

# 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:** Douglas E. Lentivech

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding

Licensing Petitions

DATE: November 3, 2011

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

#### **Summary**

#### <u>Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)</u>

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions as listed on the attachment?

### **Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full board at its November 2011 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 10 licensing petitions and 11 requests for the conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine for review and approval.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding licensing petitions.

## Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective November 15, 2011.

#### Cases Presented to Board of Regents on: November 15, 2011 **SUMMARY REPORT EDUCATION EXAMINATION** Confer Three-Year **PROFESSION** Degree Limited Pre-Post-Experience Doctor of License Professional Professional Graduate **Proficiency** Licensing Medicine Certified Public 11-06-07 Accountancy 11-07-50 11-07-59 Dentistry to 11-09-50 11-10-59 Physical Therapy 110-05-62 Medicine 11-147-60C 11-89-60 to 11-157-60C **OTHER** Total for fiscal year to date: 170 Total for calendar year to date: 223

#### **CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

11-06-07 Anny Liu Brooklyn, NY 11214

(Fordham University, New York, New York, Master of Science in Taxation and Master of Science in Business Administration with Accounting Concentration, August 2008)

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) Examination.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Anny Liu recently passed the four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination. However, she exceeded the 18 month conditioning requirement by two months.

Ms. Liu received conditional credit for passing the computer-based Financial Accounting and Reporting Examination (FAR) section of the Examination in August 2009. She needed to pass the three remaining sections by March 31, 2011 to retain credit for FAR. She passed the Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) section in May 2010 and Regulation (REG) in November 2010, both within the 18 month conditioning period. She did not pass the Auditing and Attestation (AUD) section until May 2011, two months outside of the 18 month conditioning period.

Ms. Liu's ability to effectively prepare for her January 2011 AUD section was compromised by acute pain due to a medical condition. Once her medical condition was corrected, Ms. Liu sat for and passed the AUD section in the next available testing window.

Based on the documentation provided by her attending physicians, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports her petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) A bachelor's or higher degree based on a program in accountancy.	(1) Fordham Graduate School of Business, New York, New York, Master of Science in Taxation and Master of Science in Business Administration with Accounting Concentration, August 2008.

(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	(2) (a) August 2009: Financial Accounting and Reporting (failing score).
	(b) April 2010: Auditing and Attestation (failing score).
	(c) May 2010: Business Environment and Concepts (passing score).
	(d) November 2010: Regulation (passing score).
	(e) January 2011: Auditing and Attestation (failing score).
	(f) May 2011: Auditing and Attestation (passing score).
(3) One year of satisfactory experience.	

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

#### **DENTISTRY**

11-07-50 Reshma Jacob Jersey City, NJ

(The Oxford Dental College, Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, March 2000)

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of education.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Dr. Jacob did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school.

However, Dr. Jacob has completed three academic years of study at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston from July 2006 to June 2009 toward a Certificate in Prosthodontics and a Master of Science in Dentistry. The Director of Graduate Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Dr. Donald Belles, submitted a letter of support certifying that Dr. Jacob has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate from the University of Texas at Houston School of Dentistry. While the "Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics" portion of this study has been considered to fulfill the clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration, the State Board for Dentistry recommends that the additional University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston studies be considered as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre-professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) Two years of pre-professional education as part of the Pre-Degree course, Mar Ivanios College, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India, April 1993.
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Five years of acceptable pre- professional and professional dental education culminating in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery, The Oxford Dental College, Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, March 2000.

(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two academic years of study culminating in a Certificate in Prosthodontics and Master of Science in Dentistry, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, Texas, June 2009.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5) One academic year of study toward the "Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics," University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, Texas, 2009.
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6) United States citizen.
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7) Completed required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment, May 2011.

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

#### **DENTISTRY**

11-08-50 Jeremiah Juson Rochester, NY

(Davao Medical School Foundation, Davao City, Philippines, Doctor of Dental Medicine, April 2004)

<u>Petition for</u>: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Juson did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school. He enrolled in the two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and completed the program in June 2011. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre-professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) Two years of pre-professional education, Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City, Philippines, 1998 to 2000.
(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 the Doctor of Dental Medicine, Davao Medical School Foundation, Davao City, Philippines, April 2004.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, completed June 2011.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	

(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	

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

#### **DENTISTRY**

11-09-50 Shaima Malik Fairport, NY

(Army Medical College, National University of Science and Technology, Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, December 2004)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Malik did not complete the two academic years of study required in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school. She enrolled in the two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and completed the program in June 2011. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre-professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) Two years of pre-professional education as part of the Intermediate Pre-Medical course, Government Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan, 1999.
(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 the Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Army Medical College, National University of Science and Technology, Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan, December 2004.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, completed June 2011.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	

(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6) Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7) Completed required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment, March 2011.

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

#### THREE YEAR LIMITED LICENSE IN DENTISTRY

<u>Petition for</u>: Three-year limited license to practice Dentistry under Section 6604(6) of the Education Law.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: The applicants listed below have satisfied the education and examination requirements for licensure as a dentist in New York State. The only requirement for full licensure that cannot be satisfied at this time is United States citizenship or immigration status as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

Each applicant has an opportunity to practice dentistry in an area which has been designated a Federal Dental Health Professions Shortage Area and requests a three-year waiver of the citizenship requirement under Section 6604(6) of the Education Law. Each applicant must sign an affidavit stating the exact location of the shortage area where he/she will practice before the three-year limited license will be issued.

<u>Applicable Guidelines</u>: Section 6604(6) of Education Law relates to the requirement of United States citizenship or permanent resident status for licensure as a dentist in New York State and allows the Board of Regents to grant a one-time, three-year waiver of this requirement for an alien dentist to practice in New York State if all other licensure requirements are satisfied and to grant an additional extension not to exceed six years to enable the alien to secure citizenship or permanent resident status, provided such status is being actively pursued.

NAME OF PETITIONER	
11-07-59	
Michelle-Ann Fearon Andreen	
Rochester, NY 14623	
11-08-59	
Fadi Kano	
Brooklyn, NY 11220	
<u>11-09-59</u>	
Joanne Lim	
Rochester, NY 14620	
11-10-59	
Sheldon Sealey	
Rochester, NY 14623	

**ACTION**: The Department shall issue a three-year limited license to each applicant to practice dentistry in New York State in a Federal Dental Health Professions Shortage Area upon approval by the Department of all documentation needed to verify satisfaction of all dentistry licensure requirements other than citizenship and an

acceptable Affidavit of Agreement on the applicant's location of employment. The limited license may be renewed upon the lawful submission of an application for an extension of not more than six years, at the discretion of the Department.

PHYSICAL THERAPY 11-05-02 Christine Atkins Ballston Lake, NY 12019-9520

<u>Petition for</u>: Waiver of New York State requirements pertaining to acceptability of licensing examination for licensure by endorsement.

Statement of Problem: Ms. Atkins was licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1986 on the basis of acceptable education and passing scores according to the Massachusetts standards for August 12, 1986. The applicant was subsequently licensed in the states of California (1988) and Nevada (1996). All of the licenses from these other states are inactive at this time. While the candidate did pass Part II by New York standards, the score achieved on Part I of the examination did not meet the standard in place for New York State at the time. The applicant has provided documentation of more than 13 years of licensed clinical practice in Massachusetts, California and Nevada.

Section 59.6(c) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education regarding licensure by endorsement stipulates that the candidates 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." In 1986 the passing standard for the physical therapy national written examination was higher in New York State than in any other state. Ms. Atkins' examination score for Part I of the examination used for Massachusetts licensure was below the standard in New York State at the time. Thus, for licensure in New York, Ms. Atkins failed the physical therapy national written examination – the licensing examination used by this State. Therefore, according to this regulation, she would not qualify for licensure by endorsement unless she had passed the national examination in accordance with New York State standards or a comparable licensing examination.

Section 59.6(c) of the Regulations also states that the applicant "has had satisfactory professional experience of at least two years following initial licensure." The applicant has documented over 13 years of licensed physical therapy experience and, therefore, meets this requirement.

A moral character review was conducted as a result of a DUI charge in California in 2001 which resulted in a fine, mandatory completion of a substance abuse first offender program, community service and probation. All were completed by the applicant. A moral character review by the Office of Professional Discipline, was approved on May 3, 2011 based on the fact that there have been no repeat offences in the ten years since the DUI. There was no disciplinary action taken on any license held by the applicant as a result of this conviction.

Given the fact that Ms. Atkins has demonstrated satisfactory professional experience and clinical skills and well over ten years of licensed practice, the Executive Secretary

of the New York State Board for Physical Therapy recommends that the required acceptable score by New York standards be waived and that the applicant's license be accepted for endorsement in New York State without taking the test that is now required for licensure – the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), a totally different examination from the one in place in 1986.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS: Section 6734 of the Education Law and Part 77 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:	QUALIFICATIONS:
(1) Bachelor's, master's or equivalent qualification in physical therapy and completion of an acceptable program of at least four academic years.	(1) Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Simmons College, Boston MA, December, 1985
(2) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory licensing examination.	(2) Passed physical therapy national written examination by Massachusetts standards in July, 1986. Licensed in Massachusetts in 1986, California in 1988 and Nevada in 1996.
(3) Evidence of good moral character.	(3) Licensed and in good standing in Massachusetts with no disciplinary actions. (See moral character review information above)

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Physical Therapy, recommends that the examination requirement be considered fulfilled and that the applicant's Massachusetts' license be endorsed.

#### **MEDICINE**

11-89-60 Jang Moon New York, New York 10128

(Yonsei University College of Medicine, Seoul, South Korea, Bachelor of Medicine, February 1989)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from South Korea.

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. Moon has not failed any part of the licensing examinations used by New York State. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Moon's application. He recommends that Dr. Moon's postgraduate training in general surgery and transplantation from 1989 through 1999 in South Korea 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 licensure and clinical competency requirements for licensure by endorsement. Dr. Moon obtained his medical license in South Korea in 1989. His South Korean license is active and in good standing. Dr. Moon further obtained his specialty certification in general surgery from the Korean Surgical Society in 1994. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that these qualifications be accepted to fulfill the licensure and clinical competency requirements for endorsement in this State.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1 and 60.5 of the	
Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education,	(1) Yonsei University College of Medicine,
including at least 32 months of medical	Seoul, South Korea, Bachelor of Medicine,
education.	February 1989.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Standard ECFMG Certificate, 1997.
(3) Three years of approved	(3) Internship and Residency in general
postgraduate hospital training.	surgery from March 1989 through
	February 1994 and Transplantation
	Fellowship from May 1997 to December

	1999 at Yonsei Medical Center, Seoul, South Korea.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Physician license, Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare, 1989.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Specialist Certificate in General Surgery, Korean Surgical Society, March 1994.
(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) Alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8) Good moral character.
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9) Completed the required course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 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**

<u>Petition for</u>: Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

<u>Summary Statement</u>: 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>11-147-60C</u>	(1) Karaganda State Medical Institute,
	Karaganda, Kazakhstan, Physician,
Alexey Amchentsev	6/23/94.
Rock Hill, NY 12775	(2) License #238588, issued on 12/29/05.
<u>11-148-60C</u>	(1) University of Dhaka, Dhaka,
Anua Barua	Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine,
Brooklyn, NY 11223	Bachelor of Surgery, 7/21/03.
	(2) License #262566, issued on 8/9/11.
<u>11-149-60C</u>	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara,
Anthony Cipolla	Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician &
North Babylon, NY 11703	Surgeon, 6/9/86.
	(1) License #175335, issued on 7/20/88.
<u>11-150-60C</u>	(2) Warsaw Medical Academy, Warsaw,
Stanislaw Landau	Poland, Physician, 11/16/81.
Warwick, NY 10990	(3) License #159174, issued on 7/16/84.
<u>11-151-60C</u>	(1) University of the West Indies, Jamaica,
Gordon Lutchman	West Indies, Bachelor of Medicine,
Staten Island, NY 10305	Bachelor of Surgery, 8/1/76.
	(2) License #164843 issued on 12/4/85.
<u>11-152-60C</u>	(1) University of Nigeria, Enugu, Nigeria,
Ernest Madu	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of
Nashville, TN 37215	Surgery, 12/17/83.
	(2) License #186719, issued on 8/29/91.

<u>11-153-60C</u>	(1) Rajiv Ghandi University Health
Anupa Mandava	Sciences, Belgaum, India, Bachelor of
Camillus, NY 13031	Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,
	3/24/04.
	(2) License #003927, issued on 9/13/11.
<u>11-154-60C</u>	(1) King Edward Medical College, Lahore,
Ali Masud	Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine,
Eastchester, NY 10709	Bachelor of Surgery, 9/12/01.
	(2) License #261244, issued on 4/26/11.
<u>11-155-60C</u>	(1) Sri Ramachandra Medical College,
Aarathi Nagaraja	Chennai, India, Bachelor of Medicine,
White Plains, NY 10601	Bachelor of surgery, 2/23/06.
	(2) License #257868, issued on 7/14/10.
<u>11-156-60C</u>	(1) Russian State Medical University,
Marina Polskaya	Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist
Middletown, NY 10941	Republics, Physician, 6/26/00.
	(2) License #261240, issued on 4/25/11.
<u>11-157-60C</u>	(1) Carol Davila University of Medicine and
Andreea Rahman	Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania,
Middletown, NY 10941	Physician, 11/1/00.
	(2) License #252310, issued on 3/10/09.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law.