Requirements for California Licensure:

Each applicant for licensure in California as a physician and surgeon shall document that he or she has successfully completed an allopathic medical curriculum in a medical school or schools which extended over a period of at least four (4) academic years totaling thirty-six months (36) months of instruction.

The address of the Licensing Division of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance is

1430 Howe Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95825 (USA).

(Webpage: http://www.medbd.ca.gov/)

Please be advised that it can take 6-8 months to obtain your license.

Each applicant shall have completed a minimum of seventy-two (72) weeks of clinical rotations, including core rotations, at an institution which:

1) Sponsors the rotation and is a formal part (primary hospital) of the medical school; or
2) Has formal affiliation with a medical school approved by the Division of Licensing; or
3) Has a postgraduate training program approved by the Division of Licensing in the clinical area for which credit is being sought, except that clinical training in the areas of surgery, medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology and psychiatry may be obtained in an institution with a postgraduate training program in family practice.

Core clinical rotations are:

Surgery: 12 weeks; or a minimum of 8 weeks of general surgery and 4 weeks of a surgical subspecialty

Internal Medicine: 8 weeks

Pediatrics: 6 weeks

Obstetrics and Gynecology: 6 weeks

Psychiatry: 4 weeks

Please contact the California Medical Licensing Board for further information on licensing requirements.

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