



**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:** February 27, 2025

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## 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 March 2025 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 is one licensing petition and fourteen 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 petition(s) and degree conferrals.

**Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective March 11, 2025.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on March 11, 2025

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION	
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing
Medicine					25-25-60
EXPERIENCE:					
Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine:			25-12-60C To 25-25-60C		
OTHER:			Total for fiscal year to date: 149 Total for calendar year to date: 27		

**Board of Regents, March 11, 2025**

**MEDICINE**

25-25-60

Vhari Forsyth  
New York, NY

(University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Newcastle University, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, London, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, June 2008)

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. Forsyth 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. Forsyth’s application. He recommends that Dr. Forsyth’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. Forsyth obtained her medical license in the United Kingdom in 2009. Her British license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Forsyth holds a certification specialty in Paediatrics and Child Health and has passed the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health exams along with the Royal Australian College of Physicians 2016 Divisional Examinations.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Forsyth’s British license be endorsed, and her specialty certification, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health exams, and Royal Australian College of Physicians exams be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and 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 Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Newcastle University, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, London, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, June 2008.

<p>(2) Proficiency examination.</p>	<p>(2) (a) MRCPCH Part 1a &amp; 1B, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, February 2011.  (b) MRCPCH Part 2, Applied Knowledge in Practice, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, September 2011.</p>
<p>(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.</p>	<p>(3) (a) Foundation Training in General Paediatrics at Ealing Hospital in London, United Kingdom from August 2008 to July 2009.  (b) Foundation Training in General Paediatrics at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London, United Kingdom from August 2009 through July 2010.  (c) Specialist Training in General Paediatrics at Kingston University Hospital in London, United Kingdom from September 2010 through August 2011.  (d) Specialist Training in General Paediatrics at King's College Hospital/Evelina Children's Hospital in London, United Kingdom from September 2011 through August 2012.  (e) Specialist Training in General Paediatrics at Evelina Children's Hospital/King's College Hospital in London, United Kingdom from September 2012 through August 2013.  (f) Senior Registrar in Community Paediatric at Sunshine House, Evelina London NHS in London, United Kingdom from March 2019 through August 2019.  (g) Specialist Registrar in General Paediatrics at Evelina Children's Hospital, Evelina NHS in London, United Kingdom from March 2020 through February 2021.</p>
<p>(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.</p>	<p>(4) General Medical Council, Manchester, United Kingdom, Registration # 6166839, issued August 2009.</p>
<p>(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.</p>	<p>(5) (a) MRCPCH Clinical Europe, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Clinical Exam June 2012.  (b) Royal Australian College of Physicians, 2016 Divisional Written Examination and 2016 Divisional Clinical Examination, Sydney, Australia.</p>
<p>(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.</p>	<p>(6) Five years of satisfactory professional experience.</p>

(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>25-12-60C</u> Ahmed Elsayed Salem Brooklyn, NY 11219	(1) Cairo University, Old Cairo, Cairo Governorate, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/01/2013 (2) License # 334353, Issued 12/26/2024
<u>25-13-60C</u> Dishant Joy Shah Brooklyn, NY 11226	(1) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/01/2018 (2) License # 330136, Issued 05/16/2024
<u>25-14-60C</u> Edwin J Anand Amherst, NY 14228	(1) The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/28/2001 (2) License # 269193, Issued 03/14/2013
<u>25-15-60C</u> Mohammed Atef Abdelghafar Brooklyn, NY 11219	(1) Cairo University, Old Cairo, Cairo Governorate, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/01/2014 (2) License # 330362, Issued 05/24/2024
<u>25-16-60C</u> Nader Estfanous Syracuse, NY 13219	(1) Cairo University, Old Cairo, Cairo Governorate, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/27/2010 (2) License # 333167, Issued 09/27/2024
<u>25-17-60C</u> Najla Naeem Abdurrahman Queens, NY 11101	(1) St. George's Hospital Medical School, University of London, London, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/27/2017

	(2) License # 332721, Issued 08/29/2024
<u>25-18-60C</u> Pratyusha Nunna Webster, NY 14580	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/15/2012 (2) License # 318081, Issued 06/24/2022
<u>25-19-60C</u> Ruben Geevarghese New York, NY 10075	(1) King's College London, London, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/01/2014 (2) License # 333904, Issued 11/21/2024
<u>25-20-60C</u> Shady Mashaly East Meadow, NY 11554	(1) Mansoura University, Mansoura, Ad Dakahliyah, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/01/2009 (2) License # 334302, Issued 12/20/2024
<u>25-21-60C</u> Sivaranjani Ayyanar East Meadow, NY 11554	(1) The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/11/2007 (2) License # 334355, Issued 12/27/2024
<u>25-22-60C</u> Subrat Kumar Das New Haven, CT 06510	(1) Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/26/2012 (2) License # 321243, Issued 02/01/2023
<u>25-23-60C</u> Sumant Raghavendra Pargaonkar New York, NY 10128	(1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/26/2019 (2) License # 332847, Issued 09/10/2024
<u>25-24-60C</u> Sydnee S Lim Flushing, NY 11354	(1) University of Dublin, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and Obstetrics, 06/21/2013 (2) License # 327001, Issued 12/05/2023
<u>25-25-60C</u> Vrinda Kumar Brooklyn, NY 11226	(1) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/22/2018 (2) License # 319234, Issued 09/02/2022

**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.