



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: David H. Hamilton *David H. Hamilton*

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

DATE: November 27, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Bellotti*

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 issue will come before the Full Board for action at its December 2024 meeting.

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 four 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 petition(s) and degree conferrals.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, December 10, 2024.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on December 10, 2024

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION	
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing
Medicine					24-139-60 To 24-143-60
EXPERIENCE:					
Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine:			24-98-60C To 24-101-60C		
OTHER:			Total for fiscal year to date: 113 Total for calendar year to date: 129		

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MEDICINE

24-139-60

Osman Cekic

New Haven, Connecticut

(Hacettepe Universitesi Faculty of Medicine, Ankara, Turkey, Doctor of Medicine, July 1990)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant’s medical license from Turkey.

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. Cekic 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. Cekic’s application. He recommends that Dr. Cekic’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. Cekic obtained his medical license in Turkey in 1996. His Turkish license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Cekic holds ECFMG certification and a Doctor of Philosophy diploma in Interventional Medicine.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Cekic’s Turkish license be endorsed, and his ECFMG certification and Ph.D. in Interventional Medicine be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and 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) Hacettepe Universitesi Faculty of Medicine, Ankara, Turkey, Doctor of Medicine, July 1990.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) ECFMG certification 0-469-506-0, FMG Exam Day 1 & Day 2, issued September 1998.

(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Residency in Ophthalmology at Ankara University School of Medicine in Ankara, Turkey from June 1991 through January 1996. (b) Clinical Research in Ophthalmology at Osaka University Faculty of Medicine in Osaka, Japan from April 1999 through March 2000. (c) Clinical Fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery, at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York, New York from July 2003 through June 2004. (d) Fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut from September 2022 to September 2024.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Active Turkish License # 47957, Turkish Medical Association, Ankara, Turkey, issued April 1996.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Doctor of Philosophy in Interventional Medicine, issued March 25, 2004, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) 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

24-140-60

Jurgen Christiaan de Graaff
Rotterdam, Netherlands

(Universiteit Maastricht, Maastricht, Netherlands, Physician, December 1995)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant’s medical license from the Netherlands.

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. de Graaff 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. de Graaff’s application. He recommends that Dr. de Graaff’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. de Graaff obtained his medical license in the Netherlands in 1998. His Dutch license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. de Graaff holds a PhD in Vascular Surgery and Specialist Certification in Anesthesiology.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. de Graaff’s Dutch license be endorsed, and his Ph.D. and Specialist Certification be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and 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) Universiteit Maastricht, Maastricht, Netherlands, Physician, December 1995.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Doctor PhD, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 14, 2003.

<p>(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.</p>	<p>(3)(a) Residency in Surgery at Isala Clinics in Dokter van Heesweg 2, Zwolle, Netherlands from June 2000 through May 2001. (b) Residency in Intensive Care at Jeroen Bosch Ziekenhuis in Brabant, Netherlands from July 2001 through November 2002. (c) Residency in Anesthesiology at St. Antonius Ziekenhuis in Nieuwegein, Utrecht, Netherlands from December 2002 through January 2008. (d) Fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesia at Wilhelmina Children’s Hospital, University Medical Center (UMC) Utrecht in Utrecht, Netherlands from February 2008 through January 2009.</p>
<p>(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.</p>	<p>(4) Form 3A license# 39045608401 issued February 23, 1998, CIBG Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, BIG-register, Hague, Netherlands.</p>
<p>(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.</p>	<p>(5) Registered Anesthesiologist, February 1, 2008, Registratiecommissie Geneeskundig Specialisten, knmg, Utrecht, Netherlands.</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

24-141-60

Francesco Maura
Palmetto Bay, Florida

(Universita Degli Studi Di Milano, Milano, Italy, Masters in Medicine and Surgery, July 2010)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant’s medical license from Italy.

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. Maura 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. Maura’s application. He recommends that Dr. Maura’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. Maura obtained his medical license in Italy in 2011. His Italian license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Maura is ECFMG certified and holds a Specialist Degree in Hematology.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Maura’s Italian license be endorsed, and his Specialist Certification be accepted to fulfill the clinical competency requirement 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) Universita Degli Studi Di Milano, Milano, Italy, Masters in Medicine and Surgery, July 2010.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) ECFMG Certified: 1-101-517-9, issued November 8, 2021.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Internship in Hematology at Universita Degli Studi Di Milano in Milano, Italy from September 2010 to June 2011. (b) Residency in Hematology at Universita Degli Studi Di Milano in Milano, Italy from July 2011 to July 2016.

(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Registration # 42174. Provincial Medical Association of Physicians, Surgeons, and Dentists, Milan, Italy, February 21, 2011.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Diploma de Specializzazione in Haematology, Universita Degli Studi Di Milano, Milan, Italy, issued July 11, 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

24-142-60

Mahmoud Abdelfattah Mohamed Elfar
Liverpool, United Kingdom

(University of Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, November 1990)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant's 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.

Dr. Mohamed Elfar 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. Mohamed Elfar's application. He recommends that Dr. Mohamed Elfar'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. Mohamed Elfar obtained his medical license in the United Kingdom in 2002. His UK medical license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Mohamed Elfar holds a Master's degree in Urology and a Doctor of Medicine degree. He holds certification as a Fellow of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in Surgery and Urology as well as a Diploma in Laparoscopy.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Mohamed Elfar's UK medical license be endorsed, and his Master and Doctor of Medicine Degrees along with his specialist certifications be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and 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 Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, November 1990.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) Master's degree in Urology, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt, November 1995.

	(b) Fellow of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in Surgery, Glasgow, United Kingdom, March 2000.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Clinical Research Fellow in Urology at Craigavon Area Hospital in Portadown, Northern Ireland from October 2002 to August 2005. (b) Specialist Registrar training in Urology within the Northern Ireland Deanery approved training posts in Belfast, Ireland from October 2005 to April 2011.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) General Medical Council, Manchester, United Kingdom, License # 5203289, June 2002.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) (a) Fellow of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in Urology, Glasgow, United Kingdom, May 2009. (b) Doctor of Medicine, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, December 2005. (c) Diploma in Laparoscopy, diplôme d'universite de Chirurgie laparoscopique, Universite de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France, 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.

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24-143-60

Haggai Sharon

Tel Aviv, Israel

(Hadassah Medical School, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, June 2003)

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. Sharon 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. Sharon's application. He recommends that Dr. Sharon'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. Sharon obtained his medical license in Israel in 2003. His Israeli license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Sharon holds a Specialist certification in Internal Medicine and Fellowship certification in Interventional Pain Practice.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Sharon's Israeli license be endorsed, and his specialty certifications in Internal Medicine and Interventional Pain Practice be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and 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) Hadassah Medical School, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, June 2003.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Specialist in Internal Medicine, Israeli Board Examination in Internal Medicine, The Israeli Ministry of Health, August 1, 2009.

(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Residency in Internal Medicine at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv, Israel from November 2004 to August 2009. (b) Residency in Pain Management Medicine at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv, Israel from October 2013 to March 2016.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Active Israeli License # 35313, Division of Medical Professions, Ministry of Health, Jerusalem, Israel July 29, 2003.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Fellowship of Interventional Pain Practice certification, World Institute of Pain Board of Examination, London, United Kingdom, May 6, 2018.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) 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>24-98-60C</u> James Ghazi Asfour East Syracuse, NY 13057	(1) Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/11/2018 (2) License # 33285, Issued 09/10/2024
<u>24-99-60C</u> Felipe Centellas Montano Newfield, NY 14867	(1) Universidad Catolica Boliviana San Pablo, Santa Cruzdel Sierra, Bolivia, Physician and Surgeon, 09/02/2008 (2) License # 332384, Issued 08/12/2024
<u>24-100-60C</u> Michael Nii Okaikoi Okaikoi Glen Oaks, NY 11084	(1) University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/27/2012 (2) License # 317995, Issued 06/22/2022
<u>24-101-60C</u> Priyanka Sridhar New York, NY 10019	(1) Dr Dy Patil Vidyapeeth University, Pune, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/17/2020 (2) License # 332849, Issued 09/10/2024

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.