



**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234**

**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech  
  
**SUBJECT:** Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding  
Licensing Petitions

**DATE:** November 8, 2013

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

  
**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Consent Agenda**

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions as listed on the attachment?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full board at its November 2013 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.

**Background Information**

There are 1 Pharmacy Waiver, 3 licensing petitions, and 19 requests for the conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine for review and approval.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding licensing petitions.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective November 19, 2013.

**Cases Presented to Board of Regents on November 19, 2013**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine	Three-Year Limited License
	Pre- Professional	Professional	Post- Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Pharmacy						13-02-20		
Dentistry		13-12-79						
Medicine		13-102-60 to 13-103-60					13-203-60C to 13-221-60C	
OTHER :						<b>Total for fiscal year to date:</b>	194	
						<b>Total for calendar year to date:</b>	250	

## Board of Regents November 19, 2013

### **PHARMACY**

#### **02-13 WAIVER**

Dominick Azzarello  
Linde Gas North America LLC  
147 Midler Park Drive  
Syracuse, New York 13206

Petition for: Waiver of the requirement that the supervisor of an establishment performing repacking of compressed medical gases have two years of education beyond high school.

Statement of Problem: Section 63.6(c)(2)(iii) of Commissioner's regulations requires establishments that limit their operation to manufacturing and repacking of compressed medical gases and/or wholesaling of related respiratory therapy agents to be under the supervision of a person having two years of education beyond high school and two years of experience in the handling of compressed medical gases satisfactory to the State Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Azzarello does not have two years of education beyond high school.

While Mr. Azzarello does not have any formal education beyond high school, he and his employer, Linde Gas North America LLC, have requested that the completion of on-the-job training programs and experience be used to satisfy the requirement for two years of post-high school education. In the past, the board office has denied similar requests on the basis that while on-the-job training in the medical gas industry fulfills the requirement for experience in the handling of compressed medical gases, it does not fulfill the educational requirement; therefore, the board office does not support this application for a waiver of the education requirements.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Commissioner's Regulations § 63.6(c)(2):	
...Establishments which limit their operation to manufacturing and repacking of compressed medical gases and/or wholesaling of related respiratory therapy agents may be under the supervision of:  i. a respiratory therapist certified by a national accrediting body;  ii. a person holding a bachelor's degree in chemistry, microbiology,	1. Completion of The Linde Group-Quality Control Unit Training Program.  2. Experience working in the medical gas industry.  3. Employed 2006 to present at LifeGas, Syracuse of Linde Gas North America LLC. From 2006-2012, acted as distribution supervisor and oversaw deliveries, customer satisfaction, and maintain compliance with state and federal

<p>chemical engineering or a related field; or</p> <p>iii. <u>a person having two years of education beyond high school</u> and two years experience in the handling of compressed medical gases satisfactory to the State Board of Pharmacy.</p>	<p>regulations. From 2012 to present, serving as plant manager, overseeing daily operations and compliance with state and federal regulations.</p> <p>4. Employed 2004-2006 as center manager at Associated Healthcare.</p> <p>5. Employed 2001-2004 by Capital Oxygen Service as a delivery technician.</p>
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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy, recommends that Dominick Azzarello's application for a waiver of the education requirement set forth in section 63.6(c)(2) to be a supervisor of Linde Gas North America LLC be denied.

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### DENTISTRY

13-12-50

Mohammed Baig  
Rochester, New York

(H.K.E. Society's S. Nijalingappa Institute of Dental Sciences and Research, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka, India, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, January 1998)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Baig did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school. However, he enrolled in the two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and completed the program in August 2013. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre-professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) One year of pre-professional education as part of the Higher Secondary course, K.B.N. College, Kothapeta, Vijayawada, India.
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Five years of acceptable pre-professional and professional dental education culminating in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery, H.K.E. Society's S. Nijalingappa Institute of Dental Sciences and Research, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka, India, January 1998.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, August 2013.

(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4)
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5) Prosthodontics Residency, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, July 2008 through August 2011.
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6)
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7) Completion of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's professional education requirements be considered fulfilled.

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### MEDICINE

13-102-60

Sumaira MacDonald  
Cumbria, United Kingdom, CA8 1SG

(University of Glasgow, Faculty of Medicine, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, July 1991)

Petition for: Endorsement of her medical license from the United Kingdom.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations allow for endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction, if appropriate requirements are met, and if the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination (USMLE). A license granted in a country outside the United States can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination (ECFMG), clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. MacDonald has not attempted any part of the New York State proficiency or licensing examinations and does not have any ACGME accredited training.

The Interim Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed documentation of international training submitted in support of Dr. MacDonald's application. She recommends that her more than seven years of postgraduate training in the United Kingdom be accepted as the substantial equivalent of the required three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training.

Commissioner's Regulations also allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses to fulfill the licensure requirements and diplomate certificates obtained on the basis of satisfying experience and examination requirements to fulfill the proficiency and clinical competency requirements for licensure by endorsement.

Dr. MacDonald was fully registered as a medical practitioner in the United Kingdom in 1992. Her registration is active and in good standing. She further obtained Fellowship with the Royal College of Radiologists in 1998 upon completion of five years of postgraduate training and a national examination. She also obtained Fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians in 2006.

The Interim Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the additional qualifications presented by Dr. MacDonald and recommends that her United Kingdom license be endorsed and that her Fellowship with the Royal College of

Radiologists be accepted to meet the proficiency examination requirement. She further recommends that her Fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians be accepted to fulfill the clinical competency requirement for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1 and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) University of Glasgow, Faculty of Medicine, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, July 1991.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists, United Kingdom, 1998.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Senior House Officer* in Internal Medicine at Monklands and Bellshill Hospitals in Lanarkshire, Scotland, United Kingdom from August 1992 through April 1995.  (3)(b) Specialist Registrar* in Clinical Radiology at various Glasgow hospitals as part of the West of Scotland Rotation in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom from May 1995 through April 2000.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Full Medical Practitioner Registration, General Medical Council, United Kingdom, August 1992.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, United Kingdom, 2006.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over ten years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8) Good moral character
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9) Certification of Completion of Coursework/Training in Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

\*The terms “Senior House Officer” and “Specialist Registrar” are the United Kingdom’s equivalent of American “Residency” training.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Interim Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant’s qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

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### MEDICINE

13-103-60

Gavin Pereira  
Fair Oaks, California

(Medical College Baroda, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, March 1993)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from the United Kingdom.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations allow for endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction, if appropriate requirements are met, and if the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination (USMLE). A license granted in a country outside the United States can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination (ECFMG), clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. Pereira has taken and passed USMLE Step 1 and Step 2, and was issued a standard ECFMG Certificate in 1999. However, he has not attempted USMLE Step 3.

The Interim Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed documentation of international training submitted in support of Dr. Pereira's application. She recommends that his more than nine years of postgraduate training in the United Kingdom be accepted as the substantial equivalent of the required three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training.

Commissioner's Regulations also allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses to fulfill the licensure requirements and diplomate certificates obtained on the basis of satisfying experience and examination requirements to fulfill the clinical competency requirement for licensure by endorsement.

Dr. Pereira was fully registered as a medical practitioner in the United Kingdom in 1999. His registration is active and in good standing. He further obtained Fellowship with the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1997 upon completion of the required postgraduate training and examination.

The Interim Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the additional qualifications presented by Dr. Pereira and recommends that his United Kingdom license be endorsed and that his Fellowship with the Royal College of Surgeons of England be accepted to fulfill the clinical competency requirement for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1 and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) Medical College Baroda, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, March 1993.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Standard ECFMG Certificate, July 1999.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Senior House Officer* posts in Surgery from August 1994 through April 1998 at the following United Kingdom hospitals: University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire, Pilgrim Hospital, Alexandra Hospital, and Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.  (3)(b) Specialist training in Orthopaedic Surgery from July 1998 through June 2004 at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham, United Kingdom.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Full Medical Practitioner Registration, General Medical Council, United Kingdom, August 1999.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, United Kingdom, July 1997.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over six years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8) Good moral character
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9) Certification of Completion of Training in Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse, Maltreatment, and Neglect.

\*The term "Senior House Officer" is the United Kingdom's equivalent of American "Residency" training.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Interim Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

## Board of Regents: November 19, 2013

### MEDICINE

Petition for: Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

Summary Statement: The petitioners listed below are all graduates of foreign medical schools who have been licensed in New York.

The applicable requirements of Section 3.57 of the Rules of the Board of Regents require completion of a medical education program in a foreign medical school satisfactory to the Department which does not grant the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and in which the philosophy and curriculum were equivalent, as determined by the Department in accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents, to those in programs leading to the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at medical schools in the United States satisfactory to, or registered by, the Board of Regents and the Department. Secondly, petitioners must have licensure to practice medicine in New York State in accordance with provisions of Section 6524 or 6528 of the Education Law or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to their authority under Section 6506 of the Education Law.

NAME OF PETITIONER	QUALIFICATIONS
<u>13-203-60C</u> Suryanarayan Anand New York, NY 10021	(1) Stanley Medical College, Chennai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 3/17/75. (2) License #135919, issued on 9/22/78.
<u>13-204-60C</u> Stefania Ascitti New York, NY 10065	(1) University of Perugia, Perugia, Italy, Diploma in Medicine & Surgery, 10/29/03. (2) License #272378, issued on 9/23/13.
<u>13-205-60C</u> Subha Atluri Brooklyn, NY 11226	(1) Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/20/88. (2) License #242232, issued on 10/25/06.
<u>13-206-60C</u> Robert Bazaco, Jr. Castroville, TX 78009	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician & Surgeon, 12/05/03 (2) License #269124 issued on 3/11/13.
<u>13-207-60C</u> Tariq Bhat Staten Island, NY 10314	(1) Government Medical College, Srinagar, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 9/5/97. (2) License #271978, issued on 8/22/13.

<p><u>13-208-60C</u> Gavin Friedman New York, NY 10023</p>	<p>(1) University of Capetown Observatory, South Africa, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/10/97. (2) License #250523, issued on 9/24/08.</p>
<p><u>13-209-60C</u> Nazish Ilyas New York, NY 10128</p>	<p>(1) Fatima Jinnah Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 6/10/08. (2) License #271840, issued on 8/15/13.</p>
<p><u>13-210-60C</u> Phaniraj Iyengar West Hartford, CT 06117</p>	<p>(1) GOA Medical College Hospital, Bambolim, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 1/18/88. (2) License #272498, issued on 9/27/13.</p>
<p><u>13-211-60C</u> Mansi Mehta East Meadow, NY 11554</p>	<p>(1) Topiwala National Medical College, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 4/26/06. (2) License #270870, issued on 6/19/13.</p>
<p><u>13-212-60C</u> Kiyoko Ogoke Brooklyn, NY 11209</p>	<p>(1) Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, Bachelor of Medicine, 3/24/06. (2) License #271553, issued on 7/24/13.</p>
<p><u>13-213-60C</u> Rajoo Patel East Setauket, NY 11733</p>	<p>(1) Baroda Medical College, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/1/87. (2) License #196837, issued on 8/9/94.</p>
<p><u>13-214-60C</u> Shanmukha Priya Elmont, NY 11003</p>	<p>(1) Gulf Medical University Ajman, United Arab Emirates, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 5/1/05. (2) License #265894, issued on 7/17/12.</p>
<p><u>13-215-60C</u> Irina Schwartz Williamsville, NY 14221</p>	<p>(1) St. Petersburg St. Medical Academy, St. Petersburg, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Physician, 6/23/87. (2) License #262808, issued on 8/31/11.</p>
<p><u>13-216-60C</u> Arlenne Shapov Chula Vista, CA 91912</p>	<p>(1) Center Study University, Xochicalco Tijuano, Mexico, Physician, 6/5/08. (2) License #271725, issued on 8/6/13.</p>
<p><u>13-217-60C</u> Chitra Shenoy Oceanside, NY 11572</p>	<p>(1) Mysore Medical College, Mysore, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/21/74. (2) License #141009, issued on 1/18/80.</p>
<p><u>13-218-60C</u> Azher Siddiqi Staten Island, NY 10304</p>	<p>(1) Khyber Medical College, Peshawar, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/22/79. (2) License #175020, issued on 7/1/88.</p>

<u>13-219-60C</u> Jeremy Stuelpnagel New York, NY 10019	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician & Surgeon, 6/13/08. (2) License #268497, issued on 1/30/13.
<u>13-220-60C</u> Xi Zheng New York, NY 10021	(1) Nanjing University, Gulou Nanjing, People's Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, 6/30/03. (2) License #272309, issued on 9/12/13.
<u>13-221-60C</u> Faith Zhao New York, NY 10013	(1) Nanjing Medical College, Nanjing, People's Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, 7/1/88. (2) License #237345, issued on 8/16/05.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law.