

Resident Checklist

All residents must present the following evidence:

1. **Graduates** of a [LCME-accredited](#) medical school in the **U.S. or Canada**:
 - a. Evidence of the approved medical boards: **USMLE** (U.S. Medical License Examination)
or “**Reválida de PR**”.
2. Foreign Medical Graduates or **graduates** from medical schools **outside U.S. and Canada**, must meet **one** of the following qualifications:
 - a. Evidence of a valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).
3. Answer **all** the questions in [this form](#). Remember to **sign** pages #3 and #4.
4. **Permanent or temporary license** to practice medicine in Puerto Rico. Or have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a US licensing jurisdiction.

If you only have evidence of having submitted all required documentation to the PR Licensing board, you will have **until August 1st** of the current year, to bring in evidence of your temporary license document. After this date, residents without license **will have their appointment terminated**.

5. **Basic** Life Support Training **Certification** – Training must be LIVE and comply with the practical component. Provide a copy that includes both side of your card.
6. **Advanced** Life Support Training **Certification** – Training must be LIVE and comply with the practical component. Provide a copy that includes both side of your card.

Note: You can look for BLS/ACLS AHA approve training centers in Puerto Rico at the global connector:

<http://webapps.heart.org/apps/EccGlobalConnector/countrySearchForm.jsp>

7. **Mandatory Training for Trainees** or refresher- You must **register** yourself in www.tms.va.gov as a **Health Professional Trainee** and use as **VA point of contact your program coordinator**. This training certificate is valid for one year. To register follow the instructions attached.
8. **Varicella vaccination evidence** –Those who had varicella in the past will present

varicella titers to **confirm immunity**.

9. **Citizenship** - You must present **original certificate of naturalization** or **US Passport at the time of your appointment**. If you are not a U.S. Citizen, **you must present a valid Visa at the time of your appointment**. It can be a Permanent Visa or a 1-1 Visa (Exchange Visitor). **** Only original documents are accepted as evidence.****

10. **Trainee Qualifications and Credentials Verification Letter (TQCVL)** – The director of the program where you are currently enrolled must fill this TQCVL template and submit it to your program coordinator in the VA Caribbean Healthcare System. This letter **confirms that you are enrolled in the corresponding program in good standing, with all the necessary credentials to rotate**. Is permitted to have multiple names of trainees who will be rotating through the academic year.

****All VA residency programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). For said reason, is imperative that all applicants meet these requirements in order to rotate in the VA Caribbean Healthcare System.****