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"Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners presents to you its compliments".

The Registration Department in QCHP is pleased to announce the adoption of new and effective initiatives to reduce the timeframe required to issue medical licenses, as well as a number of other procedures which will help achieve this strategic objective for QCHP, and will reflect positively on healthcare practitioners, stakeholders and encourage investment in the health sector. These initiatives were as follows:

- Adopting the Institutional Privileges Policy which will allow healthcare institutions to grant
 medical/surgical privileges to their specialist/consultant physicians. Healthcare institutions
 will be able to apply to be granted this privilege and qualified institutions according to the
 policy criteria will be given an approval that is valid for three years and can be renewed with
 a new request later on (details of the policy will be published later).
- Adopting the policy of core and advanced privileges where physicians will be able to perform
 core privileges related to their scope as soon as they are granted a medical license
 (temporary or permanent), and they will be able to apply for advanced privileges which will
 be reviewed by expert committees.
- Introducing new updates and functions on the Registration & Licensing System to be more user-friendly and reduce a number of unnecessary steps.
- Cooperating with the relevant authorities in the State, such as the Ministry of Interior, Medical Commission, the General Directorate of Passports and others, to reduce the time required for joint procedures such as medical reports and the police clearance certificate.

These efforts and initiatives have been reflected in the timeframe as licenses will now be granted following all stages within a period that doesn't exceed one month from the date of submission to be as follows:

- Reducing the approved timeframe to complete evaluation requests to 15 working days instead of 25 working days.
- Reducing the approved timeframe to complete licensing requests to 10 working days instead of 20 working days.



 Reducing the approved timeframe to complete renewal requests to 7 working days instead of 15 working days.

It should also be noted that within the next few months, QCHP will announce a new licensing process called the **"Fast Track"** process, which will take 7 working days in case of a complete application.

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Thank you for your cooperation,
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