala. Code 1975, § 6-5-548
AK	Y	AS § 09.20.185
AZ-M	Y	A.R.S. § 12-2604
AZ-O	Y	See AZ-M
AR	N	A.C.A. § 16-114-207
CA-M	N	Cal.Evid.Code § 720
CA-O	N	See CA-M
CO	Y	C.R.S. § 13-64-401
CT	Y	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 52-184c
DE	N	18 Del.C. § 6853c
DC	--	No specific statutory requirements
FL-M	N	F.S.A. § 766.102
FL-O	N	See FL-M
GA	Y* ²	Ga. Code Ann., § 24-7-702
GU	N	10 G.C.A. § 10118
HI	N	HRS § 626-1, Rule 702
ID	N	I.C. § 6-1013
IL	Y	735 ILCS 5/8-2501
IN	N	IN Rules of Evidence, Rule 702
IA	N	Iowa Code Ann. § 147.139 I.C.A. Rule 5.702
KS	Y	K.S.A. 60-3412
KY	N	KRE Rule 702
LA	Y	LSA-R.S. 9:2794
ME-M	N	Maine Rules of Evidence, Rule 702

¹ "Y" means the professional must be licensed in the state or any other state.

² "Y*" means the professional must be licensed in the state.

ME-O	N	See ME-M
MD	Y	Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 3-2A-06D MD Rules, Rule 5-702
MA	N	M.G.L. 231 § 60B MA Rule 702
MI-M	Y	MCLA 600.2169
MI-O	Y	See MI-M
MN	N	MN Rules of Evidence, Rule 702
MS	Y	Miss. Code. Ann. § 11-1-61 M.R.E. Rule 702 Miss. Admin. Code 30-17-2635:8.7
MO	N	RSMo 490.065
MT	Y	MCA 26-2-601
NE	N	Neb.Rev.St. § 27-702
NV-M	N	Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41A.100 N.R.S. § 50.275
NV-O	N	See NV-M
NH	N	N.H. Rev. Stat. § 507-C:3
NJ	N	N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-41
NM-M	N	N.M.R.A., Rule 11-702
NM-O	N	See NM-M
NY	--	No specific statutory requirements
NC	Y	NC Rules of Evid., G.S. § 8C-1, Rule 702
ND	N	N.D.R.Ev. 702
OH	Y	R.C. 2743.43 Ohio Rules of Evidence, Rule 702
OK-M	Y	Ok.St. Ann. 63 § 1-1708.11 12 Ok.St. Ann. § 2702
OK-O	Y	See OK-M
OR	N	O.R.S. § 40.410
PA-M	Y	49 Pa. Code § 16.52a
PA-O	Y	See PA-M
PR	--	No specific statutory requirements
RI	N	Gen. Laws 1956, § 9-19-41
SC	Y ³	S.C. Code Ann. § 15-36-100 S.C. Code 1976 § 40-47-20
SD	N	SDCL § 19-15-2
TN-M	Y ⁴	T.C.A. § 29-26-115 TN Rule of Evidence, Rule 702
TN-O	Y ⁺	See TN-M
TX	Y	V.T.C.A., Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 74.401
UT-M	N	Utah Rules of Evidence, Rule 702
UT-O	N	See UT-M
VT-M	N	Vermont Rules of Evidence, Rule 702
VT-O	N	See VT-M
VI	--	No specific statutory requirements

³ "Y^" means that if the professional is not licensed in South Carolina, a special license must be obtained for each proceeding the applicant is engaged to testify.

⁴ "Y+" means that the professional must be licensed in Tennessee or any of the contiguous border states.

VA	Y*	VA Code Ann. § 8.01-581.20
WA-M	N	Washington Rules of Evidence, Rule 702
WA-O	N	See WA-M
WV-M	Y	W. Va. Code, § 55-7B-7
WV-O	Y	See WV-M
WI	N	W.S.A. 907.02
WY	N	Wyoming Rules of Evidence, Rule 702

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