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From	Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP)/ Ministry of Public Health
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All Healthcare Practitioners in QatarAll Healthcare Facilities/Focal Points in the State of Qatar
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The Department of Healthcare Professions extends to you greetings and best wishes

With reference to Circulars No. (01/2016), (11/2018), (19/2020), (24/2020), (15/2022), and (13/2023), regarding the procedures governing the registration and licensing of healthcare practitioners and university graduates both within and outside the State of Qatar, as well as the requirements of experience and qualifying examination for all healthcare professions, for Qatari nationals, offspring of Qatari women and holders of Qatari family residency, the Department of Healthcare Professions has decided the following:

1. **Work Experience for Graduates of Public Universities, Private Universities and Higher Education Institutions in the State of Qatar:**

- 1.1 **General Practitioners Category:** One year internship is required to be completed after obtaining a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree to obtain a license to practice in the public and private sectors.
- 1.2 **General Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Allied Health Professions:** Exemption from the requirement to complete work experience for the purpose of obtaining a license to practice in the public and private sectors.

1.2.1 **Note:**
 - Graduates of public universities, private universities and higher education institutions in the State of Qatar who hold a bachelor's degree in psychology, have completed two years of practice as an Assistant Psychologist, and have subsequently obtained a master's degree in psychology shall be eligible for licensure as Clinical Psychologists or Psychological Counsellors.
 - Graduates of public universities, private universities and higher education institutions in the State of Qatar who hold both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in psychology upon completion of one year of experience as an Assistant Psychologist after obtaining their master's degree shall be eligible for licensure as Clinical Psychologists or Psychological Counsellors.

2. **Work Experience for Graduates of Universities Outside the State of Qatar:**

- 2.1 **General Practitioners & General Dentistry Category:**
 - Qataris, offspring of Qatari women, offspring of residents and spouses of residents' offspring:** Completion of one year internship after obtaining a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery (with a minimum of 6 years of study, excluding the internship year) or a bachelor's degree in dentistry (with a minimum of 5 years of study, excluding the internship year) is required to practice in the public or private sector.
 - Spouses of Residents:** Completion of one year internship and one year of work experience after obtaining a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery (with a minimum of 6 years of study excluding the internship year) or a bachelor's degree in dentistry (with a minimum of 5 years excluding the internship year) is required to practice in the public or private sector.

2.1.1 **Note:**
 - Physicians and dentists who do not have proof of completion of the internship period are instead required to provide proof of one year of clinical experience.
 - Qatari nationals, offspring of Qatari women, offspring of residents and spouses of residents' offspring are allowed to complete the required experience by obtaining a license to practice the profession of general practitioner under supervision within the State of Qatar.
- 2.2 **Pharmacy, Nursing, Allied Health Professions:**
 - Qataris, offspring of Qatari women:** Exemption from the requirement to complete work experience to obtain a license to practice in the public and private sectors.
 - Offspring of residents and spouses of residents:** One year of work experience is required to obtain a license to practice in the public and private sectors.

2.2.1 **Note:**
 - Offspring of residents and spouses of residents are allowed to complete the required experience by obtaining approval for training under supervision from the Department of Healthcare Professions within the State of Qatar.
 - For nursing practitioners, it is required that the year of experience be in the field of direct clinical nursing, within a recognised healthcare facility, and obtained after receiving official approval from the DHP. This must be done under a valid license, in accordance with the process determined by the department.
 - The exemption from the experience requirement does not apply to the Clinical Psychologist or Psychological Counsellor scopes for graduates who obtained their qualifications outside the State of Qatar.

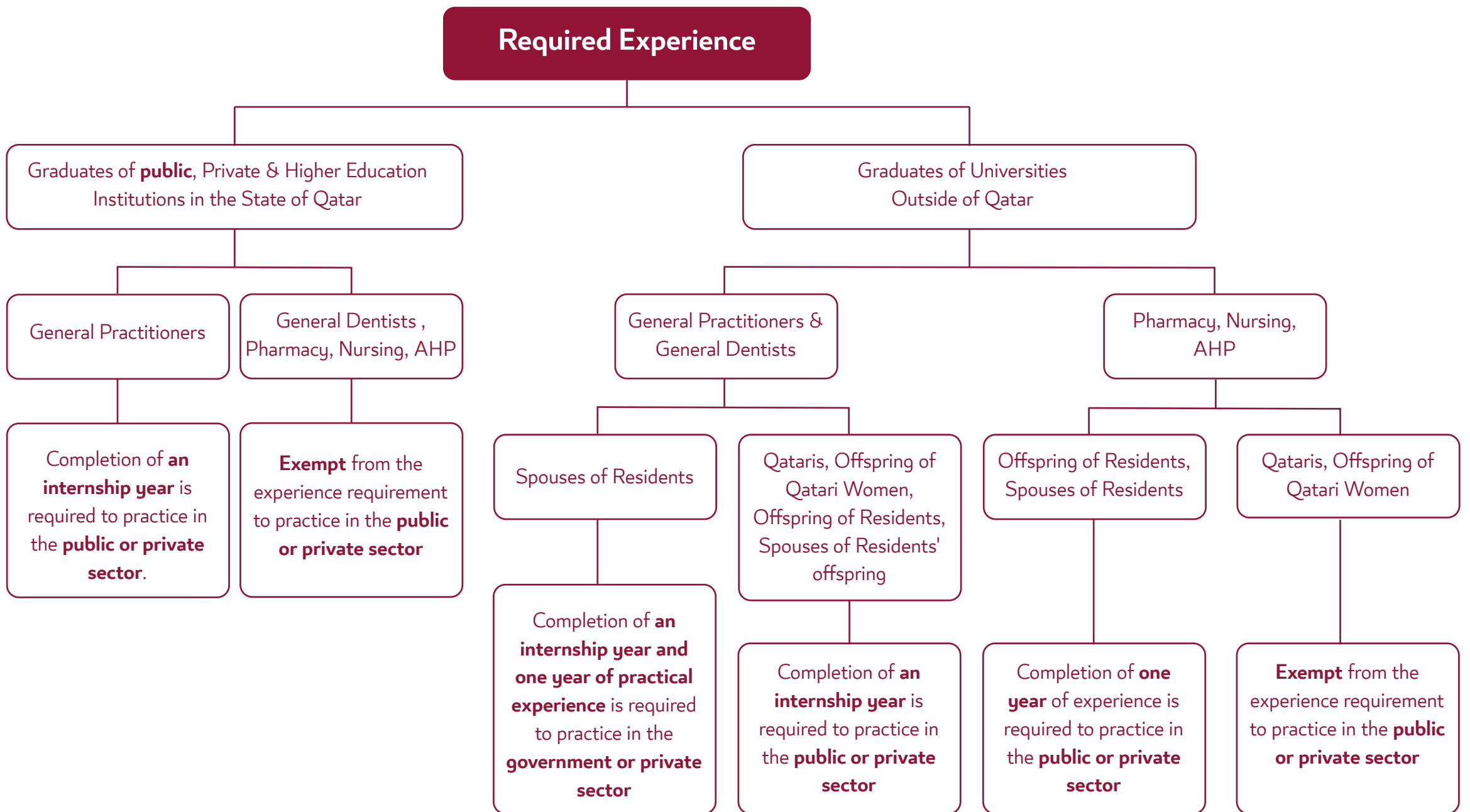
3. **Qualifying Exam:**

- Exemptions apply only to the following categories from the qualifying exam for all healthcare professions (**Physicians, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, allied health professions**):
- Qataris
 - Offspring of Qatari women.
 - Graduates of public universities, private universities and higher education institutions in the State of Qatar.

Notes: This circular is effective as of the date of its issuance. Consequently, the previous circulars no. (01/2016), (11/2018), (19/2020), (24/2020), (15/2022) and (13/2023) will be annulled.

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Best regards,
Department of Healthcare Professions
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Qualifying Exam

All healthcare practitioners are required to take the qualifying exam according to their specialty (Physicians, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing and AHP). The following categories are exempt from completing the qualifying exam:

1. Qatari nationals.
2. Offspring of Qatari women.
3. Graduates of public universities, private universities and higher education institutions in the State of Qatar

Notes

1. The internship year is counted after obtaining the bachelor's degree (the duration of the academic program must be at least 6 years excluding the internship year for Physicians, and at least 5 years excluding the internship year for Dentistry). In case the internship year is not completed, a licensed one-year practical experience will be requested in its place.
2. Regarding the qualifying exam, the policies followed shall be applied according to each specialty.