UCSF Fresno
California Medical Licensure/ Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL)

All unlicensed housestaff must be registered with the Medical/Osteopathic Board. This will be done through the Postgraduate Training Registration Form (PTRF) that is completed prior to the start of training (listed under “forms”).

California does not issue or require a temporary training license or certificate before or during residency. However, they do require all IMG’s to obtain a Post Graduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL), prior to starting residency training.

US/Canadian medical school graduates
The Medical Board of California allows US/Canadian medical school graduates to complete up to 24 months of ACGME-accredited training before being licensed. US/Canadian graduates must be licensed before beginning their 25th month of residency training. All training in the United States will be counted toward this license exemption.

International medical school graduates
The Medical Board of California allows international medical school graduates to complete up to 36 months of training before being licensed. International graduates must be licensed before beginning their 37th month of residency training. All training in the United States will be counted toward this license exemption.

License Fair
UCSF Fresno’s GME office hosts a license fair in the spring to assist residents with completion of licensure application requirements. A notary public, photographs, and LiveScan fingerprinting are provided. A processing fee is charged only for the LiveScan fingerprinting which is conducted by an independent company. A representative from the Medical Board of California is also available to answer questions about the MD licensure process.

Additional information related to the licensure process can be found at: https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/housestaff-portal/licensedareasources/

*For information related to licensure for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residents, please contact your program coordinator.