



GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION  
(RESIDENCY TRAINING)  
LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

# CALIFORNIA APPROVED GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- 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

# CALIFORNIA'S CURRENT MINIMUM ACCREDITED GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (GME) 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  
(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?

- Possibly not
- 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 requirements vary from state to state between one year to three years, or the successful completion of a complete ACGME or RCPSC accredited program:

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

1 State is 30 Months

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

## 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

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

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

- Will the Board still need to have a medical school recognition process?
- What type of licensure exemption is needed?
- Is a training license for all residents necessary?
- How and when will residents apply for a training license?
- How and when will residents apply for a full license?

## IDENTIFIED ISSUES TO CONSIDER

- 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.

# WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE A DECISION?

- Input from California ACGME programs
- Input from residents
- Input from physician associations/organizations
- Interested parties' meeting(s)
- Identify all statutes and regulations that would or could be affected by the proposed changes
- Draft proposed language (statutes and/or regulations)
- Identify Legislative author for proposed draft statute(s)

# POSTGRADUATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BY STATE

State	Requirements for US/Canada Medical School Graduates	Requirements for International Medical School Graduates
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	3 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

# POSTGRADUATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BY STATE

State	Requirements for US/Canada Medical School Graduates	Requirements for International Medical School Graduates
Montana	2 years	3 years
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.)	