Guidelines for Physicians
A) Registration/Evaluation Process Map for “General Practitioner”

1. Start

   General Practitioner

   Apply online for evaluation, complete and submit the application with all the required documents. Refer to table (1) and the evaluation requirements

   Pay the fees (if applicable)

   After completing the required training period, the applicant can reapply for evaluation

   Request will return to the Applicant’s landing page

   Seed back with comments

   Reject

   Any other documents required

   Missing main requirements

   The application after submission/payment will go to the Employer Representative’s landing page. The Employer Representative must review the documents, ensure that they are complete, approve and submit the application (in this stage the status is “Pending with Employer”)

   Registration Section will check the request

   Complete

   Qatari/Family Sponsorship ID holders with experience or lack of practice

   Overseas applicants: not eligible or lack of experience

   Results of verification

   Unable to verify/Negative

   Positive

   Applicant will be called for interview

   Result of interview

   Reverify within 6 days

   Proceed

   Rejected/blacklisted

   Application will be approved

   Application will be approved

   Registration Section will issue the following documents that can be printed from the Employer Representative’s landing page:
   - Preliminary Evaluation
   - CID Letter

   Applicant will be rejected/blacklisted

   Reject

   End

The applicant should follow up on the request with the employer representative.

Preliminary evaluation is only valid for 6 months.
B) Registration/Evaluation Process Map for “Specialty Scope”

Start:

Specialty scopes

Apply online for evaluation, complete and submit the application with all the required documents - Refer to taxes (1, 2, and 3) and the evaluation requirements

Pay the fees (if applicable)

The application after submission/payment will go to the Employer Representative’s landing page. The Employer Representative must review the documents, ensure that they are complete, approve and submit the application (in this stage, the status is “Pending with Employer”)

Registration Section will check the request

Complete

 Québec’s Family sponsorship QID holders with lack of experience or weak of practice

Registration Section will check results of primary source verification

Overses applicants: Not Eligible or Break of practice or Lack of experience

Positive

Application will be approved

Results of verification

Re-Verify

Unable to verify/ Negative

Application will be called for interview

Result of interview

Proceed

Registration Section will issue the following documents that can be printed from the Employer Representative’s landing page:
• Preliminary Evaluation
• QID Letter

Reject

Re-Verify within 14 days

Rejected/blacklisted

Applicant will be rejected/blacklisted

Send back with comments

Reject

Any other documents required

Missing main requirements

Applicant can apply for Assistant specialty to complete experience. Refer to circular 21/2020 and break of practice policy

Any other documents required

Request will return to the Applicant’s landing page

The applicant should follow up on the request with the employer representative.

Preliminary evaluation is only valid for 6 months.
Registration/Evaluation Requirements

Please apply through the Registration/Licensing Electronic System on the Department of Healthcare Professions website, complete the online application and pay the required fees (if applicable).

Submit an electronic “Apply for Evaluation” request and upload the below mentioned required documents:

1. Copy of valid passport.
2. Copy of valid QID (front and back) or copy of the national ID.*
   N.B.: “QID with family sponsorship is mandatory for GP (supervised) and Assistant Specialty”
3. One recent photo (according to photo criteria stated in circular (04-2014) or in the “Additional Attachments” document).
4. An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (C.V) as per DHP C.V template.
5. Copy of all academic certificates relevant to applicant’s scope with official transcript (refer to Table no.1).
6. Copy of the recent last 5 years work experience certificates (with an issue date) required according to applicant’s scope (refer to Table no.1).
7. Copy of valid medical/registration licenses accompanying the required years of work experience.
8. Copy of primary source verification report.
9. The verification report will be reviewed during this phase; any misleading information provided will result in further investigations and could result in disciplinary action.
10. Copy of the passing certificate of the qualifying exam (if applicable).
11. For GP (supervised) and Assistant Specialty: Supervision letter and undertaking letter are required according to circular no. (21/2020) and (22/2020).

*The national ID depends on each country such as the national ID in Sudan, the national insurance number in UK, the multi-purpose number in the Philippines...etc.

Visitor physicians

A) Locum physicians:

• The following items are required in addition to the previous requirements noted above:

1. Letter 1, from the healthcare institution signed by the medical director stating the specific dates for the expected visits of the locum (for e.g. From: DD/MM/YR To: DD/MM/YR), without contradicting with the recruitment system in the Ministry of Interior with regards to the period of the visit.
2. Letter 2, from the healthcare institution signed by the medical director showing the name of a licensed physician on a permanent basis with the same specialty for following up the cases that the Locum doctor deals with.

- Licensed Physicians can change from Permanent to Locum through submitting an “Update Personal Info” request and attaching letters 1 and 2.

- Licensed Physicians can change from Locum to Permanent through submitting an “Update Personal Info” request” and attaching the following requirements:
  1. Valid QID on employer.
  2. Valid Police clearance from MOI, Qatar
  3. Valid Medical report and Chest X-Ray from Qatar if not provided upon Licensing.

B) Short notice
The visiting practitioner who is requested by the healthcare facility to visit Qatar to provide health services to patients for a maximum of one week can submit an electronic “Apply for Short Notice” request and provide the following requirements:

- a. Copy of valid passport.
- b. Copy of national ID.
- c. Copy of updated C.V.
- d. Copy of valid and verified health license from the country of the current practice.
- e. Undertaking letter from the health facility stating that the facility is fully responsible for the provided healthcare by the visiting healthcare practitioner.
- f. Undertaking letter from the patient in case the practitioner is coming based on patient request
- g. Letter from the healthcare institution signed by the medical director stating the name of a licensed physician on a permanent basis with the same specialty for following up the cases that the visiting doctor deals with.

Please refer to circular no. (03/2021) for physicians’ eligibility for short notice request.

Notes

- Application missing one of the above-mentioned main requirements will be rejected.
- Any other documents required to support the application that are not mentioned above must be submitted upon request, and the application will be sent back to the applicant maximum for 3 times then it will be rejected if all the requirements are not fulfilled.
- Practitioner working in a healthcare facility without a license will not be eligible for
registration/licensing in the state of Qatar.

- Any experience certificate that was not submitted/mentioned in the C.V in the first evaluation application will not be considered in any other evaluation or change scope of practice applications.
- The evaluation does not obligate the Department of Healthcare Professions to grant the applicant any specific degree or title.
- Please note that the verification process done by the verification companies replaces attestation of certificates by related competent authorities (i.e., certificates do not have to be attested).
- The certificate of good standing will be required in the licensing phase unless the case requires otherwise.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up on the verification report and the certificate of good standing.
- Applicants/employer representatives can follow up on the certificate of good standing with DHPGoodSt@moph.gov.qa
- Original documents/certificates might be requested on a case-by-case basis.
- Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated to Arabic or English and attached to a copy of the original documents.
- Please refer to the website of the Department of Healthcare Professions frequently to check for updates of the requirements.
- A case-by-case assessment may be implemented.
- You can follow-up on the request with your employer representative.
Table No. “1” Scope of practice for the physician profession

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| 1-General Practitioner (supervised)    | 1. Bachelor’s degree of Medicine (or equivalent) from a university that is listed in the IMED FAIMER Directory.  
   Please refer to circular (22/2020) | No experience required.                                                                                                                                 |
|                                        | 2. Should sit for the qualifying exam unless exempted Note: 5 exam trials are only allowed  
   (Please refer to circulars No. (15/2022) and (22/2020))                               |                                                                                                 |
| 2-General Practitioner                 | 1. Bachelor’s degree of Medicine (or equivalent) from a university that is listed in the IMED FAIMER Directory.  
   2. Should sit for the qualifying exam unless exempted Note: 5 exam trials are only allowed  
   (Please refer to circulars No. (15/2022) and (22/2020))                               | - For overseas applicants 5 years clinical experience is required.  
   - For Qatari, offspring of Qatari women, offspring of Qatar residents and Spouses of residents.  
   (Please refer to circulars No. (15/2022) and (22/2020))               |
| 3- Assistant Specialty                 | 1. Bachelor’s degree of Medicine (or equivalent) from a university that is listed in the IMED FAIMER Directory.  
   2. Specialty qualification from the approved list.  
   (Please refer to tables no. 2 & 3)                                                  | Please refer to circular no. (21/2020)                                                                 |
| 4-Specialty Scope                      | 1. Bachelor’s degree of Medicine (or equivalent) from a university that is listed in the IMED FAIMER Directory.  
   2. Specialty qualification from the approved list.  
   (Please refer to tables no. 2 & 3)                                                  | 5 years’ experience in total plus the required experience post-specialty degree according to tables no. 2 & 3 |
|                                        | 3. Qualifying exam (if applicable, please refer to tables no. 2 & 3 and the qualifying examination page) Note: 3 exam trials are only allowed |                                                                                                 |
### 5- Resident

1. Bachelor’s degree of Medicine (or equivalent) from a university that is listed in the IMED FAIMER Directory.
2. Should have an acceptance letter from the residency program in Qatar.

### 6- Fellow

1. Bachelor’s degree of Medicine (or equivalent) from a university that is listed in the IMED FAIMER Directory.
2. Specialty qualification from the approved list.
3. Should have an acceptance letter from the fellowship program in Qatar.
4. Qualifying exam (if applicable, please refer to tables no. 2 & 3 and the qualifying examination page)
   
   **Note:** 3 exam trials are only allowed

### 1. General Practitioner (Supervised)

A. “Qatari Physicians”, “offspring of Qatari women” and “offspring of residents**” who are Qatar Universities Graduates or graduated abroad can be granted the title General Practitioner (Supervised) in the following cases:

1. Didn’t complete the required years of experience to be eligible for registration/licensing as General Practitioner as follows:

   ✓ Physicians who are planning to join governmental/ semi-governmental sectors, will be exempted from the required experience when applying for the registration/licensing.

   ✓ Physicians who are planning to join the private sector are required to complete 2 years of experience as General Practitioner (Supervised). Only recent experience (within the last 5 years) will be accepted if it was total of 10 months clinical practice per year.

   *Offspring of residents includes:

   o Offspring of residents who changed his/her sponsorship to a healthcare facility. (Valid QID of the father shall be submitted in the evaluation application)
2. Offspring of residents who changed her sponsorship to her husband. (Valid QID of the father shall be submitted in the evaluation application)

2. Have break of practice (as per the break of practice policy).

B. “Spouses of residents” can be granted the title General Practitioner (Supervised) in the following cases:

1. Didn’t complete the required years of experience to be eligible for registration/licensing as General Practitioner based on table no.1. Only recent experience (last 5 years) will be accepted if it was total of 10 months clinical practice per year.

2. Have break of practice (as per the break of practice policy)

Please refer to circular 22/2020 for all the required information.

2. General Practitioner

A. In determining the eligibility of an applicant for registration in GP Scope, applicant shall comply with the following basic requirements:

1. To have a minimum of six (6) years undergraduate degree (MBChB/MBBS/MBBCh/ Northern American MD or equivalent)

2. The internship program can be considered for completion of the required undergraduate study years in case the medical college program is less than (6) years.

B. All overseas practitioners under this category must pass the qualifying exam after completing not less than five years of experience and meeting the registration and licensing requirements.

C. For Qatari, offspring of Qatari women, offspring of Qatar residents and spouses of residents, please refer to circulars No. (15/2022) and (22/2020). Only recent experience (last 5 years) will be accepted if it was total of 10 months clinical practice per year.

D. Listed below the qualifying exams that exempt applicants from the State of Qatar’s qualifying exam for General Practitioners, please refer to circular no. (17/2018).

- Australian Medical Council Multiple Choice Questionnaire
- Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board Part 1 (PLAB)
- United States Medical Licensing Examination Part 3
- Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 1
✓ Hamad Medical Corporation National Board Examination
✓ The IFOM Clinical Science Exam
✓ Pre-Registration Examination system both parts (MCQ and OSCE) from Ireland

E. Validity of the Equivalent Exams is as specified on the exam certificate; else it will be considered as 3 years.

3. Assistant Specialty

This category is applicable only for Qatars, offspring of Qatari women or physicians holding QID with family sponsorship* in the following cases:

✓ Holding a post-graduate degree that is included in the DHP approved specialty qualifications list for physicians; however, he/she did not complete the required years of work experience in order to get “Specialty” title.
✓ Eligible for specialty title; however, he/she has a break from practice and should complete a supervised practice period based on the “Break from Practice” policy.

*Offspring of residents who changed his/her sponsorship to a healthcare facility. (Valid QID of the father shall be submitted in the evaluation application)

Note: physicians holding post-graduate degree from category 3 must pass DHP qualifying exam in their specialty upon changing their scope from Assistant specialty to specialty.

Please refer to circular 21/2020 for all the requirements

4. Specialty

- Listed below are the current approved physician’s specialty qualifications in the state of Qatar.
- Physicians with Qualifications/Certificates not included in the list or from countries other than the below mentioned table will be considered under Category 3.
- For Qatari and family sponsored physicians, please refer to circulars no. (20/2020, 21/2020 and 15/2022).
- For currently licensed physicians by Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP), please refer to appendix 1.
• **Definition:**

In determining the eligibility of an applicant for registration with the DHP as specialty, the following definitions for each category to be considered (**Table 2**):

**Category 1:**
- Physicians holding specialization degree under this category will be eligible for registration and licensing in the State of Qatar as **Specialty** providing completion of **one-year*** clinical experience after post-graduate degree.
- DHP licensing qualifying exam is not required.

**Category 2:**
- Physicians holding specialization degree under this category will be eligible for registration and licensing in the State of Qatar as **Specialty** providing completion of **two-years*** clinical experience after post-graduate degree.
- DHP licensing qualifying exam is not required.

**Category 3:**
- Physicians holding specialization degree not listed in Category 1 or 2, will be eligible for registration and licensing in the State of Qatar as **Specialty** after providing the following:
  1. Certificate of completion of Structured Post graduate training + passing exit/board exam (continuous training for minimum 3 years).
  2. Completion of **three years*** clinical experience after post-graduate degree
  3. Passing DHP licensing qualifying exam. (Please check the Qualifying Examination page on DHP website.)

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*The required years of clinical work experience for all the categories must be from one of the following Institutions (It is not mandatory for the required years of experience to be the most recent experience provided that there is no break of practice):

a. Governmental and semi-governmental institutions/hospitals.

b. Hospitals that provide Post graduate Training programs (Governmental or Private)
**Fellowship certified applicants:**

- Overseas physicians holding fellowship certificate (in subspecialty) will be eligible for registration and licensing in the State of Qatar as specialty after providing the following:
  a) Certificate of completion of Structured Fellowship Training (continuous training for minimum 1 year).
  b) Completion of specified period of clinical experience after fellowship degree which will be determined as per the main specialty Category.
  c) Passing DHP licensing qualifying exam if fellowship certificate and main specialty from Category 3.

**Example to determine the required years of experience and passing DHP qualifying exam for physicians holding fellowship certificate:**

- Physician holding Internal medicine degree (main specialty) from Category 3 followed by Fellowship in cardiology from Category 1 or 2: the required years of clinical experience after fellowship certificate, will be 3 years, as per category 3 but DHP qualifying exam is not required.
- Physician holding Internal medicine degree (main specialty) from Category 3 followed by Fellowship in cardiology from Category 3: the required years of clinical experience after fellowship certificate, will be 3 years, as per category 3 and DHP qualifying exam is required.

**Fellowship program in the State of Qatar:**

- Overseas Physicians joining a fellowship program in the state of Qatar shall have a post-graduate degree in main specialty from category 1, 2 or 3 to be eligible for registration and licensing as a fellow in training institutions in the state of Qatar (for Category 3, passing DHP licensing qualifying exam certificate shall be provided in evaluation request).

**General notes:**

1- For Qatari and family sponsored QID holders’ physicians who don’t have the required clinical experience as specified above in each category will be eligible for registration and licensing in the State of Qatar as “Assistant Specialty” to complete the required clinical experience. (Please refer to circulars no. 21/2020 and 15/2022)

2- Overseas physicians from all the categories, will not be eligible for registration in the State of Qatar if they have less than the required years of clinical experience post qualification degree or the clinical experience is not from Governmental Institutions/Hospitals or training hospitals

3- Physicians from the below categories are exempted from the required experience after post-graduate degree and DHP qualifying exam to obtain the Specialty title:
a) Who completed (residency training program and fellowship program) in training hospitals in the state of Qatar and passed the board exam of main specialty in the state of Qatar.

b) Qatari physicians and Offspring of Qatari women who were sponsored by the state of Qatar for their post graduate studies.

4- Physicians who completed a training program in the State of Qatar but did not pass the board exam can be licensed as “Assistant Specialty” providing the following:
   a) Certificate of completion of training from training hospital in the state of Qatar
   b) Passing DHP licensing qualifying exam certificate
   c) Recommendation letter from head of department where he/she completed the training program.

They can change to specialty after providing a post-graduate degree and completing the required years of experience as per the provided post-graduate degree category (Assistant Specialty experience will be counted from the required years of experience).

5- In case of any Governmental agreements with any country that are not included in the list, specialization degree/ certificates can be assessed based on the agreement.

6- Physicians holding post-graduate degree from category 1 or 2, but it was granted based on equivalency of post-graduate degree not from category 1 or 2, then their post-graduate degree will be considered under category 3 and must fulfill all the requirements of category 3 to be registered/licensed in the state of Qatar.

References:

- Break in Practice Policy
- Circular (02/2019)
- Circular (20/2020)
- Circular (21/2020)
- Circular (22/2020)
- Circular (15/2022)
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(Certificate concerning the title of Specialist - Issued by Authority of Health Services) (Sundhedsstyrelsen).  
▪ Tilladelsetil at anvendebetegnelsenalmentpraktiserendelæg/ Specialläge i almenmedicin  
(Certificate of specific training for general medical practice) |                                |
| 7.  | Egypt                                    |                                                                             | Doctor of Medicine (MD)         |
| 8.  | Finland                                  | ▪ Erikoislääkarin tutkinto/ Special läkarexamen  
(Certificate of degree of specialist in medicine awarded by a Finnish University).  
▪ Todistus yleislääketieteen erityiskoulutuksesta/ Bevis om särkild allmänläkarutbildning  
(Certificate of specific training for general medical practice) |                                |
| 9.  | France                                   | ▪ Certificat d’études spécialisées de médecine (CES)  
(Certificate of Specialized Studies in Medicine issued by French University)  
▪ Diplôme d’études spécialisées/ Diplôme d’études spécialisées complémentaires qualifiant de médecine (DESC)  
(Diploma of complementary specialized studies) issued by French University)  
▪ Diplôme Interuniversitaire de Spécialité (DIS)  
(Interniversity Diploma of medical specialty) |                                |
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-  **Titulo de Especialista en medicina familiar y comunitaria** (Specialist certificate in family and community medicine) issued by the Spanish Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs or the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture | | |
| 29. | Switzerland                              | -  **Diplôme de médecin spécialiste**  
-  **Diplom als Facharzt**  
-  **Diploma di medico specialista** (Specialist qualification) issued by the Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)  
-  **Master of Advanced Studies of Clinical Medicine** | | |
| 30. | Sweden                                   | -  **Bevis om specialistkompetens som läkare** (Certificate of the right to use the title of specialist) issued by the Socialstyrelsen (National Board of Health and Welfare of Sweden)  
-  **Bevis om kompetens som allmänpraktiserande läkare** (Europaläkare) (Certificate of specific training for general practice) issued by the Socialstyrelsen (National Board of Health and Welfare of Sweden) | | |
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**General Remarks**

- It is to be noted that the above table is not exclusive, and the Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP) reserves the right to amend and update the requirements at different intervals without prior notice.
- Holder of a Qualification Degree which is higher than the degrees mentioned in the above table will be considered accordingly.
- In case the postgraduate certificate is limited to certain duration of time according to its issuing Authority (such as The American Board certificates), it will not be mandatory to be valid on applying for Registration/licensing in Qatar in case the certificate was valid at the time of leaving the country of issuing this certificate.
- The Department of Healthcare Professions reserves the right to ask for recommendation letters if required.
- The Department of Healthcare Professions reserves the right to conduct interviews as part of the evaluation process if required.
- The Department of Healthcare Professions reserves the right to ask for additional supporting documents whenever needed.
• Holders of specialty certificates in the main specialty while their work experience in the subspecialty, can be granted a scope of practice as per the sub-specialty only if the university/issuing institution does not have the subspecialty degree at the time he/she got the degree. The Registration Section may request for an official proof (if necessary).
• Healthcare facilities are given the right to grant the title of specialist or consultant to their physicians, according to the Guidelines and standards approved by the Department of Healthcare Professions. (Appendix 2)
• Please ensure to check the below mentioned websites for any updates:

APPENDIX (1): For currently licensed/holding valid evaluation Physicians
1. Currently licensed Associate Physicians based on post-graduate degree that falls now under category 3, can change their scope of practice to specialty providing the following:
   a) Certificate of completion of Structured training (continuous training for minimum 3 years).
   b) Completion of three years clinical experience after post-graduate degree
   c) Passing DHP licensing qualifying exam
2. Currently licensed physicians as Associate/Assistant Specialty based on post-graduate degree from the previous category 2 or 2*, can change their scope of practice to specialty providing the following:
   Completion of the required years of clinical experience after post-graduate degree which will be determined based on circulars 20/2020 and 21/2020.
3. Currently licensed physicians as “GP supervised” but has post-graduate degree from category 3, can choose one of the following:
   a) Continue as “GP supervised”
   b) Apply for changescope of practice from “GP supervised” to “Assistant specialty” to complete the required years of experience as per circular 21/2020 and Break from practice policy (passing DHP licensing qualifying exam will be required to change their scope to speciality after completion of the required years of experience)
4. A physician who is registered/evaluated but holding expired evaluation from DHP, will be subject to the Guidelines mentioned in this circular when applying for re-evaluation/restoration.

APPENDIX (2):
Health care facilities have the right to promote their Physicians to consultant according to the below guidelines and criteria:
1- Physicians should be licensed in a specialty area by DHP.

2- Holders of certificates from Category 1, can be promoted to Consultant title providing completion of two years of clinical experience after post-graduate degree.

3- Holders of certificates from Category 2, can be promoted to Consultant title providing completion of four years of clinical experience after post-graduate degree.

4- Holders of certificates from Category 3, can be promoted to Consultant title providing completion of six years of clinical experience after post-graduate degree.

5- The physician should be the first or second author for at least 2 articles published in peer-reviewed journals, only one of the articles can be a case report.

6- The physician should have at least two recommendation letters and satisfactory performance reports from his current place of work.

7- Promotion to consultant title should be through a committee from the medical director, Quality improvement member and a member from Human Resources department.

8- All mentioned documents should be available on request from DHP for Auditing purposes.
2. Temporary License Process Map

Start

Apply online for "Temporary License", complete and submit the application with all the required documents - refer to the "Temporary License" requirements

Registration Section will check the request

Send back with comments

Incomplete requests / Licensed facilities internal activities not available

Complete request / Facility under process / Licensed facilities internal activities available

Application will be approved

Registration Section will issue a non-renewable Temporary License valid for 6 months

End
Temporary License Requirements:

Please apply through the Registration/Licensing Electronic System on the Department of Healthcare Professions website, complete the online application and pay the required fees (if applicable).

Submit an electronic “Apply for Temporary License” request and upload the below mentioned required documents, (documents uploaded in the evaluation will remain available on the system unless expired):

1. Copy of valid passport.
2. Copy of valid QID (front and back) (If applicable)
3. In case the healthcare practitioner applies for the temporary license without a QID, then the following documents must be submitted:
   - Valid medical test (valid for up to 6 months) from the home country (Chest X-ray and Blood Test report including the following tests: “Hepatitis B Surface AB, Hepatitis B Core AB, Hepatitis B Surface Ag, HCV AB and HIV”) attested from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Qatar (MOFA).
   - Police Clearance Certificate from the home country attested from MOFA in Qatar.
4. Undertaking letter for temporary licenses for the practitioner. (The template is in the “Additional Attachments” document)
5. Undertaking letter for temporary licenses for the facility (the template is in the “Additional Attachments” document)
6. Copy of facility license with the list of approved services. (If applicable).

Notes

- Applications that do not meet the requirements above will be sent back to the applicant maximum for 3 times then it will be rejected if all the requirements are not fulfilled.
- Temporary Licenses shall be valid for a maximum period of 6 months (non-renewable).
- The practitioner must apply for a licensing application during the temporary license validity period; otherwise, they will have to re-apply for evaluation.
- In case of negative verification reports and proven incidents of fraud, the license will be suspended, practitioner will be banned from practicing immediately and this will result in disciplinary actions on the practitioner.
- Original documents/certificates might be requested on a case-by-case basis.
- Any other documents required to support the application that are not mentioned above must be submitted upon request.
• Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated to Arabic or English and attached to a copy of the original documents.

• Please refer to the website of the Department of Healthcare Professions frequently to check for updates of the requirements.

• A case-by-case assessment may be implemented.

References:

• Circular (22-2018) - Launch of Electronic “Temporary License” Applications.

• Circular (09-2018) - Updates on Temporary License Policy
3. Licensing Process Map

Start

Apply online for licensing, complete and submit the application with all the required documents - refer to licensing requirements

Request will return to the Applicant's landing page

Pay the fees (if applicable)

Request will return to the Applicant's landing page

Registration Section will check the request

Incomplete

Sent back with comments

Complete

Is the facility license & internal activities available?

No

Registration Section will send back the request with a comment that the requirements are complete pending the facility license or addition of internal activity

Yes

Registration Section will issue the Medical License

End
Licensing Requirements

Please apply through the Registration/Licensing Electronic System on the Department of Healthcare Professions website, complete the online application and pay the required fees (if applicable).

Submit an electronic “Apply for Licensing” request and upload the below mentioned required documents, (documents uploaded in the evaluation will remain available on the system unless expired):

1. Copy of valid QID (front and back) (If applicable)
   a. For male practitioners (and female practitioners on their employer’s sponsorship), the sponsor should be the potential employer.
   b. For female practitioners on a family sponsorship, please attach the QID in addition to a letter of intent from your potential employer.

2. Copy of the verification report.

3. Copy of valid Police Clearance Certificate from Qatari Ministry of Interior directed to the Ministry of Public Health for licensing purposes.

4. Medical report (valid for 6 months), which can be issued by:
   a. HMC
   b. Medical Commission
   c. Private hospitals (Al Ahli, Al Emadi & Doha Clinic)
   d. Primary Health Care Corporation (For Qataris only)

5. Medical report must include the following tests: HIV test, HCV AB test, HBV Surface Ag, HBV Surface Ab, HBV core Ab and Chest X-Ray. (Please refer to Circulars no. 10/2019 & 07/2022)

6. Copy of Valid Recognized CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) course or its equivalent (or CPR registration receipt + undertaking letter that CPR certificate will be submitted upon completion). (Please refer to circulars no. 3/2017 & 8/2016)

7. Original Certificate of Good Standing -valid for 6 months unless else specified on the certificate- must be sent directly from the Registration authority (or authorities) of the most recent required years of work experience, to: Registration Section, Department of Healthcare Professions, Ministry of Public Health, P.O. Box: 7744, Doha, Qatar or DHPGoodSt@moph.gov.qa. If you have received your Certificate of Good Standing by hand from the authority, you can submit it to the PSV company and upload the final verification report.

8. Copy of facility license with the list of approved services. (if applicable)
Applications that do not meet the requirements above will be sent back to the applicant maximum for 3 times then it will be rejected if all the requirements are not fulfilled.

The certificate of good standing will be reviewed during this phase; any misleading information provided will result in further investigations and could result in disciplinary action.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to follow up on receiving the certificate of good standing.

Applicants/employer representatives can follow up on the certificate of good standing with DHPGoodSt@moph.gov.qa

The facility license showing the approved activities must be provided upon request.

Original documents/certificates might be requested on a case-by-case basis.

Any other documents required to support the application that are not mentioned above must be submitted upon request.

Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated to Arabic or English and attached to a copy of the original documents.

Please refer to the website of the Department of Healthcare Professions frequently to check for updates of the requirements.

A case-by-case assessment may be implemented.

You can follow up on the request with your employer representative.

For Locum physicians

The following items are required in addition to the previous requirements noted above:

1. Copy of recent blood test and chest x-ray (valid for 6 months from the test date) from Medical Commission Dept. (or an attested valid blood test & chest x-ray from home country along with an undertaking letter signed and stamped from the place of work stating that the blood test and chest x-ray will be taken in the State of Qatar before commencing work).

2. Police Clearance Certificate from the home country attested from MOFA in Qatar.

3. Letter 1, from the healthcare institution signed by the medical director stating the specific dates for the expected visits of the locum (for e.g. From: DD/MM/YY To: DD/MM/YY), without contradicting with the recruitment system in the Ministry of Interior with regards to the period of the visit.
4. Letter 2, from the healthcare institution signed by the medical director showing the name of a licensed physician on a permanent basis with the same specialty for following up the cases that the Locum doctor deals with.


6. A letter of intent should be attached from the potential employer.
4. Surgical privileges process map

- **Start**
- **Apply manually/electronically for surgical privileges**
- **Fill in the surgical privileges form according to specialty**
- **Attach the requirements**
- **Refer to committee**
  - Rejected
  - Approved
    - The applicant will receive:
      - Cover letter with the result
      - Operation form
- **End**
**Surgical/Medical Privileges Requirements**

**A] First Time Surgical/Medical Privilege Application:**

Submit a manual Surgical/Medical Privileges request attached with all the below mentioned documents:

*(Two copies to be submitted)*

1. Surgical/Medical Privileges Form for the specific specialty (marking in the requested column) and signed by the physician and the medical director of the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges. *(Available on the DHP website)*

2. If there is no surgical privilege form for a specific specialty available on the website, kindly add the required privileges by a separate letter.

3. Copy of Valid Medical License or copy of valid evaluation.

4. No objection letter signed & stamped by the medical director of the place of work mentioned in the applicant license to perform the privileges in their facility or another facility with theater or day care.

5. Request Letter from the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges, if it is different workplace from the one mentioned in his/her license.

6. "Request for approval to perform surgical privilege" form signed and stamped by the medical director of the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges.

7. Copy of official surgical logbook for the last 3 years (must be attested by Ministry of Foreign affairs “MOFA” - Qatar or verified by PSV company).

8. Personal declaration for Surgical/Medical Privileges.

9. Copy of Academic qualifications.

10. Copy of Curriculum Vitae (C.V).

11. Recommendation letters (if any).

12. Copy of facility license with the list of approved services.

**For “Additional Place to Perform Privileges” applications, the following will be required:**

1. No objection letter signed & stamped by the medical director of the place of work mentioned in the applicant license to perform the privileges in their facility or another facility with theater or day care.

2. Request Letter from the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges, if it is different workplace from the one mentioned in his/her license.
3. “Request for approval to perform surgical privilege” form signed and stamped by the medical director of the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges.

4. Copy of DHP issued privilege letter/s.

5. Copy of valid Medical License

6. Copy of facility license with the list of approved services.

For “transfer of privileges” applications, the following will be required:

1. Request letter (cover letter) from the current place of work.

2. “Request for approval to perform surgical privilege” form signed and stamped by the medical director of the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges.

3. Copy of DHP issued privilege letter/s.

4. Copy of valid Medical License

5. Copy of facility license with the list of approved services.

B] Re-applying for Additional Surgical/ Medical Privileges Application (After a 6-month period):

Submit a manual Surgical/ Medical Privileges request attached with all the below mentioned documents:

(Two copies to be submitted)

1. Justification letter for applying for additional Surgical/ Medical Privileges.

2. Copy of previous Surgical/ Medical Privileges approval letter from Registration Section.

3. Surgical/ Medical Privileges Form for the specific specialty (marking in the requested column) and signed by the physician and the medical director of the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges.
   (Available on the DHP website)

4. Copy of new training certificate/courses attended in the requested privilege.

5. Copy of new work experience in the requested privilege (logbook)

6. Copy of Valid Medical License or copy of valid evaluation.

7. No objection letter signed & stamped by the medical director of the place of work mentioned in the applicant license to perform the privileges in their facility or another facility with theater or day care.

8. Request Letter from the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges, if it is different workplace from the one mentioned in his/her license.

9. “Request for approval to perform surgical privilege” form signed and stamped by the medical director of the facility where the applicant will perform the privileges.

10. Copy of official surgical logbook for the last 3 years (must be attested by Ministry of Foreign affairs
11. Personal declaration for Surgical/ Medical Privileges.

12. Copy of Academic qualifications.

13. Copy of Curriculum - Vitae (C.V).

14. Recommendation letters (if any).

15. Copy of valid facility license with the list of approved services.

Important Notes

- Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated and attached to a copy of the original documents.

- Any other required documents that are not mentioned above should be submitted upon request.

- The PLC/DHP has the right to cancel any of the competencies, core, or advanced privileges if it has been confirmed the unsafe practice of the physician for any of the granted procedures.

- The applicant can apply for Surgical/ Medical Privileges in alignment with evaluation.

- Healthcare practitioners can apply to perform the surgeries in a workplace with theater or day care different from the one mentioned in his license.

- The original attested or verified -by primary source verification company- surgical logbook must be submitted to the Registration Section prior to the issuance of the final letter enumerating all the privileges approved by the expert panel.

- Original documents/ certificates must be presented upon request.

- All Surgical/ Medical Privileges requirements applicable on Locum practitioners.

- It is prohibited to communicate directly with the surgical committee in regard to the follow up of healthcare practitioners' Surgical/ Medical Privileges requests. Anyone who violates the above, will be held accountable and be subject to disciplinary actions, such as rejection of the respective request with an official warning sent to the concerned facility "refer to circular 2/2014".

- Appeal requests will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

- Any incomplete request will not be processed and will be sent back to the counter with a note for all the missing documents.

- Reapplying for additional Surgical/ Medical Privileges will only be considered after a period of 6 months, and if the applicants submit new documents as new logbook or courses or training that had not been submitted or evaluated through the committee before.

- Licensed Specialty physicians can practice within their core competencies and core privileges specific to
their scope. However, any procedure within the core privileges that needs operating theater must be performed in a licensed facility with theater or daycare setting.

- Licensed Specialty physicians can apply for advanced privileges within their scope of practice only.
- Licensed Specialty physicians are not allowed to apply for any privileges out of their scope of practice.
- Licensed Assistant Specialty physicians are not allowed to apply for core nor advanced privileges however, they can assist their supervisor in performing core/advanced surgical procedures as per the supervisor’s scope of practice and the surgical privileges granted to the supervisor by the DHP. The first surgeon and the assistant with the facility will be responsible for any complication that can take place to the patient.
- Licensed Associate Physicians can apply for the core privileges as per their scope of practice only.
- Licensed Associate Physicians, upon changing their scope of practice to specialty:
  1. Core privileges -that were not approved by DHP previously- will not be granted automatically accordingly they should apply for these privileges.
  2. Can apply for the advanced privileges as per their scope of practice only.
- Please refer to the Department of Healthcare Professions website frequently to check the updates of the surgical/medical privileges requirements.
- Follow-up on request through the facility focal point (After a minimum period of 30 working days)

For further clarification please contact the Registration Team on DHPRegistration@moph.gov.qa

References

- Circular (20/2018) - Core and Advanced Privileges Policy for Different Physician’s Categories/Specialties
- Circular (9/2021) - Update on Plastic surgery core and advanced privilege list
5. License Renewal Process Map

Start

Apply online for renewal, complete and submit the application with all the required documents. Refer to the renewal requirements mentioned below.

Pay the fees (if applicable)

Registration Section will check the request

- Complete
  - Application will be approved and the medical license will be renewed
- Incomplete
  - Sent back with comments
  - Request will return to the Applicant’s landing page

End
License Renewal Requirements

Step 1: Fulfilling CPD Requirements

- All licensed healthcare practitioners are mandated to participate in CPD activities according to the policies and regulations of the Accreditation Section of the Department of Healthcare Professions in order to renew their licenses. All licensed healthcare practitioners are responsible to fulfill annual, category-specific, and CPD cycle requirements and maintain records of CPD activities in the CPD e Portfolio prior to submission of their renewal applications.

- Please refer to the Accreditation Section’s standards and guiding documents for more details about CPD Requirements.

Note: Healthcare Practitioners cannot submit renewal applications unless they are fully compliant to the CPD Requirements. System will not allow practitioners to apply for renewal of their licenses and an automated message will be generated informing practitioners that they don’t meet the CPD requirements.

Step 2: Fulfilling Renewal Application Requirements

Please apply through the Registration/Licensing Electronic System on the Department of Healthcare Professions website, complete the online application and pay the required fees (if applicable).

Submit an electronic “Apply for Renewal” request and upload the below mentioned required documents:

1. Copy of valid passport.
2. Copy of valid QID (front and back).
   N.B. For male practitioners (and female practitioners on their employer’s sponsorship), the sponsor should be the employer.
3. One recent photo (according to photo criteria stated in circular (04-2014) or in the “Additional Attachments” document).
4. Medical Report will be requested as per the health fitness policy. (Please refer to circular no. 07/2022)
5. Copy of Valid Recognized CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) course or its equivalent as per circular (3-2017), (or CPR registration receipt + undertaking letter that CPR certificate will be submitted upon completion), unless the Health care facility has an approval letter issued by the Department of Healthcare Professions regarding their “Code Blue Team”.
6. In case a physician has additional place of work in an institution that doesn’t have Code-blue team then, CPR courses as per circular no. (3/2017) will be requested.

7. An employment letter (the template is in the “Additional Attachments” document)

8. For assistant specialty and GP (supervised), supervision letter, logbook and assessment reports will be required. (please refer to circulars number 21/2020 and 22/2020)

9. Any other additional documents might be requested.

10. For GP (supervised) only 2 renewals will be accepted after that they should change to GP (after completing the required years of experience) and pass the qualifying exam if required.

Notes

• Applications that do not meet the requirements above will be sent back to the applicant maximum for 3 times then it will be rejected if all the requirements are not fulfilled.

• Original documents/certificates might be requested on a case-by-case basis.

• Any other documents required to support the application that are not mentioned above must be submitted upon request.

• Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated to Arabic or English and attached to a copy of the original documents.

• Please refer to the website of the Department of Healthcare Professions frequently to check for updates of the requirements.

• A case-by-case assessment may be implemented.

You can follow-up on the request with your employer representative.

For Locum physicians

• The following items are required in addition to the previous requirements noted above:

1. Letter 1, from the healthcare institution signed by the medical director stating the specific dates for the expected visits of the locum (for e.g. From: DD/MM/YY To: DD/MM/YY), without contradicting with the recruitment system in the Ministry of Interior with regards to the period of the visit.

2. Letter 2, from the healthcare institution signed by the medical director showing the name of a licensed physician on a permanent basis with the same specialty for following up the cases that the Locum doctor deals with.

4. Work experience certificate for the last two years of experience attested from the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs (or copy of proof of submission to the verification company for the work experience certificate).

- **Licensed Physicians can change from Permanent to Locum through submitting an update personal info request and attaching letters 1 and 2.**

- **Licensed Physicians can change from Locum to Permanent through submitting an update personal info request and attaching the following requirements:**
  
  4. Valid QID on employer.
  5. Valid Police clearance from MOI, Qatar
  6. Valid Medical report and Chest X-Ray from Qatar if not provided upon Licensing.

**References:**

- Circular No. (3/2019)
- Circular No. (07/2022)
6. Change Place of Work Process Map

Start

Apply online for change place of work, complete and submit the application with all the required documents

Request will return to the Applicant's landing page

Sent back with comments

Registration Section will check the request

Incomplete

Complete

Registration Section will issue a new Medical License with the new facility's name

Yes

Is the facility license & internal activities available?

No

Registration Section will send back the request with a comment that the requirements are complete pending the facility license or addition of internal activity

End
Change Place of Work Requirements

Please apply through the Registration/Licensing Electronic System on the Department of Healthcare Professions website, complete the online application and pay the required fees (if applicable).

Submit an electronic “Apply to Change Place of Work” request and upload the below mentioned required documents:

1. Copy of valid passport
2. Copy of valid QID (front and back)
   a) For male practitioners (and female practitioners on their employer’s sponsorship), the sponsor should be the new employer or a secondment from the Ministry of Interior along with an undertaking letter that a renewed secondment or QID will be submitted upon expiry of the attached one.
   b) For female practitioners on a family sponsorship, please attach the QID in addition to a letter of intent from your new employer and a letter of no objection/ Resignation letter approved signed and stamped by medical director from the old employer.
3. Any other adjustment according to the current laws and regulations in the State of Qatar
4. Copy of valid facility license with the approved services list issued by the facility department- MoPH.
5. In case of changing from Code-blue facility to non- code blue facility, CPR courses as per circular no. 3/2017 will be requested.
6. For assistant specialty and GP (supervised), supervision letter, logbook and assessment reports will be requested. (please refer to circular number 21/2020 and 22/2020)

Notes

- Offer letter is not accepted from the new employer
- In case the “Apply to Change Place of Work” request was submitted after evaluation (before licensing), then the QID will not be required. However, a letter of intent from the new employer and a letter of no objection from the old employer will be required instead.
- For locum physicians, the QID will not be required. However, a letter of intent from the new employer and a letter of no objection from the old employer will be required instead.
- Applications that do not meet the requirements above will be sent back to the applicant maximum for 3 times then it will be rejected if all the requirements are not fulfilled.
- Original documents/certificates might be requested on a case-by-case basis.
- Any other documents required to support the application that are not mentioned above must be submitted
upon request.

- Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated to Arabic or English and attached to a copy of the original documents.

- Please refer to the website of the Department of Healthcare Professions frequently to check for updates of the requirements.

- The facility license showing the approved activities must be provided upon request.

- A case-by-case assessment may be implemented.

You can follow-up on the request with your employer representative.
7. Add/Change Scope of Practice Process Map

Start

Apply online for add/change scope of practice, complete and submit the application with all the required documents - refer to the requirements

Registration Section will check the request

Application will be approved

Registration Section will issue a new Medical License with the additional/new scope of practice

End
Add/Change Scope of Practice Requirements

Please apply through the Registration/Licensing Electronic System on the Department of Healthcare Professions website, complete the online application and pay the required fees (if applicable).

Submit an electronic “Apply to Add/Change Scope of Practice” request and upload the below mentioned required documents:

1. Copy of valid passport
2. Copy of valid QID (front and back).
3. A recent no objection letter from the employer for the addition/change of scope.
4. Copy of additional academic certificates relevant to the new scope (if applicable).
5. Copy of additional experience certificates (with an issue date) relevant to the new scope (if applicable).
6. Copy of the verification report for any additional documents.

Notes

• Physicians cannot be registered with double specialities unless they are related.
• Applications that do not meet the requirements above will be sent back to the applicant maximum for 3 times then it will be rejected if all the requirements are not fulfilled.
• If the application is for an additional scope, then this must be mentioned in the “Additional Information Section”.
• Original documents/certificates might be requested on a case-by-case basis.
• Any other documents required to support the application that are not mentioned above must be submitted upon request.
• Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated to Arabic or English and attached to a copy of the original documents.
• Please refer to the website of the Department of Healthcare Professions frequently to check for updates of the requirements.
• A case-by-case assessment may be implemented.

You can follow-up on the request with your employer representative.
8. Certificate of Good Standing Process Map (For Healthcare Practitioners who have a medical license issued by DHP)

- The COGS can be printed from practitioner’s profile upon approval of the COGS application.
- The Registration certificate/To whom it may concern certificate can be issued and collected by the applicant only in a sealed envelope.
- Verification forms should be attached in the COGS application and will be filled and sent automatically to the competent authority upon approval of the COGS application.
Certificate of Good Standing (COGS) Requirements

Please apply through the Registration/Licensing Electronic System on the Department of Healthcare Professions website, complete the online application and pay the required fees (if applicable).

Submit an electronic “Apply for a Certificate of Good Standing” request and upload the below mentioned required documents:

1. Copy of valid passport
2. Copy of valid QID (front and back), (if applicable)
3. Copy of all academic certificates relevant to applicant’s scope.
4. Certificate of good standing from all places of work (in Qatar) within the last renewal cycle. (Valid for 3 months.)
5. For physicians who left Qatar, Certificate of good standing covering their experience from all places of work for the last 5 years of his work in Qatar
6. Registration Authority name and official email address shall be added in the COGS application.

Notes

- DHP can only issue COGS to registration authorities.
- DHP cannot issue COGS to personal emails or healthcare facilities.
- Applications that do not meet the requirements above will be sent back to the applicant maximum for 3 times then it will be rejected if all the requirements are not fulfilled.
- Original documents/certificates might be requested on a case-by-case basis.
- Any other documents required to support the application that are not mentioned above must be submitted upon request.
- Any documents presented in languages other than Arabic or English must be translated to Arabic or English and attached to a copy of the original documents.
- Please refer to the website of the Department of Healthcare Professions frequently to check for updates of the requirements.
- A case-by-case assessment may be implemented.

You can follow-up on the request with DHPRegistration@moph.gov.qa