

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
MINIMUM POSTGRADUATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS  
INTERESTED PARTIES MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2015**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA – APPROVED POSTGRADUATE TRAINING**

- ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (ACGME) – Programs Completed In The United States Only
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF CANADA (RCPSC) – Programs Completed In Canada Only

**CURRENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

US and Canada Medical School Graduates:

- Successful completion of one year of ACGME or RCPSC accredited GME

International Medical School Graduates:

- Successful completion of two years of ACGME or RCPSC accredited GME

**CALIFORNIA’S CURRENT LICENSE EXEMPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS:**

US and Canada Medical School Graduates:

- Must be licensed after completing two years of ACGME and/or RCPSC accredited training anywhere in the US and/or Canada (Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 2065)

International Medical School Graduates:

- Must be licensed after completing three years of ACGME and/or RCPSC accredited training anywhere in the US and/or Canada (BPC Section 2066)

**NUMBER OF YEARS TO COMPLETE AN ACGME OR RCPSC ACCREDITED RESIDENCY:**

Examples of minimum number of years:

- Internal Medicine (General) and Family Medicine Programs - Three Years
- Neurosurgery - Seven Years

**Note:** Transitional year programs are for residents who need one year of clinical experience to qualify to enter some specialty programs.

**IS ONE OR TWO YEARS OF ACGME OR RCPSC TRAINING ENOUGH FOR A PHYSICIAN TO OBTAIN LICENSURE AND PRACTICE SAFELY WITHOUT ANY SUPERVISION?**

- The practice of medicine and medical education is very different today, than in 1980 when BPC Sections 2065 and 2066 became law

**WHAT IS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS OF RESIDENCY TRAINING REQUIRED BY OTHER STATES FOR LICENSURE?**

The minimum postgraduate training requirements vary from state to state – from one to three years, or the successful completion of an accredited program (ACGME or RCPSC):

US/CAN:	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Full Program
*Number of States:	31	16	2	1
IMG:	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Full Program
*Number of States:	2	19	27	1

Note: Some states will accept Non-ACGME accredited GME

**WHAT IS THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS’ RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS OF RESIDENCY TRAINING?**

The FSMB recommends three years of ACGME or AOA accredited graduate medical education prior to full licensure.

The FSMB’s proposed “Interstate License Compact” states: “Successfully completed graduate medical education approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education...”

**HOW MANY YEARS OF ACGME OR RCPSC TRAINING SHOULD THE BOARD CONSIDER REQUIRING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE IN CALIFORNIA?**

The Board should consider increasing the minimum number of years from one (US/CAN) and two (IMG) years to one of the following:

- Two years for both US/CAN and IMG
- or
- Three years for both US/CAN and IMG

\* Please see pages 5 – 6 for detailed chart by state.

## **TWO YEARS OR THREE YEARS OF ACGME AND/OR RCPSC?**

US/CAN and IMG Two Years:

- Adds one year to US/CAN
- US/CAN and IMG would have the same minimum requirement
- Does not meet the minimum number of years for an ACGME and/or RCPSC accredited training program
- Does not meet the FSMB minimum recommendation
- Does not seem reasonable to add only one year to US/CAN

US/CAN and IMG Three Years:

- Adds two years to US/CAN and one year to IMG
- US/CAN and IMG would have the same minimum requirement
- Meets the minimum number of years to complete an ACGME and/or RCPSC accredited training program
- Meets the FSMB minimum recommendation
- Meets the FSMB Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- Increases consumer protection

## **IDENTIFIED ISSUES TO CONSIDER**

- How will the registration process for medical school graduates/applicants need to change to participate in a California ACGME accredited program?
- Will both International medical school graduates and US/CAN medical school graduates need to complete the same number of years of ACGME?
- How important is International Medical School Recognition if the minimum ACGME accredited training requirement is increased to three years?
- \*\* Should the new “World Directory of Medical Schools” be used for recognition of non-LCME accredited medical schools for license eligibility in California?
- The need for a training license and when to apply?
- How will the training license be transitioned into a full license?

- How will the change affect the California ACGME accreditation programs?
- How will the change affect the residents?
- The need for residents to have DEA registrations. How and when will the residents qualify for DEA registration?
- The need to write prescriptions without a co-signer.
- How will the change affect the signing of birth certificates and death certificates?
- How will the change affect research years during an ACGME accredited program?
- How will the change affect billing for services rendered by a resident physician?

\*\* The World Directory of Medical Schools has been developed through a partnership between the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) in collaboration with the World Health Organization and the University of Copenhagen.

<b>Postgraduate Training Requirements by State</b>		
<b>State</b>	<b>Requirements for US/Canada Medical School Graduates</b>	<b>Requirements for International Medical School Graduates</b>
Alabama	1 year ACGME training	3 years ACGME training
Alaska	2 years	3 years
Arizona	1 year	3 years
Arkansas	1 year	3 years IMG unless currently enrolled in training program through University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.
California	1 year ACGME training	2 years ACGME training
Colorado	1 year	3 years
Connecticut	2 years	2 years
Delaware	1 year	3 years
Florida	1 year	2 years
Georgia	1 year	1 year if IMG is on list 3 years IMG if not on list
Hawaii	1 year	2 years
Idaho	1 year	3 years
Illinois	2 years	2 years
Indiana	2 years	2 years
Iowa	1 year	2 years
Kansas	1 year	3 years IMG (minimum 2 years in a ACGME approved program)
Kentucky	2 years	2 years
Louisiana	1 year	3 years
Maine	Prior to 07/01/04 - 2 years ACGME After 3 Years ACGME	3 years ACGME training
Maryland	1 year	2 years
Massachusetts	Prior to 01/14 - 1 year After 01/14 - 2 years	Prior to 01/14 - 2 years After 01/14 - 3 years
Michigan	2 years	2 years
Minnesota	1 year	2 years
Mississippi	1 year	3 years
Missouri	1 year	3 years
Montana	2 years	3 years

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Nebraska	1 year	3 years
Nevada	3 years	3 years
New Hampshire	2 years	2 years
New Jersey	Prior to 7/1/03 - 1 year After 7/1/03 - 2 years	Prior to 7/1/03 - 2 years After 7/1/03 - 3 years
New Mexico	2 years	2 years
New York	1 year	3 years
North Carolina	1 year	3 years
North Dakota	1 year	30 months ACGME training
Ohio	1 year	2 years
Oklahoma	1 year	2 years
Oregon	1 year	3 years
Pennsylvania	2 years	3 years
Rhode Island	2 years	3 years
South Carolina	1 year	3 years
South Dakota	Successful completion of residency program	Successful completion of residency program
Tennessee	1 year	3 years
Texas	1 year	2 years
Utah	2 years	2 years
Vermont	1 year	3 years
Virginia	1 year	2 years
Washington	2 years	2 years
West Virginia	1 year	1 year
Wisconsin	1 year	1 year
Wyoming	2 years (1 year if applicant has current certification by an ABMS or AOABOS/BOC specialty board, or continuous licensure in good standing in one or more states and/or D.C. for the preceding 5 years.)	