



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: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah A. Benson*

SUBJECT: Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions

DATE: April 1, 2021

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SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of 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 April 2021 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 four licensing petitions and fourteen 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 Board of Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the licensing petitions and degree conferrals.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, April 13, 2021.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on April 13, 2021

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION			Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Optometry					21-01-56 To 21-01-56			
Medicine					21-26-60 To 21-27-60			21-13-60C To 21-26-60C
OTHER:							Total for fiscal year to date:	18
							Total for calendar year to date:	39

Board of Regents: April 13, 2021

OPTOMETRY

21-01-56

David Gibson
Atlanta, Georgia

(Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee, O.D., 1988)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State practical examination requirement.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Gibson has not passed a satisfactory practical examination as required for licensure either by the endorsement or examination route. New York State accepts a passing score on Part III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination to satisfy the practical examination requirement. The NBEO practical examination was not available when Dr. Gibson was licensed in North Carolina in 1998. Instead, North Carolina required its own practical exam, which Dr. Gibson passed.

Dr. Gibson has documented over 20 years of licensed practice in North Carolina, Georgia and Massachusetts.

Based on Dr. Gibson's successful passage of the North Carolina state practical examination and demonstration of clinical skills through his years of hands-on licensed practice, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry recommends that the requirement for a satisfactory practical examination (NBEO Part III) be considered satisfied.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7104 of the Education Law and Part 66 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.	
(1) Approved Doctor of Optometry degree or the equivalent earned on completion of an acceptable optometry program.	(1) Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee, Doctor of Optometry, May 1988.
(2) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory written licensing examination; OR an optometry license issued by another jurisdiction with at least five years of professional practice of optometry following initial licensure and within the 10 years immediately preceding application for licensure by endorsement.	(2)(a) Passed National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Part I, April 1996 and Part II, December 1997; [also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), December 1997.] (2)(b) Licensed in North Carolina, September 1998; over 20 years of professional practice.
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory practical examination.	(3) See Statement of Problem.
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Evidence of good moral character.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry, recommends that the Part III practical examination be considered satisfied.

OPTOMETRY

21-02-56

Richard Sofinski
Mount Prospect, IL

(Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Illinois, O.D., 1988)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State practical examination requirement.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Sofinski has not passed a satisfactory practical examination as required for licensure either by the endorsement or examination route. New York State accepts a passing score on Part III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination to satisfy the practical examination requirement. The NBEO practical examination was not available when Dr. Sofinski was licensed in Wisconsin in 1989. Instead, Wisconsin required its own practical exam, which Dr. Sofinski passed.

Dr. Sofinski has documented over 15 years of licensed practice in Illinois.

Based on Dr. Sofinski's successful passage of the Wisconsin state practical examination and demonstration of clinical skills through his years of hands-on licensed practice, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry recommends that the requirement for a satisfactory practical examination (NBEO Part III) be considered satisfied.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7104 of the Education Law and Part 66 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:	
(1) Approved Doctor of Optometry degree or the equivalent earned on completion of an acceptable optometry program.	(1) Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Illinois, Doctor of Optometry, May 1988.
(2) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory written licensing examination; OR an optometry license issued by another jurisdiction with at least five years of professional practice of optometry following initial licensure and within the 10 years immediately preceding application for licensure by endorsement	(2)(a) Passed National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Basic Science part, April 1988 and Clinical Science part, April 1988; [also passed Clinical Skills (CSK), January 1990.] (2)(b) Licensed in Wisconsin, July 1989; over 15 years of professional practice.
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory practical examination.	(3) See Statement of Problem.
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Evidence of good moral character.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry, recommends that the Part III practical examination be considered satisfied.

MEDICINE

21-26-60

Francois Cornelis

Paris, France

(University of Bordeaux 2, Bordeaux, France, Doctor of Medicine, March 2009)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from France.

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. Cornelis' application. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Cornelis' French Post Graduate Training between 2003 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. Cornelis obtained his medical license in France in November 2008. His French license is active and in good standing. Dr. Cornelis holds a Specialty Diploma in Radio Diagnostic and Medical Imaging, issued October 2008 by Bordeaux University in Bordeaux, France and a Specialist Certificate in Oncology – Imaging and Therapeutics, issued June 2019 by Sorbonne University in Paris, France. He was also awarded his Doctorate in Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computing in October 2015 by University of Bordeaux in Bordeaux, France and his Habilitation degree in July 2016 by Sorbonne University in Paris, France.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Cornelis' French license be endorsed, and his Doctorate, Habilitation and Specialist 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 Bordeaux 2, Bordeaux, France, Doctor of Medicine, March 16, 2009.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) Specialty Diploma in Radio Diagnostic and Medical Imaging, Bordeaux University, Bordeaux, France,

	<p>October 2008.</p> <p>(b) Specialist Certificate in Oncology – Imaging and Therapeutics, Sorbonne University, Paris, France, June 2019.</p>
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	<p>(3) (a) Residency at Bordeaux University in Bordeaux, France from October 2003 to October 2008.</p> <p>(b) Fellowship in Interventional Radiology at Hospital Pellegrin in Bordeaux, France from 2008 to 2010.</p>
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) French license, License # 86167, Issued November 2008.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	<p>(5) (a) Doctorate in Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computing, University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, October 2015.</p> <p>(b) Habilitation Degree, Sorbonne University, Paris, France, July 2016.</p>
(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)
(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

21-27-60

Faith Davies

New York, New York

(University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, June 1992)

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

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. Davies' application. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Davies' United Kingdom Post Graduate Training between 1992 and 2005 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. Davies obtained her medical license in the United Kingdom in August 1993. Her United Kingdom license is active and in good standing. Dr. Davies is a member of the Royal College of Pathologists as of November 2004 and a member of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom as of July 1995. She was also awarded her Doctor of Medicine in July 2001 from the University of Wales in Wales, United Kingdom.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Davies' United Kingdom license be endorsed, and her Doctor of Medicine and memberships 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 Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, June 27, 1992.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) Membership of the Royal College of Pathologists, as of November 2004 (b) Membership of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom, as of

	July 1995.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a)Residency at University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, United Kingdom from August 1992 through January 1996. (b)Doctor of Medicine at University of Wales in Cardiff, United Kingdom from February 1996 through April 1999. (c)Specialist Registrar training in Haematology through the Royal College of Physicians from April 2001 to June 2005.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) General Medical Council, United Kingdom, License # 3592436, Issued August 1993.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) (a) Doctor of Medicine, University of Wales, Wales, United Kingdom, July 2001
(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)
(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>21-13-60C</u> Maisa Abdalla Rochester, NY 14642	(1) University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/25/06 (2) License # 307634, Issued 10/27/20
<u>21-14-60C</u> Ganesh Aswath Dalton, GA 30720	(1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/29/10 (2) License # 308359, Issued 01/5/21
<u>21-15-60C</u> Sonal Bajaj Barboursville, WV 25504	(1) Maharashtra University of Health Science, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/25/09 (2) License # 308014, Issued 12/1/20
<u>21-16-60C</u> Sweta Bjargava Astoria, NY 11102	(1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/31/12 (2) License # 296078, Issued 09/14/18
<u>21-17-60C</u> Farzana Chowdhury New Hyde Park, NY 11040	(1) University of Chittagong, Comilla, Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/18/05 (2) License # 308001, Issued 12/1/20
<u>21-18-60C</u> Poojaben Dhorajiya New York, NY 10019	(1) Saurashtra University, Rajkot, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/24/13 (2) License # 307770, Issued 11/13/20
<u>21-19-60C</u> Ian Hutchinson	(1) Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine,

Albany, NY 12206	Surgery, and Obstetrics, 05/31/07 (2) License # 308039, Issued 12/3/20
<u>21-20-60C</u> Daniel Joyce Cleveland Heights, OH 44106	(1) Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics, 06/30/10 (2) License # 291623, Issued 11/03/17
<u>21-21-60C</u> Kameswari Lakshmi New Rochelle, NY 10804	(1) Chennai Medical College, Chennai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/20/95 (2) License # 230274, Issued 10/23/03
<u>21-22-60C</u> Bo Bo Win Maung Elmhurst, NY 11373	(1) University of Medicine, Yangon Myanmar, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/31/09 (2) License # 308135, Issued 12/14/20
<u>21-23-60C</u> Wei Qi Brooklyn, NY 11237	(1) Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai China, Bachelor of Medicine, 07/01/08 (2) License # 307197, Issued 09/14/20
<u>21-24-60C</u> Arkadiy Sabzanov Forest Hills, NY 11375	(1) Tadjik State Medical Institute, Dushanbe Tajikistan, Physician, 06/26/82 (2) License # 212814, Issued 12/29/98
<u>21-25-60C</u> Usama Syed New York, NY 10019	(1) Imperial College London School of Medicine, London United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/15/16 (2) License # 307798, Issued 11/16/20
<u>21-26-60C</u> Huifang Zhou St Louis, MO 63141	(1) Shanxi Medical University, Shanxi, China, Bachelor of Medicine, 07/15/94 (2) License # 307976, Issued 11/30/20

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