**FAQs for New 2022 CA Medical License Laws (SB 806)**

effective 1/1/2022

**If a current trainee’s PTL is set to expire later (e.g., June/September 2022, 2023, or 2024) will their PTL remain valid until the expiration date currently on their PTL?**

*Yes, a trainee’s PTL will continue to be valid through the expiration date that appears on their PTL.*

**If a current trainee’s PTL is set to expire later (e.g., June/September 2022, 2023, or 2024) when should they apply for their full CA medical license?**

*Current PTL holders do not have to apply for their full P&S license until they start to approach the expiration date on their PTL. If a PTL holder WANTS to apply for their full P&S license sooner, they can do so if they have completed 12 months* (U.S. or Canadian medical school graduate) or *24 months* (IMG) *of ACGME-accredited training.*

*\*There are circumstances in which it may be in the trainee’s best interest to apply for their P&S license now/early in 2022. It is important to play close attention to the PTL expiration date, and number required ACGME-accredited training years.*

* ***For current PGY3:*** *Current PGY3 who will be continuing their training in your program or another UCSF Fresno/CA training program or is planning on working in CA after finishing their PGY3, should apply for their P&S license sooner rather than later so that they can have their full license by the time their next program/work starts in CA. All current PGY3 are eligible for their full license under SB 806. Eligible PGY3 should apply between January – early March 2022 to ensure they receive their full license before July 2022. There may be delays and it is in the trainee’s best interest to apply early if eligible.*
* ***For current PGY2:*** *Current PGY2 are eligible for their P&S license under SB 806 if they are a U.S./Canadian medical school graduate and have completed 12 months of ACGME accredtited training. They are not required to obtain a full license if they currently have a valid/unexpired PTL; however, if they are going to be continuing their training in CA or planning on working in CA after finishing their PGY3 in 2023, they should apply for their full license in between January – March 2023.*
* ***For current PGY1:*** *Current PGY1 are not eligible to apply for their P&S license. If they are going to be continuing their training in CA or are planning on working in CA after finishing their PGY3 in 2024, they should apply for their P&S license in between January – March 2024.*
* ***For incoming interns (starting in June 2022):*** *Incoming PGY1s are required to have a PTL within 180 days after enrollment. They may apply for a CA PTL as soon as they match into a UCSF Fresno training program. Once enrolled, the training programs can submit the required Board-related enrollment forms. Incoming interns will be eligible to transition their PTL to a P&S license when they complete 12 months (U.S./Canadian medical school graduates) or 24 months (IMGs) of ACGME accredited postgraduate training. A PGY1 finishing training in June 2023 should have an active PTL for an additional 3 months/90 days; enough time to obtain a P&S license and continue to train/work as a PGY2 while they wait for their full license otherwise all clinical training/work must stop. The Board recommends that**PTL holders apply to transition to a full license 6 months prior to completion of the required months of postgraduate training.*

**Are there any differences between what a trainee can do on their PTL/full license starting in 2022 vs. prior to 2022?**

*No changes have been announced regarding what a trainee can do on their PTL or P&S license; their functionality is the same it has been since PTLs went into effect in 2020.*

**Is there a 180-day grace period for PGY-1s to get their PTL?**

*Yes, PGY1 trainees enrolled in ACGME training programs will receive the same 180-day grace period during which time they must apply for and receive their PTL. Trainees have 180 days from whichever date they start their PGY1 training to receive their PTL. If they do not receive their PTL by the end of the 180th day, then the trainee must cease all clinical training/work until their PTL is received.*

**If a trainee is switching into a new/different ACGME program after their PGY1 (i.e., prelims or transitional year interns) how will they be able to continue their training in their new program as a PGY2 if their PTL expires at the end of their PGY1?**

*PTLs will be issued with a 15-month expiration date so that the trainee can start their next program (if it’s at UCSF or another accredited training program in CA). However, for the PTL to be issued with a 15-month expiration date, the trainee’s second/next training program must submit their EF Form and the trainee’s PGY1 program submit their EF form for the trainee. This way the trainee’s enrollment in an accredited program for both their PGY1 and PGY2 is accounted for and their PTL can have the 15-month expiration date (which is the 90-day grace period they need to be able to start their clinical training/work as a PGY2 in their next/new program while they apply/wait for their full license).*

**Are any of the forms changing or being discontinued under the new law?**

*Whatever forms appear on the Medical Board’s website are always the forms you can and should use. The Board will be updating the forms to reflect the 2022 license law changes; however, the forms themselves (i.e., the EF Form, PTA/PTB Form, CTV Form, PSU Form etc.) are not changing and will continue to serve the same purpose.*

**For M.D./MBC applicants, will programs be able to submit Board-related forms through the DOCS Portal?**

*Yes, training programs will continue to be able to submit forms to GME to submit to the MBC through the DOCS Portal if the trainee has an open application/record. A trainee has an open record if they have applied for a PTL or P&S license. Documents submitted through the DOCS portal do not require the University seal and may be signed electronically.*

***\*\*Programs are not allowed to have program-access to the MBC DOCS portal. Electronic submission of any Board-related documents must go through the GME office.***

*If programs choose to mail forms directly to the Board, wet signatures and University seal are required. Programs should mail forms via certified USPS mail or FedEx (anything trackable that provides a confirmation of delivery/receipt).*

**For D.O./OMBC applicants, will programs be able to submit Board-related forms electronically?**

*No, forms must be mailed directly to the OMBC by the training program. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.*

**Is a trainee on the PTL still able to obtain a DEA?**

*Yes, per current policy all PGY2 or higher trainees are expected to apply for and obtain a DEA certification. Refer to DEA Policy for more information.*

**If a trainee is moving to CA and continuing their training as a PGY2 at UCSF Fresno, they will need to apply for a CA P&S medical license. The trainee is not technically eligible to get a full license until they have completed 12 months of accredited training, and since they are coming from out-of-state, they will not have a CA PTL. Will they still be able to start their training on-time as a PGY2?**

*If the trainee is going into an ACGME program as a PGY2, they will be eligible for the 90-day grace period to get their full CA medical license. They can and should start to apply for their full medical license* ***BEFORE*** *they arrive/start at UCSF as a PGY2; the Board should only be waiting on the trainee’s PGY-1 training program’s PTA/PTB form (which cannot be signed, dated, or submitted until the trainee’s last official day in the PGY1 training program). Otherwise, all the other requirements should already be submitted to the Board well before the trainee starts at UCSF Fresno.*

**Are there changes to licensing fees?**

*Yes, fee increase went into effect 1/1/2022. Please visit* [*https://www.mbc.ca.gov/About/Laws/SB806.aspx*](https://www.mbc.ca.gov/About/Laws/SB806.aspx) *for a list of the updated Board fees.*

**Are the licensing requirements different for IMGs vs. US/Canadian medical school graduates?**

*Yes, the requirements for trainees who graduated from a foreign/international medical school are slightly different. In order to be eligible for a full, CA medical license, IMGs must (1) remain on a PTL for 24 months of ACGME accredited training/have completed 24 months of ACGME accredited training* ***AND*** *(2) they must ensure that their medical school is listed on the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) World Directory of Medical Schools joint directory, or the World Directory of Medical Schools (*[*https://search.wdoms.org/*](https://search.wdoms.org/) *) or their medical school must be approved by the CA Medical Board (*[*http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Medical\_Schools/Schools\_Recognized.aspx*](http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Medical_Schools/Schools_Recognized.aspx)*).*

*For US/Canadian medical school graduates, they must be on a PTL/have completed only 12 months of ACGME accredited training to be eligible for a full, CA medical license.*

**IMGs must complete 24 months of ACGME accredited training (or spend 24 months on a CA PTL) to be eligible for a full CA medical license. Do those 24 months have to be completed in the same training program?**

*No, the first 24 months of accredited training do not have to be completed in the same ACGME accredited training program. However, out of the trainee’s first 36 months of ACGME accredited training program, at least 24 of those 36 months must be completed in the same ACGME accredited training program (i.e., they can do their PGY1 in Program A, but then they must do both their PGY2 and PGY3 in Program B).*

**How soon can my training program submit Broad-related forms?**

*The Enrollment Form (Form EF) may be submitted once the trainee has applied and submitted a PTL application to the Board. The Certificate of Completion of ACGME/RCPSC/CFPC Postgraduate Training (Form PTA/PTB) may be submitted 30 days prior to the trainee completion: 12 months for U.S./Canadian medical school graduates and 24 months for IMGs.*

**How do I know if I am eligible for the reduced license fee and which training program is responsible for submitting the CTV Form so that the trainee can receive the reduced license fee?**

*If the trainee is enrolled in an ACGME program at the time they are applying for their full license, then the trainee’s current ACGME* program­ *may complete and submit the CTV Form on the trainee’s behalf. If the trainee is not enrolled in an ACGME program at the time they are applying for their full license, then they are not eligible for the reduced license fee.*

**Does the Board have statutes that prohibit moonlighting?**

*No, but there may be institution and/or program specific policies. Please refer to the UCSF Fresno Moonlighting policy.*