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From	The Department of Healthcare Professions
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All physicians/dentists in the State of Qatar (Governmental & Private sector)All focal points in the state of Qatar (Governmental & Private sector)
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“The Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP) presents to you its compliments”.

As part of DHP’s ongoing pursuit to adopt restricted criteria for the Registration / Licensing of physicians/ dentists in the State of Qatar, as they have the greatest impact on patients’ safety, and in order to ensure the competency and the quality of healthcare services is at the highest level. The DHP has decided to update the break in practice policy for physicians/dentists (Circular No. 13/2017) as the following:

- Physicians/dentists who have not been clinically practicing for a period of one year or more are considered to be in break in practice, and hence they are not eligible for licensing / work in the state of Qatar.
- The aforementioned decision is not applicable to physicians/dentists who are Qataris and residents, as they can undergo a supervised practice under supervision of a licensed specialist in a teaching health institution to alleviate the break in practice as per the policy adopted by the DHP.

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**Thank you for your cooperation,
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