

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY FEINBERG SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY
POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Resident License & Visa Policy

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PURPOSE

To clarify resident license and visa requirements for trainees in the General Surgery program at McGaw Medical Center and for applicants applying to the General Surgery program at McGaw Medical Center.

PERSONS INVOLVED

Any McGaw or visiting resident rotating on Department of Surgery rotations and any applicant applying.

LICENSE PROCEDURE

Residents in the Department of Surgery as a preliminary resident, categorical resident, or visiting resident must have a current Illinois Medical License. Temporary license, permanent license, and limited temporary license are accepted and must be approved by McGaw and the General Surgery program.

Temporary License- Issued for a period of up to three years and can be extended for the length of the program. All newly appointed housestaff can download an application from the IDFPR website. Complete the application and send to the GME office for review.

Permanent Licenses- Housestaff are eligible to obtain a permanent license after successful completion of 24 months of training. We recommend that all fellows obtain a permanent license.

Limited Temporary Licenses- These licenses are needed for out-of-state visiting trainees who are completing a rotation at McGaw. If the GME office is informed of the trainee's rotations, we will assist the doctor in obtaining this license. Licenses are good for a maximum of six months.

VISA PROCEDURE

Residents in the Department of Surgery as a preliminary resident, categorical resident, or visiting resident and are a Foreign-born Medical Graduate to the United States must have a J-1 Visa. The Department of Surgery currently cannot accept residents, visiting residents, or applicants with an H-1B visa.