

**For physicians without a valid California medical license**

**DAVID GEFLEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT UCLA  
Policy on Taking USMLE Step 3**

Successful completion of USMLE Step 3 is necessary to obtain a California medical license, which is required for appointment or continuation in any UCLA postgraduate training program after the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> postgraduate year, in accordance with California licensing regulations.

- In order to ensure timely compliance with state requirements for licensure, all residents must take the USMLE Step 3 examination during their first year of postgraduate training. The exam must be taken no later than June 30 of the first postgraduate year. This includes residents accepted into training programs at UCLA after completing their first year of training at another institution.
- Residents are required to notify their program director of the results of the exam upon receiving their results (pass/fail).
- Residents who fail the exam must apply to re-take the exam within 90 days.
- Residents will be required to sign a statement at appointment, acknowledging that they understand and will comply with this policy. The policy will be made available to residents and applicants on the GME website.
- Residents who have not passed this examination by January 1 of their second postgraduate year (PGY 2) will be notified that they will not be reappointed as a PGY 3.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this policy.

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