



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: July 3, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Bellotti*

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 July 2024 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 two licensing petitions and nine 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, July 15, 2024.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on July 16, 2024

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION	
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing
Medicine					24-79-60
Psychology					24-01-68
EXPERIENCE:					
Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine:			24-37-60C To 24-45-60C		
OTHER:			Total for fiscal year to date: 44 Total for calendar year to date: 60		

Board of Regents, July 16, 2024

Psychology

24-01-68

Linda Berlin

Plantation, FL

(Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Doctor of Psychology, July 1992)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State requirements pertaining to acceptability of licensing examination scores.

Statement of Problem: Article 153, §7603(4) of the Education Law specifies that Psychology licensure applicants are required to pass an exam acceptable to the Department. In October 1977, New York State adopted the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) - a product of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards - as the examination for State licensure. At the time, each state set its own pass point for the EPPP.

Dr. Berlin graduated from an accredited psychology program in the United States in 1992. She then took the EPPP in Florida in October 1992 and achieved a score of 137. This score was sufficient for licensure in Florida, but it fell three points below the minimum passing score of 140 set by the New York State Board for Psychology for that administration of the exam. Since her licensure in Florida, Dr. Berlin has practiced for over 31 years without any disciplinary actions against her and has documented satisfaction of all other requirements for New York State psychology licensure by endorsement (including education and experience).

E.L. §6506(5) provides that in supervising the admission to and the practice of the professions, the Board of Regents may waive education, experience, and examination requirements for a professional license prescribed in the article relating to the profession, provided the Board of Regents shall be satisfied that the requirements of such article have been substantially met.

To implement the general requirements set in law, the Department has an established policy for waiver cases pursuant to §6506(5) that requires an applicant to document fulfillment of all of the following:

1. licensure in another US state or US territory following completion of the applicable professional education, experience, and examination requirements satisfactory to the jurisdiction in which licensed;
2. satisfactory evidence of professional practice including at least seven of the ten years preceding application for licensure in New York State; and
3. evidence of significant professional achievement.

Dr. Berlin was licensed in Florida in April 1993 and has over 31 years of experience in that state. In addition, as of December 2023, Dr. Berlin met all requirements and obtained an Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology from the PSYPACT (Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact) Commission.

Based on Dr. Berlin's licensure in Florida and more than 31 years of professional practice without any disciplinary actions, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Psychology recommends waiver of the minimum examination score requirement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
E.L. §7603 and Part 72 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Acceptable doctoral degree and program in psychology.	(1) Nova Southern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, PsyD. in Clinical Psychology, July 1992.
(2) Two years satisfactory supervised experience.	(2) Thirty-one years of acceptable experience.
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory licensing examination.	(3) See Statement of Problem.
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Good moral character.
(5) Evidence of completion of the required course in identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(5) Submitted a Certificate of Exemption.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Psychology, recommends acceptance of the applicant's petition for a waiver of the State's minimum required examination score in effect at the time of her testing.

MEDICINE

24-79-60

Daniel Thomas-Rueddel
Jena, Germany

(Albert-Ludwigs-Universitaet Freiburg, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, November 2006)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant’s 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.

Dr. Thomas-Rueddel 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. Thomas-Rueddel’s application. He recommends that Dr. Thomas-Rueddel’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. Thomas-Rueddel obtained his medical license in Germany in 2006. His German license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Thomas-Rueddel was issued a Doctor Medicinae, Doctor Medicinae Habilitatus, and holds Specialization in Prehospital Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Intensive Care Medicine.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Thomas-Rueddel’s German license be endorsed, and his Doctor Medicinae, Doctor Medicinae Habilitatus, and specializations be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the 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) Albert-Ludwigs-Universitaet Freiburg, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, November 2006.

(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) Doctor Medicinae, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, awarded June 2017 (b) Doctor Medicinae Habilitatus, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, awarded February 2024
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3)(a) Post-graduate training in Anesthesiology at Jena University Hospital in Jena, Germany from February 2007 to June 2014. (b) Advanced post-graduate training in Intensive Care at Jena University Hospital in Jena, Germany from June 2014 to September 2017.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) German License issued by Baden-Württemberg, December 2006.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) (a) Specialization Certificate in Prehospital Emergency Medicine, State Chamber of Physicians of Thuringia, November 2009. (b) Specialization Certificate in Anesthesiology, State Chamber of Physicians of Thuringia, June 2014. (c) Specialization Certificate in Intensive Care Medicine, State Chamber of Physicians of Thuringia, September 2017.
(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
<u>24-37-60C</u> Dushyant Damania Valley Cottage, NY 10989	(1) Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/02/2010 (2) License # 308669, Issued 02/02/2021
<u>24-38-60C</u> Mohamed Elhelw Forest Hills, NY 11375	(1) Mansoura University of Medicine, Mansoura City, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/13/2016 (2) License # 325346, Issued 08/03/2023
<u>24-39-60C</u> Dimpy Gupta Scarsdale, NY 10583	(1) Karnataka University of Medical Sciences, Hubballi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/20/2001 (2) License # 269999, Issued 05/01/2013
<u>24-40-60C</u> Robert Kelly Jr. White Plains, NY 10605	(1) Lund University, Lund, Sweden, Physician's Examination, 02/05/1996 (2) License # 237480, Issued 08/29/2005
<u>24-41-60C</u> Mandeep Kunwar East Meadow, NY 11554	(1) Nepal Medical College, Dnuliknel, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/11/2011 (2) License # 326733, Issued 11/14/2023
<u>24-42-60C</u> Harsha Kanumalla Brooklyn, NY 11217	(1) Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Chennai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/23/2017 (2) License # 324356, Issued 06/22/2023
<u>24-43-60C</u> Bilal Shoab Amherst, NY 14228	(1) Ziauddin Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/29/2012

	(2) License # 316534, Issued 04/27/2022
<u>24-44-60C</u> Ammar Tarabichi Buffalo, NY 14228	(1) Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/11/2018 (2) License # 325249, Issued 07/28/2023
<u>24-45-60C</u> Alexis Wolf White Plains, NY 10606	(1) University College Dublin School of Medicine, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, & Bachelor of Obstetrics, 05/01/2020 (2) License # 325862, Issued 09/07/2023

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.