

Physician Limited License Frequent Questions

Once I apply, how long does it take to get a license?

The average processing time for a license application is about four weeks.

What are the various types of limited licenses?

There are 5 types of limited licenses:

1. Institutional: For employment with either the Department of Corrections or the Department of Social and Health Services. Applicants need a license to practice medicine in another state or Canada, and have completed a period of postgraduate medical training in the U.S. or Canada. This license allows a physician to practice medicine only on patients, residents, or inmates.

2. City/County: For employment with a city or county health department. If the position is a contracted position and the individual would not be a city or county employee, it DOES NOT qualify for this limited license. Applicants need a license to practice medicine in another state or Canada, and have completed a period of postgraduate medical training in the U.S. or Canada. This license allows a physician to practice medicine only in connection with their duties in employment with the city or county health department.

3. Residency: For those individuals who are accepted into a residency program within this state.

4. Teaching/Research: For employment as a teaching-research member of an institution's instructional staff. Applicants need a license to practice medicine in their country of origin.

5. Fellowship: For those individuals who have been accepted into a fellowship program within this state. Applicants need a license to practice medicine in their country of origin. This license is for one year and is only renewable one time (for a total of two years).

Once approved, for how long is the license valid?

Your limited license is issued specific to a particular program and so the program dates are the issuance and expiration dates – such as a residency year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003; these would become the issue and expire dates.