

California's New Post Graduate Training License

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Legislative Bills that Made these changes

- ▶ SB 798 Made sweeping changes to licensing requirements in California and required residents to obtain a 36 month Training License and applicants for initial licensure must complete 36 months of residency in order to be eligible for a license to practice medicine in California. These new requirement become effective January 1, 2020.
- ▶ SB 1480 Made additional minor changes to licensure requirements that become effective January 1, 2020.

Change in License Requirements

- ▶ Effective January 1, 2020 applicants for initial licensure in California must have completed 36 months of AOA/ACGME residency program.
- ▶ Effective January 1, 2020, the Board will have enforcement jurisdiction over residents with a Training License in a residency program.

Training License Requirements

- ▶ All California post graduate D.O. residents who are enrolled in an AOA/ACGME accredited residency program in California on January 1, 2020 must apply and successfully obtain a Training License from the Osteopathic Medical Board of California within 180 days.
- ▶ After January 1, 2020, applicants must complete 36 months of an AOA/ACGME accredited residency program to be eligible for full licensure to practice in California.
- ▶ After January 1, 2020 residents must complete 24 of the required 36 months of training in the same residency program to be eligible for full licensure.
- ▶ After January 1, 2020 those enrolled in their first year of residency must apply for a Training License within 180 days to be able to continue their residency.

Training License Requirements

- ▶ Residents may apply for a Training License as soon as they have confirmation of acceptance into a California AOA/ACGME program.
- ▶ If there is a change in status for a resident in their program, the program director must notify the Board within 30 days of this change of status.
- ▶ The Board may grant an extension to the 36 months Training License if the Board is notified by the residency program of any change in status by the residency program.
- ▶ The Training License will be valid until 90 days after the resident has successfully completed the training.
- ▶ The Training License is not renewable.

Training Licensure Requirements

- ▶ Failure to obtain a Training License within 180 days will require resident to cease practice within the residency program.
- ▶ Training License is not renewable, but, may with Board approval be extended for extenuating circumstances.
- ▶ Residency programs are required to notify the Board within 30 days of a change in status for any resident in their program.
- ▶ Residents in specialty residency program that require more than 3 years to complete will be required to obtain full licensure within 90 days of the completion of 36 months of their Training in order to continue in their residency program.

Training License

- ▶ Training licenses will be issued as pocket cards which will include the name of the resident and the residency program.
- ▶ Training Licenses will be displayed on the Board's website under the license look-up.

Required Documents for Training License

- ▶ Generally, all requirements for full licensure are required except the completion of residency and Level 3 COMLEX—those are required when applying for full licensure.

Training License Documents Required

- ▶ Completion and submission of Training License application to Board. Application must be signed and notarized.
- ▶ Non-refundable Application Fee.
- ▶ Copy of diploma.
- ▶ Exam scores for COMLEX Level 1 and 2 CE and PE.
- ▶ Certified transcripts from school demonstrating graduation and fulfillment of degree requirements.
- ▶ Finger prints clearance— completed Live Scan for in state applicants or fingerprint cards for out of state applicants.
- ▶ Residency program submits a form provided by the Board stating that applicant has been accepted into residency program.

Training License Requirements

- ▶ If resident fails to obtain a Training License within 180 days of either the January 1, 2020 or from the date of enrollment in the residency program all privileges and exemption under statute shall automatically cease. A resident would have to cease practice within residency immediately.
- ▶ Applicants for Training License that apply late and do not allow the Board ample time to process within the 180 day period will not be issued a license within the 180 period and will have to cease practice.
- ▶ Applicants denied a license will have to cease practice and withdraw from residency program.
- ▶ Don't wait until the final days or weeks to apply, it can take 60 days or more to receive all of the documents and fingerprint results.

Denial of Training License

- ▶ Board may deny applicants guilty of unprofessional conduct or any cause that would subject a licensee to revocation or suspension of his or her license.
- ▶ Board may issue a probationary Training License subject to terms and conditions and specific limitations:
 - ▶ Limitations on practice
 - ▶ Continuing medical or psychiatric treatment
 - ▶ Ongoing participation in specified rehabilitation program
 - ▶ Abstinence from use of alcohol and/or drugs
 - ▶ Restrictions against engaging in certain types of medical practice
 - ▶ Payment of the cost of monitoring probation

Moonlighting

- ▶ A resident/intern holding a Training License may engage in the practice of medicine only in connection with his or her duties as an intern or resident in that residency program, including its affiliated sites, or under those conditions as approved in writing and maintained in the file, by the director of the residency program.
- ▶ A resident/ intern holding a Training License may moonlight with the written authorization from the residency program director.

California Residency Programs Requirements

- ▶ The program director will be required to submit, on a form provided by the Board, that demonstrates enrollment in their program for each resident/ intern.
- ▶ Notify the Board within 30 days of any change in status of a resident/intern that includes transfer to another residency program, resignation, termination, leave of absence or resident receives no credit for any rotation.
- ▶ The program director will be required to submit, on a form provided by the Board, documentation of completion of residency program for each resident/ intern who completes their program.

Training License Applicants for Full Licensure

- ▶ Residents who have completed their residency program have 90 days to obtain full licensure to continue to practice in California.
- ▶ Residents who have a Training License will have a streamlined application process if they apply for a full license.
- ▶ Residents who have a Training License and apply for a full license will be required to submit the following:
 - ▶ Completed License Application for provided by the Board
 - ▶ COMLEX Level 3 exam scores sent directly to Board from NBOME
 - ▶ Residency Program completion document from program sent directly to Board.
 - ▶ Prorated License fee
 - ▶ No application fee

Scenarios

- ▶ Scenario #1: Second year residents who enrolled in residency program July 2018 and apply for license prior to January 1, 2020. If these second year residents apply prior to December 31, 2019, they will be eligible to be issued a full license and not otherwise be subject to the new law.
- ▶ Scenario #2: Second year residents who enrolled in residency program July 2018 and apply for license after January 1, 2020. These residents will be subject to the new law and be required to apply for a Training License and be required to complete 3 years of residency to be eligible for full licensure.
- ▶ Scenario #3: Those first year residents who enroll in their residency program July 2019. These residents will be required to apply for Training License between January 1, 2020.
- ▶ Scenario #4: Residents who first enroll in residency program July 2020. Those residents will be subject to the new law.

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