



**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*

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

**DATE:** August 31, 2023

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *[Signature]*

### SUMMARY

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent)**

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 September 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 four licensing petitions and fifteen 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 licensing petitions and degree conferrals.

**Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, September 12, 2023.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on September 12, 2023

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing		
Medicine					23-64-60, 23-75-60 To 23-77-60		23-52-60C To 23-66-60C
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date:	61
						Total for calendar year to date:	77

**Board of Regents, September 12, 2023**

**MEDICINE**

23-64-60

Masaru Kubota  
New York, New York

(Kansai Medical University, Osaka, Japan, Bachelor of Medicine, March 1996)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Japan.

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. Kubota's application. He recommends that Dr. Kubota's training from Japan 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. Kubota obtained his medical license in Japan in 1996. His Japanese license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Kubota passed USMLE Steps 1 & 2, holds Board Certification in Surgery and Gastroenterology, was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Science and is a Certified Teaching Surgeon in Surgery.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Kubota's Japanese license be endorsed, and USMLE Step 1 & 2, his Board Certifications, Doctor of Philosophy and Teacher Certification be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
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) Kansai Medical School, Osaka, Japan, Bachelor of Medicine, March 1996
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) USMLE Step 1, November 2021 (b) USMLE Step 2, May 2022
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in General Surgery at Osaka National Hospital in Osaka, Japan from June 1996 through May 1999

	<p>(b) Residency in General Surgery at Kobe Ekisaikai Hospital in Kobe, Japan from June 1999 to June 2000</p> <p>(c) Fellowship in Gastroenterological Surgery at Osaka University in Osaka, Japan from June 2000 to May 2004</p>
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Japanese license, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, May 1996
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	<p>(5) (a) Board Certification in Surgery, Japan Surgical Society, December 2009 through December 2026</p> <p>(b) Certified Teaching Surgeon, Japan Surgical Society, January 2019 through December 2023</p> <p>(c) Board Certification in Gastroenterology, Japanese Society of Gastroenterological Surgery, Period of January 2023 through December 2027</p> <p>(d) Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Science from Osaka University, December 2015</p>
(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**

23-75-60

Julia Fassbender  
Boston, Massachusetts

(University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, April 2010)

Petition for: Endorsement of her 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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Fassbender’s application. He recommends that Dr. Fassbender’s training from Germany 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. Fassbender obtained her medical license in Germany in 2010. Her German license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Fassbender holds specialty certificates in Anesthesiology and Emergency Physician and was awarded a Doctor of Medicine from University of Duisburg-Essen.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Fassbender’s German license be endorsed, and her Specialty certifications and Doctor of Medicine degree be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
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 Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, April 2010
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) Specialty Certificate – Emergency Physician, issued by North Rhine Medical Association, January 2014 (b) Specialty Certificate – Anesthesiology, issued by North Rhine Medical Association, January 2017

(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Gastroenterology at University Hospital of Essen in Essen, Germany from September 2010 through December 2011 (b) Residency in Anesthesia and Intensive Care at University Hospital of Essen in Essen, Germany from March 2012 to January 2017 (c) Fellowship in Emergency Medicine at University Hospital of Essen in Essen, Germany from September 2010 through January 2014
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) German License, Arztekammer Nordrhein, License Number 128615, May 2010
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Doctor of Medicine, University of Duisburg-Essen, August 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**

**23-76-60**

Avi Leader  
Givatayim, Israel

(Hadassah Medical School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, January 2009)

Petition for: Endorsement of his 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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Leader’s application. He recommends that Dr. Leader’s training from Israel and The Netherlands 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. Leader obtained his medical license in Israel in 2009. His Israeli license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Leader holds specialty certificates in Internal Medicine and Hematology.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Leader’s Israeli license be endorsed, and his Specialty certifications be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
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) Hadassah Medical School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, January 2009
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Internal Medicine Specialty Certification, Israeli Medical Association, Ramat Gan, Israel, issued August 2013
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Internal Medicine at Meir Medical Center in Kfar Saba, Israel from April 2008 through March 2013



	(b) Hematology Fellowship at Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva, Israel from April 2013 to January 2016 (c) Clinical Research Fellowship in Cancer and Thrombosis at Maastricht University Medical Center in Maastricht, The Netherlands from July 2016 to July 2018
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Ministry of Health, Division of Medical Professions, Israel, License Number 1-88128, April 2009
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Hematology Specialty Certification, Israeli Medical Association, Ramat Gan, Israel, issued January 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**

**23-77-60**

Rebecca Nicholas  
London, England

(University of London, St. Bartholomew's & The Royal London School of Medicine, London, England, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, July 2010)

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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Nicholas's application. He recommends that Dr. Nicholas's training from the United Kingdom 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. Nicholas obtained her medical license in the United Kingdom in 2011. Her United Kingdom license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Nicholas holds a European Diploma in Hand Surgery and board certification and Plastic Surgery.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Nicholas's United Kingdom license be endorsed, and her European Diploma and Board certification be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
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 London, St. Bartholomew's & the Royal London School of Medicine, London, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, July 2010
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) European Diploma in Hand Surgery, European Board of Hand Surgery, Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand, Switzerland

(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Foundation Program Year 1 + 2 through Health Education England, Oxford, England from August 2010 through July 2012 (b) Core Surgical Training through Health Education England, London, England from October 2012 through September 2014 (c) Plastic Surgery Higher Specialty Training through Health Education England in London, England from October 2014 to June 2022 (d) Specialist Hand Fellow through Health Education England in London, England from June 2022 to August 2022
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) General Medical Council, United Kingdom, License Number 7085049, August 2011
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Intercollegiate Specialty Examination in Plastic Surgery, Intercollegiate Specialty Board in Plastic Surgery Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations, United Kingdom, March 2022
(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.

<b>NAME OF PETITIONER</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>
<u>23-52-60C</u> Saghir Ahmed Brooklyn, NY 11201	(1) Shalamar Medical & Dental College, Lahore, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 08/27/2015 (2) License # 321700, Issued 03/07/2023
<u>23-53-60C</u> Afia Babar Brooklyn, NY 11216	(1) University of Health Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/02/2013 (2) License # 295521, Issued 08/09/2018
<u>23-54-60C</u> Oluwatoyin Balogun Halfmoon, NY 12065	(1) Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/05/2013 (2) License # 312769, Issued 08/31/2021
<u>23-55-60C</u> Meenakshi Bansal Rochester, NY 14618	(1) Punjabi University, Chandigarh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/13/2003 (2) License # 286846, Issued 10/31/2016
<u>23-56-60C</u> Ian Elliott New York, NY 10016	(1) Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Obstetrics Medicine, 05/05/2016 (2) License # 317198, Issued 05/24/2022
<u>23-57-60C</u> Jacob Heng Baltimore, MD 21287	(1) University of Glasgow, Glasgow, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/26/2012 (2) License # 322764, Issued 04/24/2023

<u>23-58-60C</u> Syed Rahmatullah Enfield, CT 06082	(1) Alfaisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 08/26/2015 (2) License # 322214, Issued 03/29/2023
<u>23-59-60C</u> Abdul Samdani webster, NY 14580	(1) University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/14/2007 (2) License # 301112, Issued 09/06/2019
<u>23-60-60C</u> Sameer Acharya Ithaca, NY 14850	(1) Chitwan Medical College, Chitwan, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/31/2017 (2) License # 324140, Issued 06/16/2023
<u>23-61-60C</u> Stefan Coombs New York, NY 10009	(1) The University of The West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/01/2011 (2) License # 316875, Issued 05/11/2022
<u>23-62-60C</u> Sundus Imran East Meadow, NY 11554	(1) Rawalpindi Medical College, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 08/27/2013 (2) License # 324046, Issued 06/14/2023
<u>23-63-60C</u> Sumesh Khanal Rochester, NY 14620	(1) Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/02/2015 (2) License # 311184, Issued 06/11/2021
<u>23-64-60C</u> Umer Malik Cohoes, NY 12047	(1) Nishtar Medical College, Multan, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/03/2009 (2) License # 319922, Issued 10/19/2022
<u>23-65-60C</u> Kirolos Meilika New York, NY 10065	(1) University of Mansoura, Mansoura, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/01/2010 (2) License # 317953, Issued 06/22/2022
<u>23-66-60C</u> Munu Napit Ithaca, NY 14850	(1) Chitwan Medical College, Chitwan, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/29/2016 (2) License # 324182, Issued 06/16/2023

**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.