

## California Medical License Information Sheet

**Obtaining the appropriate California medical license is the responsibility of every physician.**

**Failure to obtain the license will result in suspension of clinical privileges**

### Postgraduate Training License (PTL)

- Required for US Medical School Graduates participating in an ACGME program for the first 12 months of ACGME training; International medical graduates (IMGs) will complete 24 months of training with the PTL.
- After the first 12 months of ACGME training, US Graduate trainees should obtain a California Physician and Surgeon license; IMGs will apply for a full license after 24 months
- The PTL will be valid for 36 months

### California Physician and Surgeon License

- All US graduates with more than 12 months of ACGME Training are required to obtain a California Physician and Surgeon License; IMGs with more than 24 months are required to get the full license
- Completion of the USMLE / COMLEX Part 3 Exam is required for a Physician and Surgeon License, therefore this **exam should be completed during the PGY 1 year.**

### Grace Periods for New Hires

- Incoming Trainees into ACGME Programs, will have up to 180 days from the start of training to obtain the appropriate license
- Incoming Trainees entering a Non-ACGME Program have no grace period. A California Physician and Surgeon License must be secured before the start of training.

### License Renewals

- California Physician and Surgeon License must be renewed every 24 months

### Additional Details

- ACGME-International Training is not applicable for a California Medical License
- Deadlines for obtaining licenses are defined in California statute and are not flexible. Failure to obtain a license by the indicated deadline will result in removal from clinical duties
- Visiting Trainees (Rotators) may work without a license in California under the following conditions:
  - Rotations may last no more than 90 days
  - Rotators must be both enrolled in an ACGME Program and rotating at UC Davis in an ACGME Program
  - International Residents are **not** permitted

### Application Timelines for US Medical School Graduates

Resident Status	Apply For	Start Process
Incoming PGY1	Physician Training License	Upon Successful Match
Incoming PGY2+ w/o PTL (Out of State)*	Physician / Surgeon License	Upon Successful Match
Incoming PGY2 w/ PTL (CA)*	PTL > P&S Transition	May 1 of PGY 1 Year
Current UCD PGY1*	PTL > P&S Transition	May 1 of PGY 1 Year

*\*International Medical Graduates will have different timelines*

### License Fee Reimbursements

- License fees may be reimbursed as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the UC Davis Housestaff and University of California
- Refer to the GME Compensation Plan for policies and procedures around reimbursement

For additional information please see the appropriate Medical Board websites:

- [Medical Board of California](#)
- [Osteopathic Medical Board of California](#)