



## Circular No. (02/2021)

<b>From</b>	The Specialized Committee for Complementary Medicine/ Ministry of Public Health
<b>To</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All Hijama Practitioners in the state of Qatar (Governmental &amp; Private sector)</li><li>All Healthcare Facilities/ focal points in the state of Qatar (Governmental &amp; Private sector)</li></ul>
<b>Subject</b>	Update on Hijama (Cupping) Registration/Licensing Standards
<b>Date</b>	25 April 2021

“The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) presents to you its compliments”.

In alignment with the MOPH’s vision to raise the Hijama registration/licensing standards in the state of Qatar and based on the recommendation of the Specialized Committee for Complementary Medicine in its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting dated 13/12/2020, **MOPH has decided to limit the licensing of Hijama practitioners to applicants with a health/medical background starting from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.**

In light of this circular, please consider the following:

- This circular is not applicable for the following categories:
  - Qataris,
  - Offspring of Qatari women,
  - Some residents’ categories as per the conditions approved by the relevant committee in the MOPH.

The afore-mentioned three categories can apply for registration/licensing whether they have a health/medical background or not, and their eligibility will be determined by the Specialized Committee for Complementary Medicine.

- As this circular will be effective on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, all evaluation/licensing requests submitted before the mentioned date will be evaluated to determine the applicants’ eligibility, whether they have a health/medical background or not.

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**Thank you for your cooperation,  
The Specialized Committee for Complementary Medicine/MOPH**