





**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE
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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: March 28, 2018

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 April 10, 2018 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 twelve licensing petitions and eighteen 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 and degree conferrals.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective April 10, 2018

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on April 10, 2018

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine	Three-Year Limited License
	Pre- Professional	Professional	Post- Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Certified Public Accountancy					18-16-07 To 18-26-07			
Medicine					18-37-60		18-42-60C to 18-59-60C	
OTHER :						Total for fiscal year to date: 30 Total for calendar year to date: 90		

Board of Regents: April 10, 2018

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

18-16-07

Shlomo Benzaquen

Petition for: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy Examination.

Statement of Problem: Mr. Benzaquen is an applicant for licensure as a CPA and passed all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination. However, he exceeded the 18-month conditioning requirements by five months or two testing windows.

Mr. Benzaquen passed the Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) section in November 2015 and needed to pass the remaining three sections by June 30, 2017. On his second attempt, he passed Auditing and Attestation (AUD) in July 2016 and Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) in January 2017. Mr. Benzaquen sat twice within his 18-month conditioning period; but he was unsuccessful in passing BEC. He then sat two more times for BEC outside his conditioning period before passing in November 2017 or two testing windows outside his conditioning period.

Pursuant to §70.4(d), applicants may sit for the CPA Examination prior to satisfying the full education requirements for NYS Licensure. Mr. Benzaquen gained entry to the Examination, but his education has not yet been evaluated for the purpose of NYS Licensure.

Mr. Benzaquen's ability to properly prepare and sit for the Examination was impeded by the medical condition of a family member for whom he acted as the primary care giver during the conditioning period.

Based on documentation provided by the applicant and the physician who attended to Mr. Benzaquen's family member and his perseverance on the various sections of the Examination despite these circumstances, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports his petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) A bachelor's or higher degree based on a program in accountancy.	
(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	(2)(a) November 2015: Financial Accounting and Reporting (passing score). (2)(b) June 2016: Auditing and Attestation (failing score); July 2016 (passing score). (2)(c) December 2016: Business Environment and Concepts (failing score); January 2017 (passing score). (2)(d) March, May and September 2017: Regulation (failing scores); November 2017

	(passing score).
(3) One year of satisfactory experience.	(3)

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

18-17-07

Stephanie Desvarieux

Petition for: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy Examination.

Statement of Problem: Ms. Desvarieux is an applicant for licensure as a CPA and passed all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination. However, she exceeded the 18-month conditioning requirements by five months or two testing windows.

Ms. Desvarieux passed the Regulation (REG) section in April 2015 and needed to pass the remaining three sections by December 31, 2016. On her second attempt, she passed Auditing and Attestation (AUD) in October 2015 and Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) in July 2016. Ms. Desvarieux sat for Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) once during her 18-month conditioning period in December 2016; but she failed BEC during that sitting. Ms. Desvarieux sat two more times for BEC outside her conditioning period before passing in May 2017 or two testing windows outside her conditioning period.

Pursuant to §70.4(d), applicants may sit for the CPA Examination prior to satisfying the full education requirements for NYS Licensure. Ms. Desvarieux gained entry to the Examination, but her education has not yet been evaluated for the purpose of NYS Licensure.

Ms. Desvarieux’s ability to properly prepare and sit for the Examination was negatively impacted by her own medical condition during the conditioning period as well as by the illness and death of a family member for whom she acted as the primary care giver.

Based on documentation provided by the applicant, the physician who attended to Ms. Desvarieux and her family member and her perseverance on the various sections of the Examination despite these circumstances, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports her petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner’s Regulations require:	
(1) A bachelor’s or higher degree based on a program in accountancy.	
(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	(2)(a) April 2015: Regulation (passing score). (2)(b) July 2015: Auditing and Attestation (failing score); October 2015 (passing score). (2)(c) May 2016: Financial Accounting and Reporting (failing score); July 2016 (passing score). (2)(d) December 2016 and March 2017: Business Environment and Concepts (failing scores); May 2017 (passing score).
(3) One year of satisfactory experience.	(3)

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Petition for: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy Examination as required by Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Statement of Problem: The candidates listed below were impacted from the delay in the release of exam scores from quarter two (Q2) in 2017. The scores of exams are usually released prior to the end of the quarter in which the exams were taken. Due to the various changes of the U.S. Uniform CPA examination by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the scores were delayed and were not released until the latter half of August. The late release was to ensure that proper scoring of the new examination material was accurate.

This left candidates approximately two and a half weeks to obtain a new schedule to study and sit for the examination in Q3. Additionally, due to the limited nature of seats available, there were reports received of some test centers being closed out. All the candidates below had an examination score expire in Q3. Accordingly, it wasn't until Q4, or one window outside their conditioning period, that these candidates passed their final part.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy recommends that petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination be approved, given that these candidates were prevented by this extenuating circumstance that was not within their control.

NAME OF PETITIONER	EXAM HISTORY
<u>18-18-07</u> John DiBlasi Brooklyn, NY	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-19-07</u> Dinisha Govind Livingston, NJ	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-20-07</u> Hazel Ho Hong Kong, Hong Kong	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-21-07</u> James McKenna Huntington, NY	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-22-07</u> Fayga Plotsker Brooklyn, NY	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-23-07</u> Tania Vasquez Yonkers, NY	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-24-07</u> Ngoc Vu New York, NY	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-25-07</u> Shining Wang Jamaica, NY	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-26-07</u> XiuFang Wu	See Statement of Problem

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

MEDICINE

18-37-60

Jens Hillengass
Gaiberg, Germany

(University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, June 2002)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Germany.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country 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, 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.

Representatives from the State Board for Medicine have reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Hillengass' application. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Hillengass' German residencies between 2002 and 2010 be accepted as the substantial equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner's Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the licensure, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for licensure by endorsement. Dr. Hillengass obtained his medical license in Germany in February 2004. His German license is active and in good standing. Dr. Hillengass became an Internal Medical Specialist as of April 2010 and an Hematology and Internal Oncology Specialist as of March 2014, both issued by the State Medical Chamber of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Hillengass' German license be endorsed, and his Specialty certifications be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements 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 Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, June 2002
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Internal Medicine Specialist, State Medical Chamber of Baden-Wuerttemberg, April 2010.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate	(3) (a) Internship at University Hospital Heidelberg from August 2002 through

hospital training.	January 2004. (b) Residency at University Hospital Heidelberg from February 2004 through April 2008. (c) Research Fellowship at University Hospital Heidelberg from April 2008 through March 2009 (d) Fellowship at University Hospital Heidelberg from April 2009 through April 2010
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) German license, Regierungspräsidium Stuttgart, Landesgesundheitsamt, Stuttgart, Germany, February 2004.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Hematology and Internal Oncology Specialist, State Medical Chamber of Baden-Wuerttemberg, March 2014.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over five 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)
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9)

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

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>18-42-60C</u> Sachin Kumar Amruthlal Jain New York, NY 10075	(1) Stanley Medical College, Tamil Nadu, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/25/04 (2) License# 290388, Issued 07/17/17
<u>18-43-60C</u> Edward Chao New York, NY 10026	(1) University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/15/15 (2) License# 273137, Issued 12/03/13
<u>18-44-60C</u> Ambreen Choudri West Harrison, NY 10604	(1) Frontier Medical College, Frontier Province, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery 02/16/05 (2) License# 280116, Issued 06/02/15
<u>18-45-60C</u> Manira Chowdhury Brooklyn, NY 11223	(1) University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery 10/28/00 (2) License# 286524, Issued 09/15/16
<u>18-46-60C</u> Donzella Dixon Brooklyn, NY 11234	(1) University of West Indies, Jamaica, WI, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 08/01/09 (2) License #253807, Issued on 07/01/09
<u>18-47-60C</u> Umang Gupta Amherst, NY 14221	(1) Burdwan Medical College, Bardhaman, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/02/98 (2) License # 270735, Issued on 06/13/13
<u>18-48-60C</u> Ronald Hublall Sayre, PA 18840	(1) Universidad Autonoma De Tamaulipas, Tamaulipas, Mexico, Title of Physician & Surgeon Titulo, 09/01/98 (2) License # 292096, issued on 01/03/18
<u>18-49-60C</u>	(1) Andhra Medical College, Andhra

Ravi Jayanti Brooklyn, NY 11238	Pradesh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 268411 (2) License # 225034, issued on 01/24/13
<u>18-50-60C</u> Olaoluwatomi Lamikanra Brooklyn, NY 11232	(1) University of Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/28/04 (2) License # 291136, issued on 09/07/17
<u>18-51-60C</u> Farhan Mohammad Staten Island, NY 10306	(1) Deccan College of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/19/07 (2) License # 276271, issued on 07/17/14
<u>18-52-60C</u> Sarah Musleh New York, NY 11104	(1) University of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/22/12 (2) License # 282216, issued on 10/30/15
<u>18-53-60C</u> Phone OO Brooklyn, NY 11235	(1) Institute of Medicine (1), Yangon, Myanmar, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/14/04 (2) License # 285909, issued on 07/29/16
<u>18-54-60C</u> Urooj Qazi East Setauket, NY 11733	(1) University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/27/95 (2) License # 289949, issued on 06/21/17
<u>18-55-60C</u> Cesare Saponieri Malverne, NY 11565	(1) University of Bari, Bari, Italy, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, 04/05/91 (2) License # 230517, issued on 11/14/03
<u>18-56-60C</u> Meenal Sharma Rochester, NY 14618	(1) University of Delhi, Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/16/00 (2) License # 281105, issued on 07/22/15
<u>18-57-60C</u> Makardhwaj Shrivastava Brooklyn, NY 11230	(1) Maharashtra University of Health Services, Maharashtra, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/12/2005 (2) License # 283945, issued on 04/15/16
<u>18-58-60C</u> Padmakshi Singh Jersey City, NJ 07310	(1) Krishna Institute of Medical Science, Maharashtra, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/01/03 (2) License # 251926, issued on 02/09/09
<u>18-59-60C</u> Deepa Vincent Brooklyn, NY 11218	(1) Maharashtra University of Health Services, Maharashtra, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/15/08 (2) License # 290257, issued on 07/10/17

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