# MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: October 15, 2026
ATTENTION: Members, Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Licensing Program Summary
STAFF CONTACT: Douglas Hock, Chief of Licensing

## REQUESTED ACTION

This report is intended to provide an update on the Licensing Program at the Medical Board of California (Board).

## PROGRAM UPDATE

In Quarter 1 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027, the Board:

- Received 2,929 initial license applications:
  - 1,129 Physician's and Surgeon's (P&S) License
  - 795 Transition to P&S License
  - 1,005 Postgraduate Training License (PTL)

- Issued a total of 4,065 licenses:
  - 2,060 P&S
  - 2,005 PTL

The Licensing Program remains focused on strengthening operational efficiency by streamlining processes, maximizing the use of resources during peak periods, and enhancing the overall applicant experience. Key updates and initiatives this quarter include:

- A new daily report has been implemented to capture all documents received through the DOCS portal. This process streamlines workflow by notifying staff of incoming items, ensuring uploaded documents are not overlooked, and reducing the volume of emails related to document tracking.

- The Armed Forces Personnel Application for Exemption has been updated to remove some of the personal information fields and instead direct applicants to update their personal information in BreEZe.

Collectively, these efforts demonstrate the Licensing Program's commitment to maximizing resources during a busy quarter, delivering strong customer service, increasing productivity, modernizing procedures, and ensuring reliable, high-quality service.

MEXICO PROGRAM

The new Licensed Physicians from Mexico Program has issued 17 licenses and received an additional 78 applications. As the program continues to advance, the Board anticipates a steady growth in the number of qualified physicians who will help expand access to medical care across the state.

LICENSING WEBMASTER

The Licensing Program responded to 4,148 emails received through the Licensing Webmaster in Quarter 1 of the current fiscal year. The most common topics during this period included licensing and renewal questions and license status changes.

OUTREACH

In Quarter 1, the Board conducted 23 outreach activities - seven virtual and 16 in person:

- UC San Diego Orthopaedic (virtual)
- San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (virtual)
- Kaiser – Northern California (virtual)
- Cottage Hospital (virtual)
- Prime West Consortium - Chino (virtual)
- Chino Valley Medical Center (in-person)
- San Dimas Community Hospital (in-person)
- Martin Luther King - Los Angeles (in-person)
- University of California at San Francisco (virtual)
- Desert Valley Hospital - Victorville (in-person)
- Centinela Hospital Medical Center - Los Angeles (in-person)
- West Anaheim Medical Center (in-person)
- Brain Health USA - Van Nuys (in-person)
- David Geffen at UCLA Cardiology Fellowship (virtual)
- Riverside Community Hospital (in-person)
- Kern Medical Center - Bakersfield (in-person)
- Medical Board of California Board Meeting - San Diego (in-person)
- Prism of Practice Conference - San Diego (in-person)
- Cedars-Sinai - Los Angeles (in-person)
- St. Francis Medical Center - Lynwood (in-person)
- San Joaquin General Hospital - Stockton (in-person)
- UCLA – Internal Medicine (in-person)
- UC Irvine – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (in-person)

During these events, the Board answered licensing inquiries and guided programs, applicants, and licensees through the licensing and renewal processes. Topics addressed included, but were not limited to, PTL requirements and first- and second-time renewal requirements.

CONSUMER INFORMATION UNIT

In Quarter 1 of FY 2026-2027, the Consumer Information Unit (CIU) received 11,628 calls, with an average wait time of one minute. The top three topics addressed by CIU during this quarter were renewal assistance, complaint questions, and BreEZe technical support.

Phone calls abandoned decreased from 1,085 in Quarter 1 of FY 2025-2026 to 492 in Quarter 1 of FY 2026-2027. In addition, calls requesting a call back decreased from 4,006 in Quarter 1 of FY 2025-2026 to 360 in Quarter 1 of FY 2026-2027.

# WORKLOAD REPORT
## as of September 30, 2026

| CONSUMER INFORMATION UNIT Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Calls Answered | **11,628** | 11,628 | | | |
| *Calls Requesting Call Back | **360** | 360 | | | |
| Calls Abandoned | **492** | 492 | | | |

| CONSUMER INFORMATION UNIT Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2025-2026 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Calls Answered | **49,363** | 14,435 | 11,028 | 11,535 | 12,365 |
| *Calls Requesting Call Back | **5,569** | 4,006 | 975 | 298 | 290 |
| Calls Abandoned | **2,872** | 1,085 | 965 | 422 | 400 |
| *Calls Requesting Call Back is a subset of Total Calls Answered | | | | | |

| PHYSICIAN & SURGEON DATA Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P&S Initial License Apps Received | **1,129** | 1,129 | | | |
| P&S Transition Apps Received | **795** | 795 | | | |
| *Total P&S Applications Received | **1,924** | 1,924 | | | |
| Initial Reviews Completed | **1,892** | 1,892 | | | |
| Licenses Issued | **2,060** | 2,060 | | | |
| Renewals Issued | **19,127** | 19,127 | | | |

| PHYSICIAN & SURGEON DATA Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2025-2026 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P&S Initial License Apps Received | **5,272** | 901 | 1,164 | 1,912 | 1,295 |
| P&S Transition Apps Received | **2,142** | 539 | 281 | 575 | 747 |
| *Total P&S Applications Received | **7,414** | 1,440 | 1,445 | 2,487 | 2,042 |
| Initial Reviews Completed | **7,211** | 1,532 | 1,805 | 2,258 | 1,616 |
| Licenses Issued | **6,915** | 1,720 | 1,449 | 1,781 | 1,965 |
| Renewals Issued | **80,305** | 19,691 | 21,713 | 19,906 | 18,995 |

| POSTGRADUATE TRAINING LICENSE DATA Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Applications Received | **1,005** | 1,005 | | | |
| Initial Reviews Completed | **1,978** | 1,978 | | | |
| Licenses Issued | **2,005** | 2,005 | | | |

| POSTGRADUATE TRAINING LICENSE DATA Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2025-2026 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Applications Received | **3,450** | 1,059 | 122 | 230 | 2,039 |
| Initial Reviews Completed | **3,252** | 1,917 | 432 | 34 | 869 |
| Licenses Issued | **3,285** | 1,991 | 1,057 | 47 | 190 |

*Applications Received does not include applications received with monies that have not been deposited, as this process may take several weeks.

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| CATEGORIES OF APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO SENIOR REVIEW 2* Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alcohol/Drugs | **9** | 9 | | | |
| PG/Medical Knowledge | **33** | 33 | | | |
| Convictions | **4** | 4 | | | |
| Other | **9** | 9 | | | |

| CATEGORIES OF APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO SENIOR REVIEW 2* Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2025-2026 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alcohol/Drugs | **20** | 7 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| PG/Medical Knowledge | **80** | 17 | 17 | 15 | 31 |
| Convictions | **12** | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Other | **36** | 12 | 5 | 6 | 13 |
| *One application may be counted in more than one category. | | | | | |

| LICENSED MIDWIVES Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Applications Received | **5** | 5 | | | |
| Licenses Issued | **5** | 5 | | | |
| Licenses Renewed | **54** | 54 | | | |

| LICENSED MIDWIVES Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2025-2026 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Applications Received | **18** | 2 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Licenses Issued | **21** | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| Licenses Renewed | **226** | 58 | 53 | 64 | 51 |

| FICTITIOUS NAME PERMIT Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P&S - FNP Received | **665** | 665 | | | |
| P&S - FNP Issued | **666** | 666 | | | |
| P&S - FNP Renewed | **1,458** | 1,458 | | | |
| Podiatric FNP Received | **14** | 14 | | | |
| Podiatric FNP Issued | **12** | 12 | | | |
| Podiatric FNP Renewed | **36** | 36 | | | |

| FICTITIOUS NAME PERMIT Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2025-2026 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P&S - FNP Received | **2,366** | 587 | 561 | 631 | 587 |
| P&S - FNP Issued | **2,269** | 594 | 512 | 543 | 620 |
| P&S - FNP Renewed | **5,444** | 1,378 | 1,324 | 1,367 | 1,375 |
| Podiatric FNP Received | **45** | 23 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Podiatric FNP Issued | **43** | 16 | 10 | 12 | 5 |
| Podiatric FNP Renewed | **104** | 20 | 29 | 31 | 24 |

# WORKLOAD REPORT
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| POLYSOMNOGRAPHY Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trainee Applications Received | **21** | 21 | | | |
| Trainee Registrations Issued | **15** | 15 | | | |
| Trainee Registrations Renewed | **4** | 4 | | | |
| Technician Applications Received | **10** | 10 | | | |
| Technician Registrations Issued | **12** | 12 | | | |
| Technician Registrations Renewed | **11** | 11 | | | |
| Technologist Applications Received | **14** | 14 | | | |
| Technologist Registrations Issued | **13** | 13 | | | |
| Technologist Registrations Renewed | **122** | 122 | | | |

| POLYSOMNOGRAPHY Fiscal Year 25-26 | 2025-2026 | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trainee Applications Received | **37** | 6 | 8 | 10 | 13 |
| Trainee Registrations Issued | **40** | 6 | 8 | 14 | 12 |
| Trainee Registrations Renewed | **27** | 11 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Technician Applications Received | **35** | 11 | 5 | 8 | 11 |
| Technician Registrations Issued | **33** | 12 | 3 | 11 | 7 |
| Technician Registrations Renewed | **63** | 20 | 11 | 18 | 14 |
| Technologist Applications Received | **61** | 19 | 14 | 16 | 12 |
| Technologist Registrations Issued | **60** | 18 | 10 | 13 | 19 |
| Technologist Registrations Renewed | **170** | 65 | 32 | 39 | 34 |

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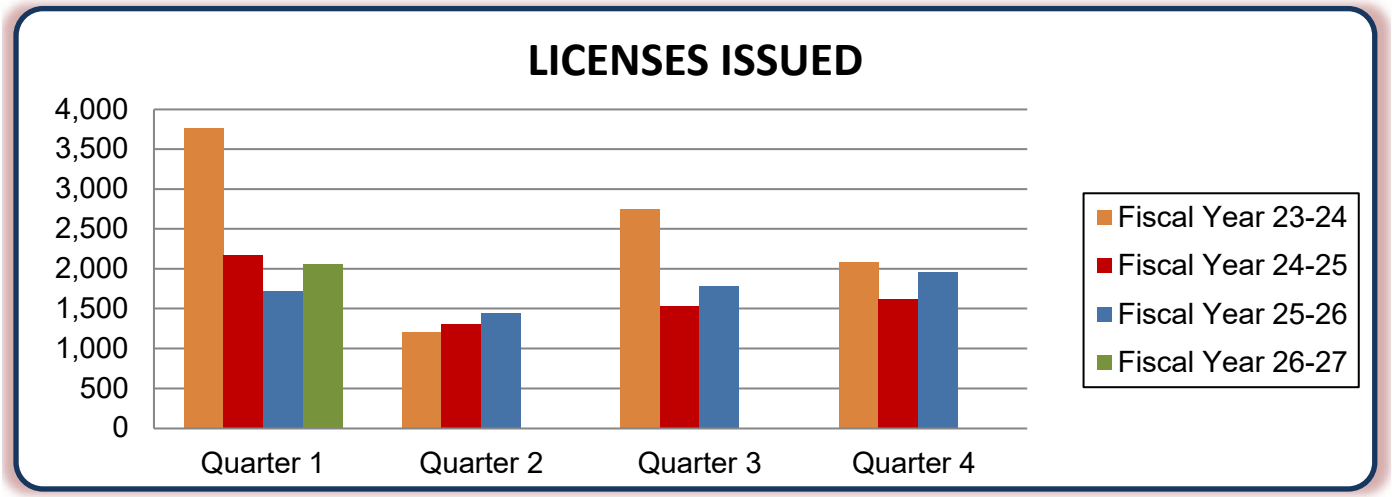
| SPECIAL PROGRAMS Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2026-2027 | Quarter 1 | Quarter2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2111 Applications Received | **7** | 7 | | | |
| 2111 Applications Reviewed | **5** | 5 | | | |
| 2111 Permits Issued | **4** | 4 | | | |
| 2111 Permits Renewed | **8** | 8 | | | |
| 2112 Applications Received | **0** | 0 | | | |
| 2112 Applications Reviewed | **0** | 0 | | | |
| 2112 Permits Issued | **0** | 0 | | | |
| 2112 Permits Renewed | **1** | 1 | | | |
| 2113 Applications Received | **14** | 14 | | | |
| 2113 Applications Reviewed | **12** | 12 | | | |
| 2113 Permits Issued | **24** | 24 | | | |
| 2113 Permits Renewed | **28** | 28 | | | |
| 2168 Applications Received | **3** | 3 | | | |
| 2168 Applications Reviewed | **1** | 1 | | | |
| 2168 Permits Issued | **1** | 1 | | | |
| 2168 Permits Renewed | **4** | 4 | | | |

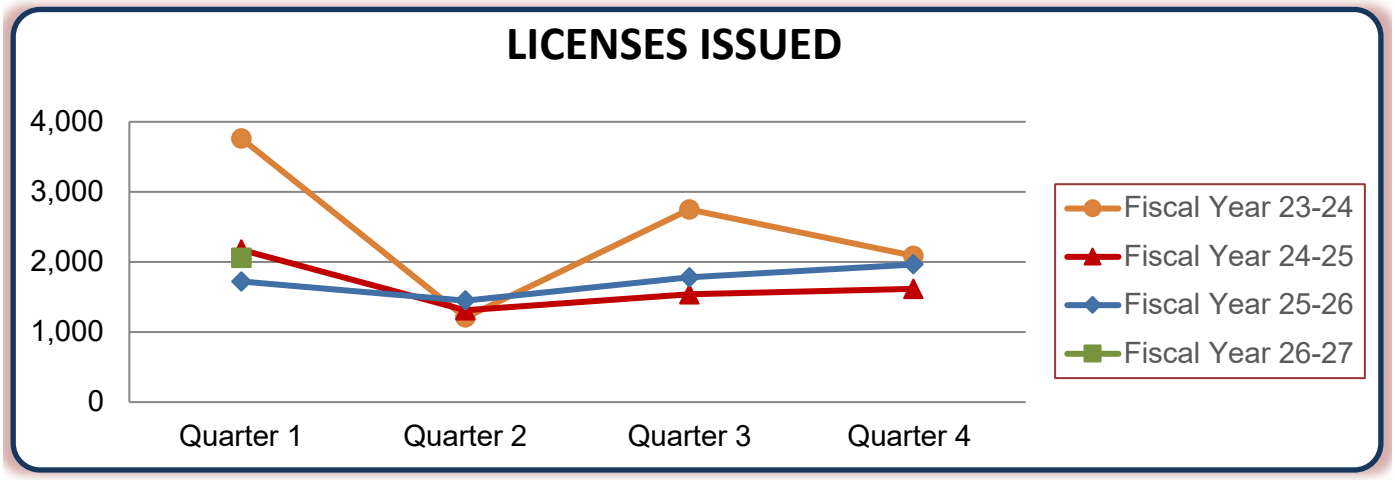
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2111 Applications Received | **16** | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| 2111 Applications Reviewed | **18** | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| 2111 Permits Issued | **19** | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 2111 Permits Renewed | **11** | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 2112 Applications Received | **2** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2112 Applications Reviewed | **1** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2112 Permits Issued | **1** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2112 Permits Renewed | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2113 Applications Received | **68** | 14 | 20 | 13 | 21 |
| 2113 Applications Reviewed | **63** | 17 | 18 | 12 | 16 |
| 2113 Permits Issued | **58** | 23 | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| 2113 Permits Renewed | **74** | 16 | 18 | 15 | 25 |
| 2168 Applications Received | **10** | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 2168 Applications Reviewed | **9** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 2168 Permits Issued | **7** | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2168 Permits Renewed | **10** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |

2111 - Visiting Fellow (doesn't satisfy postgraduate training required for licensure)
2112 - Hospital Fellowship Program Non-Citizen (doesn't satisfy postgraduate training required for licensure)
2113 - Medical School Faculty Member (may satisfy postgraduate training required for licensure)
2168 - Special Faculty Permit (academically eminent; unrestricted practice within sponsoring medical school - not eligible for licensure)

**Physician's and Surgeon's Licenses Issued***
**Four Fiscal Year History**

| Fiscal Year | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2,060 | | | | **2,060** |
| Fiscal Year 25-26 | 1,720 | 1,449 | 1,781 | 1,965 | **6,915** |
| Fiscal Year 24-25 | 2,175 | 1,310 | 1,539 | 1,616 | **6,640** |
| Fiscal Year 23-24 | 3,763 | 1,207 | 2,750 | 2,086 | **9,806** |

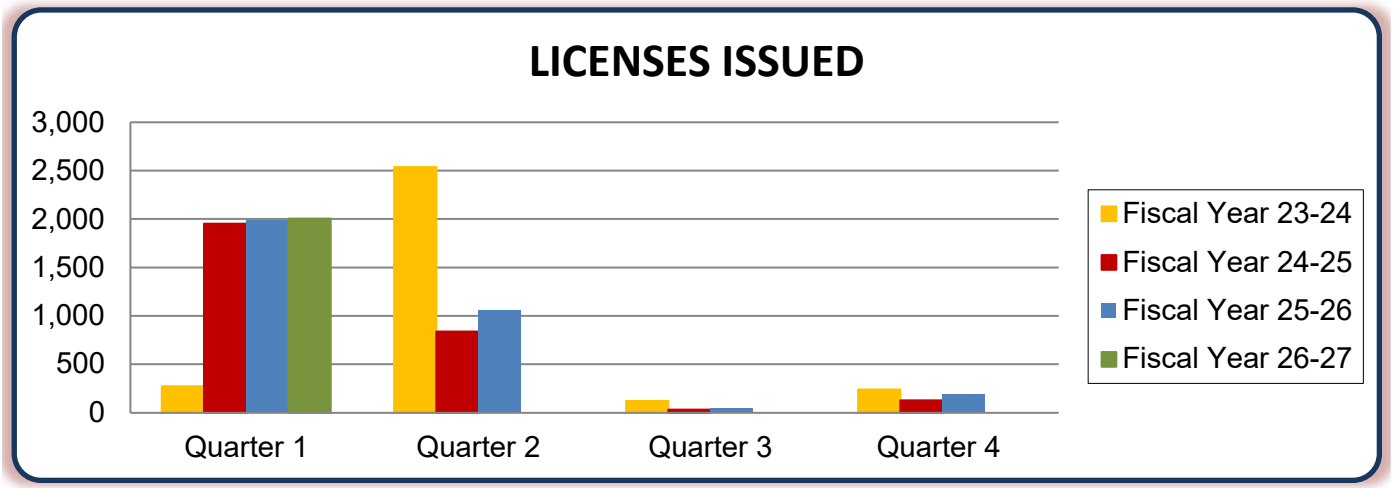


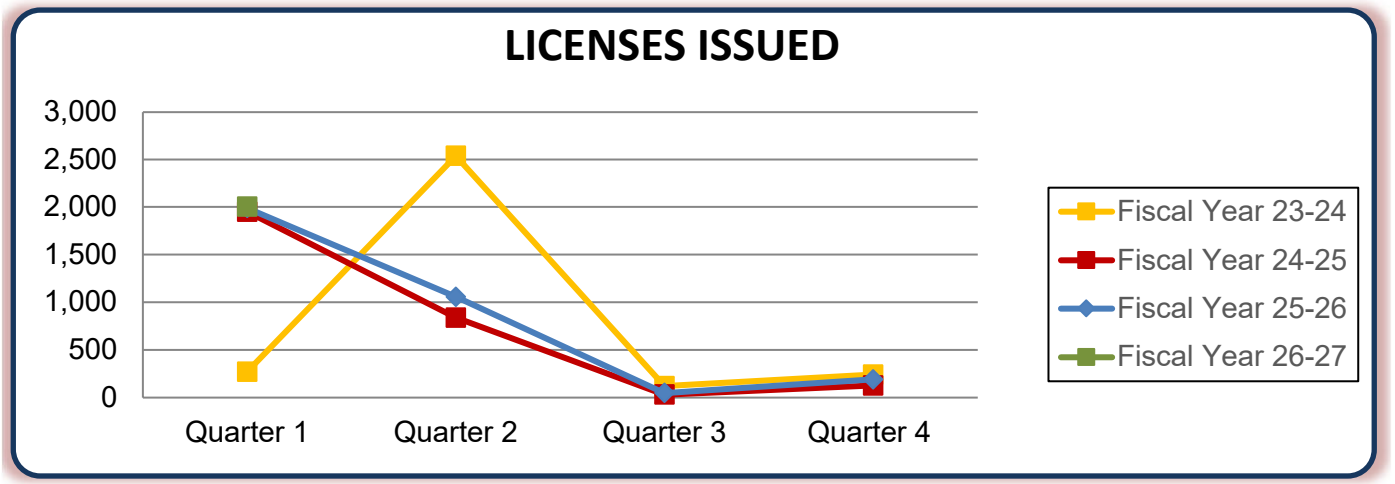




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**Postgraduate Training Licenses Issued***
**Fiscal Year History**

| Fiscal Year | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fiscal Year 26-27 | 2,005 | | | | **2,005** |
| Fiscal Year 25-26 | 1,991 | 1,057 | 47 | 190 | **3,285** |
| Fiscal Year 24-25 | 1,952 | 837 | 31 | 127 | **2,947** |
| Fiscal Year 23-24 | 270 | 2,538 | 119 | 240 | **3,167** |



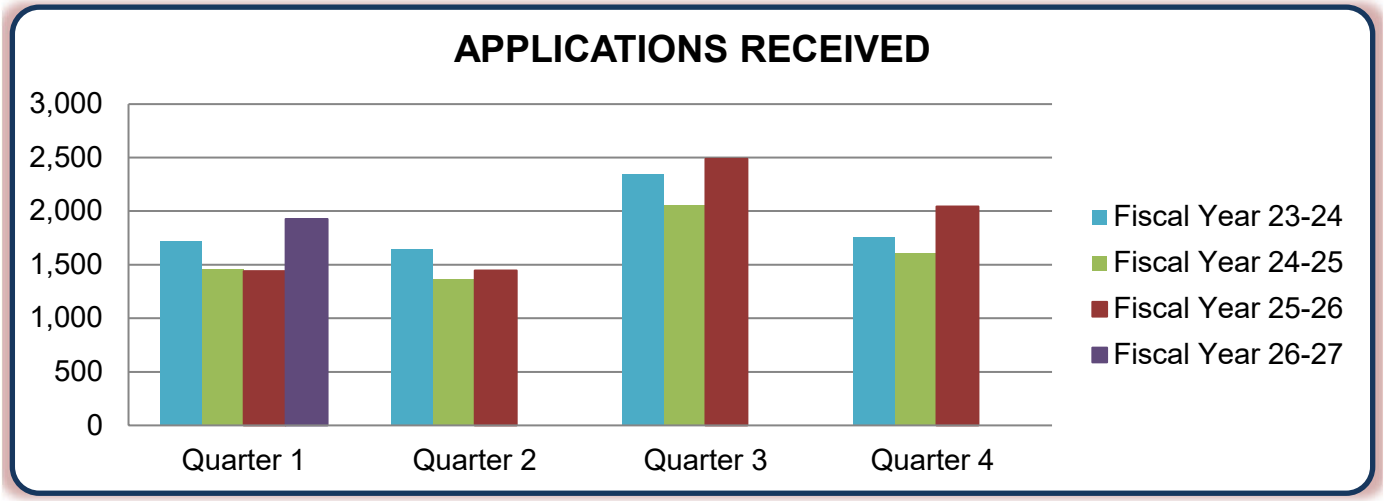



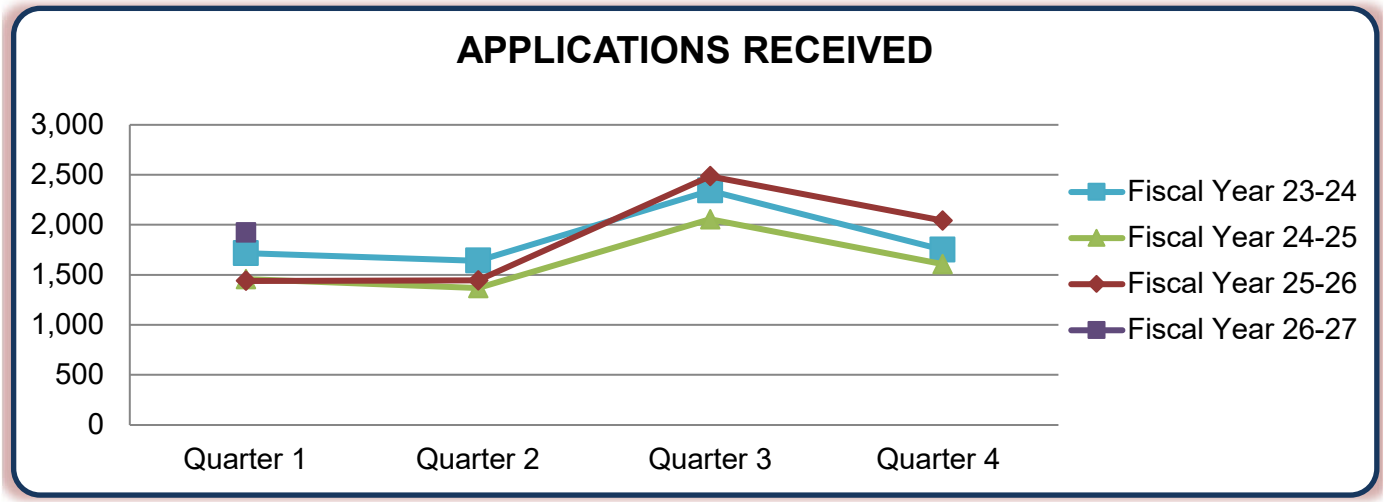

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**Physician's and Surgeon's Applications Received***
**Four Fiscal Year History**

| Fiscal Year | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fiscal Year 26-27 | 1,924 | | | | **1,924** |
| Fiscal Year 25-26 | 1,440 | 1,445 | 2,487 | 2,042 | **7,414** |
| Fiscal Year 24-25 | 1,456 | 1,368 | 2,056 | 1,608 | **6,488** |
| Fiscal Year 23-24 | 1,715 | 1,642 | 2,343 | 1,753 | **7,453** |

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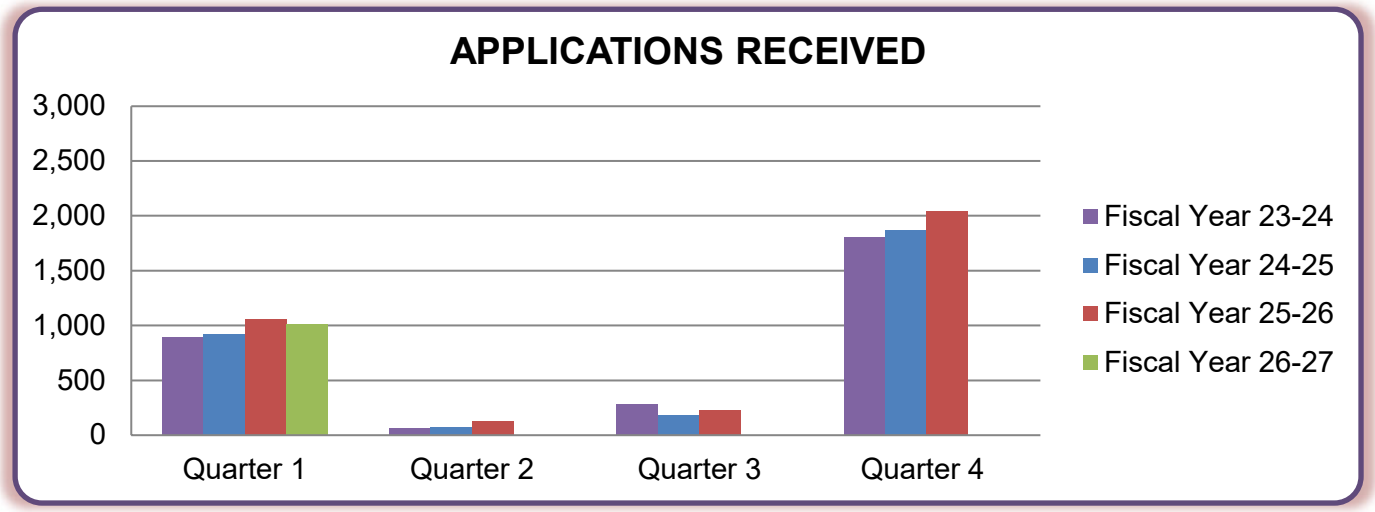



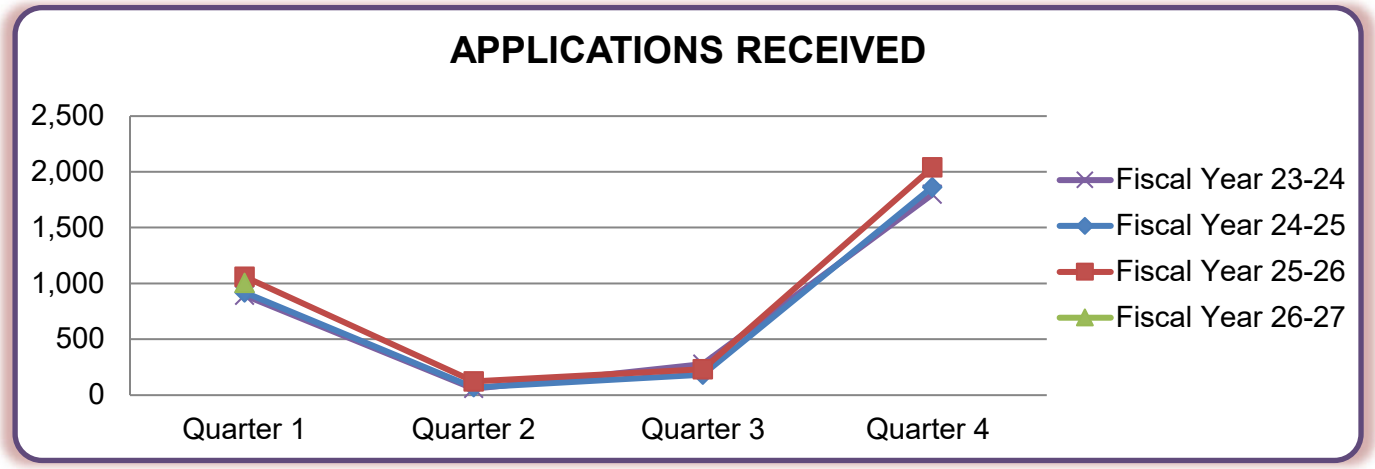

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**Postgraduate Training License Applications Received***
**Fiscal Year History**

| Fiscal Year | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fiscal Year 26-27 | 1,005 | | | | **1,005** |
| Fiscal Year 25-26 | 1,059 | 122 | 230 | 2,039 | **3,450** |
| Fiscal Year 24-25 | 920 | 70 | 181 | 1,863 | **3,034** |
| Fiscal Year 23-24 | 892 | 58 | 277 | 1,799 | **3,026** |

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