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| To   | • All Healthcare Practitioners in the State of Qatar  
      • All Healthcare Facilities Focal Points in the State of Qatar |
| Subject | Changing QCHP Medical License Coding according to each Profession |
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“Registration Department in Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners presents to you its compliments”.

In QCHP’s pursuit to enhance the Registration/Licensing Electronic System’s procedures to facilitate tracking and following up with all healthcare practitioners’ medical licenses according to each profession, the Registration Department announces that the coding of medical licenses will be changed from only numerical system to an alpha-numerical one by adding a letter before the license number to distinguish each medical profession and to guarantee that there is no license number repetition in healthcare practitioners and even among different professions. The new coding will be as follow:

1- Permanent license (current/ new):
- Codes which will be prepended medical license numbers for each profession are as followed:
  - Physicians – “Pxxxx”
  - Dentists – “Dxxxx”
  - Allied Health Practitioners – “Axxxx”
  - Nurses – “Nxxxx”
  - Pharmacists – “PHxxxx”

2- Provisional license (current/ new):
- The current provisional license will be renamed to “Temporary License”.
- The coding will be changed and new letter “T” signifying “Temporary License” will be appended as a code along with additional code for each profession.
Codes which will be prepended for each of the profession as followed:

- Physicians – “TPxxxx”
- Dentists – “TDxxxx”
- Allied Health Practitioners – “TAxxxx”
- Nurses – “TNxxxx”
- Pharmacists – “TPHxxxx”

3- Radiation license (current/new):

- The coding will be changed and new letter “R” signifying “Radiation License” will be appended as a code along with additional code each profession.
- Codes which will be prepended the following professions as followed:
  - Physicians – “RPxxxx”
  - Dentists – “RDxxxx”
  - Allied Health Practitioners – “RAxxxx”
  - Nurses – “RNxxxx”

➢ Note (1): This new policy will be implemented on 14/09/2017.
➢ Note (2): Healthcare practitioners will be given a grace period to use their current stamps with the old license number until 14/10/2017. And after that date, any stamp with old number will not be accepted.

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Thank you for your cooperation,

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