

In order to participate in a graduate medical education program at UCSF, all residents and clinical fellows must follow the medical licensing laws of the state of California. Starting in January 2020, new license laws went into effect whereby all trainees must have either a training license (PTL) or a full medical license in order to train clinically. The type of license a trainee must have is dependent upon how much ACGME training a resident or fellow has completed:

Trainee Type	Type of CA Medical License required	Training Requirements	How to apply	Eligible for DEA?	CA Medical Board Grace Period
<b>0-35 months of postgraduate training</b> (for most this will be PGY 1-3)	<a href="#">Postgraduate Training License (PTL)</a>	None	<a href="#">Online</a> -OR- <a href="#">paper application by mail</a>	Yes- apply during PGY-1 & permitted to use starting as a PGY-2	PTL must be obtained within 180 days after enrollment in an ACGME Program
<b>36+ months of postgraduate training</b> (any ACGME trainee with ≥ 36 months of ACGME training)	<a href="#">Full Medical License</a>	36 months of ACGME training* (*of which 24 months must be completed in the same training program)	<a href="#">Online</a> -OR- <a href="#">paper application by mail</a>	Yes	Full medical license must be obtained within 90 days after enrollment in an ACGME program

*\*If a trainee is new to UCSF and already has a CA Postgraduate Training License, the program from where the trainee is coming must submit **BOTH** a [Program Status Update/Change Form](#) (Form PSU) within 30 days of the trainee's last day **AND** [Form PTA/PTB](#) dated no earlier than the trainee's last day in their program.*

**Foreign Medical Graduates** must ensure their foreign medical school is listed on the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) World Director of Medical School joint directory, or the World Directory of Medical Schools <https://search.wdoms.org/> -OR- ensure the foreign medical school has been approved by the Medical Board of California ([http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Medical\\_Schools/Schools\\_Recognized.aspx](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Medical_Schools/Schools_Recognized.aspx))

**Trainees with more specific or additional questions regarding eligibility or for further assistance applying for their license, should contact their UCSF Program Administrator directly.**