





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: David H. Hamilton 

SUBJECT: Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding Licensing Petitions and Degree Conferrals

DATE: April 4, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

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 April 2024 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 five 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 Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: 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 16, 2024.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on April 16, 2024

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION	
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing
Optometry					24-01-56 To 24-02-56
Restricted Dental Faculty	24-01-79				
Medicine					24-36-60 To 24-37-60
EXPERIENCE:					
Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine:			24-14-60C To 24-20-60C		
OTHER:			Total for fiscal year to date: 145 Total for calendar year to date: 28		

Board of Regents, April 16, 2024

OPTOMETRY

24-01-56

Robert Guerra

Devon, Pennsylvania

(Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, O.D., 1983)

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

Statement of Problem: Dr. Guerra 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. Guerra was licensed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in 1983.

Dr. Guerra has documented over 40 years of licensed practice in Pennsylvania.

Based on Dr. Guerra's 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) Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, Doctor of Optometry, May 1983.
(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 1982, Part 2a, April 1982 and Part 2b, April 1983; [also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), April 1997.] (2)(b) Licensed in Pennsylvania, July 1983 and New Jersey, December 1983; over 40 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

24-02-56

Rovetta Mattia
Novi, Michigan

(University California, Berkeley, California, O.D., 1999)

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

Statement of Problem: Dr. Mattia 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. Mattia was licensed in Michigan in 2000.

Dr. Mattia has documented over 16 years of licensed practice in Michigan.

Based on Dr. Mattia’s demonstration of clinical skills through her 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) University of California, Berkeley, California, Doctor of Optometry, May 1999.
(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, August 1997, and Part II, April 1999; [also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), April 1999.] (2)(b) Licensed in Michigan, August 2000; over 16 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.

RESTRICTED DENTAL FACULTY

24-01-79

Juliana Gil Andrade e Silva
Sao Paulo, Brazil

(Universidade de Sao Paulo, Bauru, Brazil, Titulo de Cirujana Dentista, December 2007)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Section 6604-b of Article 133 of the Education Law requires an applicant for restricted dental faculty license to have completed a total of no less than six academic years of pre-professional and professional education, including: courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics; and not less than four academic years of professional dental education satisfactory to the department.

Immediately after secondary school, Dr. Gil Andrade e Silva completed a four-year professional dental education program at Universidade de Sao Paulo, in Bauru, Brazil. Following that, she completed a two-year Specialization in Dental Prosthetics at Universidade de Sao Paulo, in Bauru, Brazil.

Although Dr. Gil Andrade e Silva has over six years of combined education in dentistry, her education does not exhibit the pattern of two years of preprofessional education followed by a four-year dental program as expected. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry recommends that Dr. Gil Andrade e Silva's combination of studies be accepted to fulfill the education requirement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 6604-b of Article 133 of the Education Law requires:	
(1) The completion of a total of no less than six academic years of pre-professional and professional education, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology and physics; and▪ not less than four academic years of professional dental education satisfactory to the department culminating in a degree, diploma or certificate in dentistry recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the jurisdiction in which the school is located as acceptable for entry into practice in the jurisdiction in which the school is located.	(1)(a) Universidade de Sao Paulo, Bauru, Brazil, Cirujana Dentista, December 2007 (1)(b) Universidade de Sao Paulo, Bauru, Brazil, Especializacao em Protese Dentaria, February 2010

(2) Within the last five years, have two years of satisfactory practice as a dentist or have satisfactorily completed an advanced education program in general dentistry or in a dental specialty, provided such program is accredited by an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accrediting such programs (such as the commission on dental accreditation).	(2)
(3) Evidence of good moral character.	(3) Good moral character

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

MEDICINE

24-36-60

Anthony Ghaffari
Zurich, Switzerland

(University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, May 2002)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant's medical license from Switzerland.

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.

Dr. Ghaffari lacks three years of accredited postgraduate training. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Ghaffari's application. He recommends that Dr. Ghaffari's training be accepted as the 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 license, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for New York State licensure by endorsement. Dr. Ghaffari obtained his medical license in Switzerland in 2016. His Switzerland license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Ghaffari holds a board certification in Neurosurgery from the State Chamber of Physicians of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Ghaffari's Switzerland license be endorsed, and his ECFMG Certification and Board certification be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1, 60.3, 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 Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, May 2002
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) ECFMG Certification USMLE 1 and 2
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Neurosurgery at University Hospital of Basel in Basel, Switzerland from September 2003 through August 2009.

	(b) Residency in Neurosurgery at University Hospital Heidelberg in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany from November 2009 through October 2011.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Switzerland License, issued October 2016
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Board Certification in Neurosurgery, State Chamber of Physicians of Baden-Wuerttemberg, February 2012
(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

24-37-60

Hadar Goldvaser
Kiryat Ono, Israel

(Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, June 2006)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant's medical license from Israel.

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.

Dr. Goldvaser lacks one year of accredited postgraduate training. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Goldvaser's application. He recommends that Dr. Goldvaser's training be accepted as the 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 license, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for New York State licensure by endorsement. Dr. Goldvaser obtained her medical license in Israel in 2006. Her Israeli license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Goldvaser holds a specialty certificate in Oncology from the Israeli Ministry of Health.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Goldvaser's Israeli license be endorsed, and her ECFMG Certification and Specialty certification be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, June 2006
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) ECFMG Certification USMLE 1 and 2
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) Residency in Oncology at Rabin Medical Center in Tel Aviv, Israel from April 2010 through June 2016.
(4) Appropriate medical license or	(4) Israeli License-37630 issued May 2006

certificate.	
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Passed Phase A (June 2013) and B (April 2015, with honors) of Oncology Board Exams Specialist in Oncology – Israel Ministry of Health December 2015.
(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>24-14-60C</u> Gaurav Bhardwaj Bronx, NY 10463	(1) Dr Rajendar Prasad Government Medical College, Kangra, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/10/2012 (2) License # 299577, Issued 06/12/2019
<u>24-15-60C</u> Shivani Handa New York, NY 10019	(1) Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/17/2016 (2) License # 319681, Issued 09/29/2022
<u>24-16-60C</u> Duo Jin Salisbury, MD 21804	(1) Wenzhou Medical University, Wenzhou, China, Bachelor of Medicine, 06/29/2017 (2) License # 326675, Issued 11/10/2023
<u>24-17-60C</u> Mohammad Osama Mechanicsburg, PA 17050	(1) Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/12/2015 (2) License # 327137, Issued 12/13/2023
<u>24-18-60C</u> Karan Sud New York, NY 10019	(1) All, India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/21/2014 (2) License # 300524, Issued 08/06/2019
<u>24-19-60C</u> Brendon Walker Long Island City, NY 11101	(1) Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and Bachelor of Obstetrics, 04/22/2020 (2) License # 325538, Issued 08/15/2023

<u>24-20-60C</u> Zoila Velastegui-Cress Webster, NY 14580	(1) Universidad Tecnica De Manabi, Manabi, Ecuador, Doctor in Medicine & Surgery, 10/08/2002 (2) License # 266987, Issued 10/02/2012
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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