



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah A. Benson*
SUBJECT: Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding
Licensing Petitions and Degree Conferrals
DATE: February 2, 2023

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions and degree conferrals 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 February 2023 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 three licensing petitions and seven requests for the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Medicine for review and determination.

Related Regents Items

Not Applicable.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the degree conferrals.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, February 14, 2023.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on February 14, 2023

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing		
Veterinary Medicine					23-01-75 To 23-02-75		
Restricted Dental Faculty	23-01-79						
Medicine							23-01-60C To 23-07-60C
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date:	110
						Total for calendar year to date:	10

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VETERINARY MEDICINE

23-01-75

Douglas Berger

Charleston, South Carolina

(University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine, Knoxville, Tennessee, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, May 1992)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State requirements pertaining to acceptability of licensing examination scores.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Berger graduated from an accredited veterinary medicine program in the United States in 1992. Veterinary graduates at this time were required to pass both the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and the National Board Examination (NBE). The applicant was licensed in South Carolina in 1993 on the basis of acceptable NBE examination scores for South Carolina licensure. However, on the NBE, the applicant scored a 72 in 1991 (three points below the minimum standard of 75 required in New York State), and a 74 in 1992 (one point below the minimum standard). The applicant received an acceptable passing score on the CCT (78), according to NYS standards. It should also be noted that the NBE and CCT exams transitioned to the comprehensive NAVLE exam in 2000, but archival NBE and CCT scores are still routinely considered for licensure purposes.

Section 59.6(c) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education regarding licensure by endorsement stipulates that applicants must not have “attempted unsuccessfully a licensing examination used by the State of New York ... unless such applicant has later passed a comparable licensing examination.” Therefore, according to this regulation, he would not qualify for licensure by endorsement unless he had passed the NBE or a comparable licensing examination. As such, a waiver of examination requirements is requested on the basis of the applicant’s extensive licensed practice history and reasonable consideration of the applicant’s exam scores in relation to NYS exam standards.

Based on Dr. Berger’s twenty-nine years of practice without any disciplinary actions, the Executive Secretary for the NYS Board for Veterinary Medicine recommends waiver of the NBE examination score requirement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 6704 of the Education Law and Section 59.6 and Part 62 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:	
(1) Completion of six years’ preprofessional and professional postsecondary studies satisfactory to the department and graduation with a satisfactory degree in veterinary medicine.	(1) University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine, Knoxville, Tennessee, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, May 1992
(2) Acceptable scores on satisfactory	(2)(a) See Statement of Problem;

licensing examinations or passing scores on an acceptable state licensing examination not in use in New York State and at least two years' satisfactory professional experience following licensure.	Passing score CCT (December 1991). (2)(b) Licensed as a veterinarian in South Carolina, 1993. (2)(c) More than twenty-nine years of satisfactory professional experience following licensure.
(3) United States citizenship or immigration status as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(3) United States citizen.
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Good moral character.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Veterinary Medicine, recommends that the NBE Examination score requirement be waived.

VETERINARY MEDICINE

23-02-75

Edward Earley
Williamsport, PA

(Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, East Lansing, Michigan, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, June 1985)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State requirements pertaining to acceptability of licensing examination scores.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Earley graduated from an accredited veterinary medicine program in the United States in 1985. Veterinary graduates at this time were required to pass both the Clinical Competency Test (CCT) and the National Board Examination (NBE). The applicant was licensed in Michigan in 1985 and in Pennsylvania in 1987. However, on the NBE, the applicant scored a 72 (three points below the minimum standard of 75 required in New York State). The applicant received an acceptable passing score on the CCT (78), according to NYS standards. It should also be noted that the NBE and CCT exams transitioned to the comprehensive NAVLE exam in 2000, but archival NBE, CCT scores are still routinely considered for licensure purposes.

Section 59.6(c) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education regarding licensure by endorsement stipulates that applicants must not have “attempted unsuccessfully a licensing examination used by the State of New York ... unless such applicant has later passed a comparable licensing examination.” Therefore, according to this regulation, he would not qualify for licensure by endorsement unless he had passed the NBE or a comparable licensing examination. As such, a waiver of examination requirements is requested on the basis of the applicant’s extensive licensed practice history and reasonable consideration of the applicant’s exam scores in relation to NYS exam standards.

Dr. Earley also received a certificate in Equine Dentistry from the American Veterinary Dental College (AVDC) in April 2014, and a certificate in Small Animal/Non Species Specific Veterinary Dentistry in July 2022. The AVDC is a certification board recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Based on Dr. Earley’s thirty-seven years of practice without any disciplinary actions, and his veterinary board certifications earned by an independent examination, the NYS Board for Veterinary Medicine recommends waiver of the NBE examination score requirement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 6704 of the Education Law and Section 59.6 and Part 62 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:	
(1) Completion of six years’ preprofessional and professional postsecondary studies satisfactory to the department and graduation with a satisfactory degree in veterinary medicine.	(2) Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, East Lansing Michigan, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, June 1985.
(2) Acceptable scores on satisfactory	(2)(a) See Statement of Problem;

licensing examinations or passing scores on an acceptable state licensing examination not in use in New York State and at least two years' satisfactory professional experience following licensure.	Passing score CCT (December 1986). (2)(b) Licensed as a veterinarian in Michigan, 1985 and Pennsylvania, 1987. (2)(c) More than thirty-seven years of satisfactory professional experience following licensure.
(3) United States citizenship or immigration status as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(3) United States citizen.
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Good moral character.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Veterinary Medicine, recommends that the NBE Examination score requirement be waived.

RESTRICTED DENTAL FACULTY

23-01-79

Abraham Lifshitz
Plantation, Florida

(Universidad Tecnologica de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, Titulo de Cirurgiao Dentista, July 1980)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure as Restricted Dental Faculty to complete an acceptable preprofessional education program of at least two years in length (including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics) and an acceptable professional dental education program of at least four years in length, for a total of six years of preprofessional and professional education.

Dr. Lifshitz completed a four-year professional dental education program from September 1976 to July 1980 at Universidad Tecnologica de Mexico located in Mexico City, Mexico. Therefore, he lacks two years of education which is in the preprofessional area, including courses in General Chemistry and Physics.

However, Dr. Lifshitz also completed two years of advanced education culminating in a Master of Science in Orthodontics in May 1982 from University of Iowa located in Iowa City, Iowa. The Executive Secretary for the State Board for Dentistry recommends that this study be considered to fulfill the two-years of required preprofessional education.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and §24.3(a)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of preprofessional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) Two years of advanced study in Orthodontics from Summer 1980 to May 1982 at University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Four years of acceptable professional dental education culminating in a Titulo in Cirujano Dentista, Universidad Tecnologica de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, July 1980.
(3) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(3)
(4) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(4)

(5) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(5)
(6) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(6)

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

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>23-01-60C</u> Chandrashekar Bohra New York, NY 10019	(1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/26/2014 (2) License # 302632, Issued 01/09/2020
<u>23-02-60C</u> Usman Jangda Old Westbury, NY 11568	(1) Ziauddin Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/26/2014 (2) License # 314518, Issued 01/04/2022
<u>23-03-60C</u> Prajna Latika Harrison, NY 10528	(1) University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/20/2004 (2) License # 269538, Issued 04/04/2013
<u>23-04-60C</u> Mostafa Mazen Hermantown, MN 55811	(1) University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/28/2007 (2) License # 296424, Issued 10/17/2018
<u>23-05-60C</u> Munish Fayetteville, NY 13066	(1) Government Medical College, Jammu, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/03/1998 (2) License # 316194, Issued 04/08/2022
<u>23-06-60C</u> Numbereye Numbere Pittsford, NY 14534	(1) University of Ibadan College of Medicine, Ibadan, Nigeria, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/22/1999 (2) License # 310787, Issued 05/26/2021
<u>23-07-60C</u> Ahmed Shaikh	(1) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik, India, Bachelor of

New York, NY 10023	Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/31/2014 (2) License # 319504, Issued 09/21/2022
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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