

**California Licensing Process  
for Foreign Trained Medical Laboratory Personnel  
Fact Sheet**

1. The State of California is one of 11 states that currently require licensure of laboratory personnel. In California, licensure is obtained through the Department of Health Services-Laboratory Field Services Branch. The contact information to inquire about licensing is as follows:

**California Department of Public Health  
Laboratory Field Services Branch  
Attention: Personnel Licensing Section  
850 Marina Bay Pkwy, Building P First Floor  
Richmond, CA 94804-6403  
Tel- (510) 620-3800  
<https://secure.cps.ca.gov/cltreg/index.asp>**

2. Requirements for licensure include the possession of a bachelor's degree or equivalent with a major study in clinical laboratory science or at least 90 semester hours that includes the courses specified in the Code of Regulations.
3. Licensing is accomplished through an application process and examination.
4. The following license categories are listed in the "Application for Clinical Laboratory Bioanalyst or Clinical Laboratory Director License" application form:
  - Clinical Lab Bioanalyst
  - Clinical Chemist
  - Clinical Microbiologist
  - Clinical Toxicologist
  - Histocompatibility
  - Clinical Cytogeneticist
  - Clinical Genetic Molecular Biologist
  - Oral Pathologist

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