

# Circular No. (23/2016)

From	Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP)
То	<ul> <li>All Healthcare Practitioners in the state of Qatar. (Governmental &amp; Private Sectors)</li> <li>All Focal Points in the state of Qatar. (Governmental &amp; Private Sectors)</li> </ul>
Subject	Part-time Clinician Registration/licensing Policy for healthcare practitioners who practice executive or administrative roles
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"The Registration Department in Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners presents to you its compliments"

In the Registration Department's pursuit to get the maximum benefit from the qualified Qatari healthcare practitioners and encourage them to contribute to the healthcare work force legally, without compromising patient safety and quality of healthcare services; the Permanent Licensing Committee in its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for the year 2016 approved a new policy for the registration/licensing of the healthcare practitioners; who are actively engaged in part time clinical practice as well as other non-clinical roles/responsibilities and allow them to have a license to practice on a part time bases beside the executive or admin roles to keep them under the umbrella of QCHP registry.

This policy will benefit **Qatari healthcare practitioners only** who have medical /health related educational qualification and has a break from clinical practice due to their executive or administrative roles as per the below categories:

- ✓ Specialist applicants (physicians /dentists) who completed a structured specialty training program and is certified as a specialist in a specific area and he/ she is away from clinical practice for not more than 10 years.
- ✓ Non specialist applicants (physicians /dentist) with Maximum of 5 years break from clinical practice.
- ✓ Applicants from other professions (nursing / pharmacy /AHP) who have break of practice up to 10 years.
- ✓ Applicants who are away from clinical practice more than the period specified in the policy will not be eligible for part time clinician license.
- ✓ Applicants who are Graduates of medical and other health sciences schools who never practiced following graduation will not be eligible to this policy.

### This policy will be implemented based on a set of conditions as following:

- Each practitioner shall be granted the medical license in alignment with his scope of practice and qualifications.
- Practitioners should maintain a minimal required clinical practice of one day per week in his/her scope in order to be eligible to maintain this license.
- 50 % of his/her CPD cycle requirements should focus on medical knowledge and clinical skills.

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- Ensure that the healthcare practitioner is working as per affiliation agreement between
  the place of work (if he/she is working in administrative institution) and the
  institution/healthcare facility in which the practitioner is doing the required clinical
  practice.
- Fulfill all other registration requirements based on the scope of practice.
- Healthcare practitioners who will benefit in accordance with this policy, should practice under certain level of supervision of a specialist of the same or related field for nine consecutive months as follows:
  - √ 3 months under direct supervision.
  - ✓ 3 months under indirect supervision.
  - √ 3 months under oversight supervision.
  - For surgical specialists, they should be retrained and have a log book of surgical procedures that is deemed satisfactory to ensure safe practice. This logbook should be peer reviewed before granting any approval.

#### Definition of the levels of supervision:

**Direct Supervision:** the supervising practitioner is physically present with the practitioner and patient.

**Indirect Supervision:** the supervising practitioner is physically within the hospital or other site of patient care, and is immediately available to provide direct supervision. **Oversight supervision:** the supervising practitioner is available to provide review of procedures/ encounters with feedback provided after care is delivered.

#### Note:

This policy shall repeal the previous policy which has been issued in circular number (3/2016) dated 16/02/2016.

## Attachment:-

The New updated "Part time Clinician Registration/licensing Policy for healthcare practitioners who practice executive or administrative roles"

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Thank you for your cooperation,
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