MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OVERVIEW OF
THE CURRENT REGULATORY PROGRAM
As of January 5, 2027

Section 8 – Current Issues

57. Describe how the board is participating in development of online application and payment capability and any other secondary IT issues affecting the board.

- **Is the board utilizing BreEZe? What Release was the board included in? What is the status of the board's change requests?**

- **If the board is not utilizing BreEZe, what is the board's plan for future IT needs? What discussions has the board had with DCA about IT needs and options? Is the board currently using a bridge or workaround system?**

The Board is using BreEZe, and was included in the first Release. As of September 16, 2026, the Board has 47 Board-specific service requests and there are 76 GLOBAL service requests pending assignment to a release. Between July 2022 and October 2026, there were a total of 69 releases where approximately 275 Board specific service requests were addressed.
The Board bases the prioritization of service requests on legislative requirements and business process needs. Some service requests can sit in queue for months waiting for the space to be prioritized into the scope of a release. In October 2022, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Office of Information Services (OIS) Breeze Team changed to an AGILE development method to attempt to speed up the development to release lifecycle of BreEZe change requests. The first release using this methodology was in late October 2022 and has helped to get more changes into the system faster.

The November–December 2026 development schedule was reserved for mandated legislation changes because of resource limitations at the same time last year. While this may have delayed some of the 47 items in the Board backlog from being worked on during that period, it ensured that legislative changes for all boards under the DCA were implemented in time for their effective dates.

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Significant BreEZe changes during the July 2022 – September 2026 timeframe include:

- Implementation of the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) Workforce Data Survey pursuant to AB 133 (July 2022).
- Change of Address made available online for Special Faculty Permit and Mexico Pilot Program license holders (August 2022).
- Fee changes pursuant to SB 806 (September 2022).
- Multiple updates to the Physician and Surgeon and the Postgraduate Training License online applications to update instructional text, add additional fields for data collection purposes, and to revise language for existing application questions; removal of the Physician Survey from paper renewal notices pursuant to AB 133 (October 2022).
- Added an application question to online initial applications to allow applicants who can demonstrate that they intend to provide abortions within their scope of practice to request an expedite of the licensure process, pursuant to AB 657 (January 2023).
- Decreased the CURES fee from $22 to $18 biennially, with an effective date of 04/01/2023 (March 2023).
- Renewal transaction made available online for Licensed Midwives (April 2023).
- Configuration added allowing applicants to submit a change of address or email online. Previously only licenses were able to do so (July 2023).
- Automatic email notifications to the licensee when a Physician and Surgeon or Postgraduate License is issued (previously a manual process) (August 2023).
- Automatic email notifications to the licensee when a Physician and Surgeon has had their license expiration date extended by 60 days pursuant to SB 815 (September 2023).
- Fee changes pursuant to SB 815, with an effective date of January 2024 (October 2023).
- Multiple updates to the Physician and Surgeon and the Postgraduate Training License online applications to update instructional text, add additional fields for data collection purposes, and to revise language for existing application questions; configuration to extend Postgraduate Training License expiration dates to 36 months, pursuant to SB 815 (January 2024).

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- Configuration to allow for public disclosure of public records for Polysomnography probationers (March 2024).
- Added an application question to online initial applications to allow applicants who are an active duty member of the US Armed Forces and enrolled in the US Department of Defense SkillBridge program to request an expedite of the licensure process, pursuant to AB 883, effective July 2024; ability to submit additional documents made available online for Physician and Surgeon and Postgraduate training applicants (June 2024).
- Reinstatement application made available for Physician and Surgeon applicants (August 2024).
- Revised continuing medical education language on the Physician and Surgeon online renewal, pursuant to SB 639; retired the Research Psychoanalyst transactions online and transferred internal applications and license information, pursuant to SB 815; multiple enhancements to the Physician and Surgeon from Mexico internal transaction and changed the license type name in DCA Search from BPC 853 Pilot Program Physician to Physician's and Surgeon's from Mexico License, pursuant to AB 2860 (January 2025).
- Stopped generating paper renewal notices for the Physician and Surgeon license type (February 2025).
- Increase the CURES fee from $18 to $30 biennially, with a fee increase effective date of 04/01/2025, pursuant to SB 164 (March 2025).
- Configuration added to allow reinstatement applicants to submit address changes online; Miscellaneous documents transaction made available online for Licensed Midwives, Special Programs, Special Faculty Permit, and Polysomnography; updates to the online complaint screen to be able to capture all involved parties (April 2025).
- Automatic email notifications to the license holder when a Physician and Surgeon has met the postgraduate training requirements prior to renewing; Miscellaneous documents transaction made available online for Physician's and Surgeon's from Mexico License type (May 2025).
- Language updated on multiple automatic email notifications; revisions to Physician and Surgeon online application questions related to postgraduate training (July 2025).
- Revisions to Physician and Surgeon transition and the Postgraduate Training License application questions related to postgraduate training (August 2025).

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- Configuration added to internal system to capture Continuing Medical Education audit information in order to begin the process of automating the audit (October 2025).
- Configuration added to allow licensees to complete the Continuing Medical Education audit online (currently disabled pending additional configuration updates) (February 2026).
- Configuration added to allow Physician and Surgeon and Postgraduate Training License holders to submit name changes online (March 2026).
- Multiple revisions to Deficiency phrases displayed online for pending applications (August 2026).

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