

MEDICAL STUDENT - POSTPONEMENTS

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Does anyone have a business practice or court policy in place when processing requests from medical students who submit letters from their program directors asking that they be excused from jury duty

1. Do you differentiate between 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students enrolled in these programs?
2. If it is your courts policy to excuse do you excuse per term and require a letter each time?

1	Fresno	We handle as we would any other student, postpone a maximum time frame of 9 months, we would not excuse them
2	Tulare	Our judge has instructed us to excuse student 'out of the area' for two years or until graduation. If we have a medical student who is an intern or resident and that is full time, we would postpone their jury service until the end of that program.
3	Los Angeles	Policy is that the juror in school, not just medical school, who wishes to be excused, must show that they attend year round with no breaks and/or they are in an internship program that is required for their field. Once they show this documentation, we will excuse them as a full time student who attends the entire year.
4	Marin	We would excuse for being a student
5	Kern	We would excuse as "student" providing they have no breaks between terms