



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: June 30, 2022

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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 issue will come before the Full Board at its July 2022 meeting where it will be voted on and action will be 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 two 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: 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, July 12, 2022.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on July 12, 2022

SUMMARY REPORT

| PROFESSION | EDUCATION | | | EXAMINATION | | Experience | Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine |
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| | Pre-Professional | Professional | Post-Graduate | Proficiency | Licensing | | |
| Medicine | | | | | 22-51-60 To 22-52-60 | | 22-56-60C To 22-62-60C |
| OTHER: | | | | | | Total for fiscal year to date: | 38 |
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Board of Regents, July 12, 2022

MEDICINE

22-51-60

Rajesh Ahlawat

Noida, India

(King George Medical University, University of Lucknow. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, February 1978)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from India.

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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Ahlawat's application. He recommends that Dr. Ahlawat's Indian 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. Ahlawat obtained his initial medical license in India in 1978 and registration by the Delhi Medical Council in 2000. His Indian license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Ahlawat was awarded a Master of General Surgery by King George's Medical College in January 1981, and a Master of Urology issued by All India Institute of Medical Science in March 1987.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Ahlawat's Indian license be endorsed, and his Master's Degrees be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

| APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS: | QUALIFICATIONS: |
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| 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) King George Medical University, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India, Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, February 1978. |
| (2) Proficiency examination. | (2) Master of General Surgery, King George Medical College, January 1981. |

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| <p>(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.</p> | <p>(3) (a) House Officer at King George's Medical University in Lucknow, India from January 1978 through December 1978. (b) Junior Residency in Surgery at King George's Medical University in Lucknow, India from January 1979 through December 1979. (c) Senior Residency in Surgery at King George's Medical University in Lucknow, India from January 1980 through December 1980. (d) Chief Residency in Surgery at King George's Medical University in Lucknow, India from January 1981 through February 1981. (e) Chief Residency in Surgery at King George's Medical University in Lucknow, India from April 1981 through May 1981. (f) Senior Residency in Urology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India from July 1984 to January 1987.</p> |
| <p>(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.</p> | <p>(4) Indian license, Delhi Medical Council, June 2000.</p> |
| <p>(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.</p> | <p>(5) Master of Urology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, March 1987.</p> |
| <p>(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.</p> | <p>(6) Over five years of satisfactory professional experience.</p> |
| <p>(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.</p> | <p>(7)</p> |
| <p>(8) Evidence of good moral character.</p> | <p>(8)</p> |
| <p>(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.</p> | <p>(9)</p> |

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

22-52-60

Rabih Bou Nassif
New York, New York

(Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon, Doctor of Medicine, July 2009)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Lebanon.

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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Bou Nassif’s application. He recommends that Dr. Bou Nassif’s Lebanese 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. Bou Nassif obtained his medical license in Lebanon in 2009. His Lebanese license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Bou Nassif passed Colloquium Exams in General Medicine in July 2009 and became a specialist in General Medicine in 2009 and a specialist in Neurosurgery in 2016.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Bou Nassif’s Lebanese license be endorsed, and his exams and Specialist certificates be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

| APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS: | QUALIFICATIONS: |
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| 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) Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon, Doctor of Medicine, July 2009. |
| (2) Proficiency examination. | (2) Colloquium Exams in General Medicine with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Beirut, Lebanon, July 2009. |

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| (3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training. | (3) Residency in Neurosurgery at Hotel-Dieu de France Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon from July 2009 through June 2015. |
| (4) Appropriate medical license or certificate. | (4) Lebanese license, October 2009. |
| (5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department. | (5) (a) Specialist in General Medicine, Lebanese Order of Physicians, September 2009. (b) Specialist in Neurosurgery, Lebanese Order of Physicians, September 2016. |
| (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 |
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| <u>22-56-60C</u> Awan Tauhid New York, NY 10023 | (1) C.M.H. Lahore Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/16/2012 (2) License # 314671, Issued 01/14/2022 |
| <u>22-57-60C</u> Radhika Bali Modesto, CA 95356 | (1) Bharat Vidyapeeth Deemed University Medical College, Pune, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/05/2016 (2) License # 316271, Issued 04/12/2022 |
| <u>22-58-60C</u> Mohammed Khan Jamaica, NY 11435 | (1) University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/11/2002 (2) License # 312062, Issued 07/16/2021 |
| <u>22-59-60C</u> Remi Okwechime Pittsford, NY 14534 | (1) Obafemi-Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/12/2005 (2) License # 311801, Issued 07/01/2021 |
| <u>22-60-60C</u> Alexander Podvezko Williamsville, NY 14221 | (1) Kharkov Medical Institute, Kharkiv, Ukraine, Physician, 06/30/1986 (2) License # 229266, Issued 07/17/2003 |
| <u>22-61-60C</u> Kalimullah Quadri New York, NY 10075 | (1) Shifa College of Medicine, Islamabad, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/13/2012 (2) License # 301543, Issued 10/09/2019 |
| <u>22-62-60C</u> Sarena Virdee Hornell, NY 14843 | (1) University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom, Bachelor of |

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| | Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/11/2010 (2) License # 316536, Issued 04/27/2022 |
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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