

## CIRCULAR NO (3) OF 2023 (DHP)

From	Department of Healthcare Professions / Ministry of Public Health
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All Physicians 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>
Subject	Amendment of Circular (23-2020) regarding DHP's approved specialty qualifications list for physicians in the State of Qatar
Date	31 January 2023

### “Greetings from the Department of Healthcare Professions”

In the Department of Healthcare Professions' pursuit to unify the policies and procedures that maintain consistency and objectivity of the registration/licensing process; and with the aim of ensuring safety and competency of healthcare practitioners working in the state of Qatar; **DHP has announced the following:**

- All overseas physicians who are willing to be licensed in the State of Qatar in a specific scope of practice must fulfill the requirements for getting Specialty title as per attached policy to be eligible for registration and Licensing in the state of Qatar.
- Updating the policy of DHP's approved Specialty Qualification List for Physicians. (Attachment 1)
- Physicians eligible for Category 3 will be required to pass the DHP licensing qualifying exam for specialists (Attachment 2).
- This circular and its policy will repeal circular number (23-2020) and its attached policy.
- This circular will be effective from 31st January 2023.

Attachment 1: Policy of DHP's approved Specialty Qualification List for Physicians.

Attachment 2: List of Qualifying Examination for specialists and its Blueprint (Content of the Test)

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**Thank you for your cooperation, Department of Healthcare Professions**

**Attachment 1: DHP's new approved specialty  
qualifications list for physicians in the  
State of Qatar**



## Policy Statements

- 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 circular number **(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 1):

#### 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 (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.)

**Table 1:**

Category	Minimum required Years of post-graduate training	Minimum Required years of Experience after post-graduate degree*	DHP licensing qualifying exam
Category 1	Not specified	1 year	Not required
Category 2	Not specified	2 years	Not required
Category 3	3 years	3 years	Required

**\*The required years of clinical work experience for all the categories must be from one of the following**

#### Institutions:

- a) Governmental and semi-governmental institutions/hospitals.
- b) Hospitals that provide Post graduate Training programs (Governmental or Private)



**Fellowship certified applicants:**

- Oversees physicians holding fellowship certificate 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: 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:**

- Oversees 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 circular number 21/2020 and 15/2022.)
- 2- Oversees 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.

**Table 2: Update on the policy of Physicians' Approved Specialty Qualifications in the State of Qatar**

No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
1.	Arab countries	Arab Board for Medical Specialties from GCC countries	Arab Board for Medical Specialties from Arab Countries other than GCC
2.	Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facharztdiplom (Diploma of medical specialist) issued by Österreichische Ärztekammer</li> <li>▪ ArztfürAllgemeinmedizin (Diploma of general medicine)</li> </ul>	
3.	Australia	Membership/ Fellowship of the Royal College. (All the approved specialist training programs by Australian Medical Council).	
4.	Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bijzondereberoepstitel van geneesheerspecialist/ Titre professionnel particulier de médecin spécialiste awarded by the Minister bevoegdvoor Volksgezondheid/ Ministre de la Santé Publique (Formal evidence of having qualified as a medical specialist issued by the Minister of Public Health)</li> </ul>	



No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bijzondereberoepstitel van huisarts/ Titre professionnel particulier de médecin généraliste (Certificate of specific training for general medical practice)</li> </ul>	
5.	Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialization Certificate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)</li> <li>Specialty Certificate from the College of Family Physician of Canada (CFPC)</li> </ul>	
6.	Denmark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bevis for tilladelsetil at betegne sig som speciallæge (Certificate concerning the title of Specialist -Issued by Authority of Health Services) (Sundhedsstyrelsen).</li> <li>Tilladelsetil at anvende betegnelsen alment praktiserende læge/ Speciallæge i almen medicin (Certificate of specific training for general medical practice)</li> </ul>	
7.	Egypt		Doctor of Medicine (MD)
8.	Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erikoislääkarin tutkinto/ Special läkarexamen (Certificate of degree of specialist in medicine awarded by a Finnish University).</li> <li>Todistus yleislääketieteen erityiskoulutuksesta/ Bevis om särskild allmänläkarutbildning (Certificate of specific training for general medical practice)</li> </ul>	
9.	France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificat d'études spécialisées de médecine (CES) (Certificate of Specialized Studies in Medicine issued by French University)</li> </ul>	



No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diplôme d'études spécialisées/ Diplôme d'études spécialisées complémentaires qualifiant de médecine (DESC) (Diploma of complementary specialized studies) issued by French University)</li> <li>Diplôme Interuniversitaire de Spécialité (DIS) (Interuniversity Diploma of medical specialty)</li> </ul>	
10.	Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fachärztliche Anerkennung/ Fachärztliche Urkunde (Certificate of medical specialist issued by State's Medical Council (The Landesärztekammer))</li> <li>A Zeugnis über die spezifische Ausbildung in der Allgemeinmedizi (Certificate of specialist training in general medicine) issued by The Landesärztekammer</li> </ul>	
11.	Greece		<p>Τίτλος ΙατρικήςΕιδικότητας (Certificate of medical specialization - awarded by Greek region of medical specialization)</p> <p>Τίτλος ιατρικήςειδικότητας γενικής ιατρικής (Certificate of specific training for general medical practice)</p>
12.	Hong Kong		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialist training from a recognized post-graduate training program in Hong Kong</li> <li>Fellowship of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM)</li> </ul>



No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
13.	India		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DM</li> <li>M.ch</li> <li>FNB</li> </ul>
14.	Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership / Fellowship of the Royal Colleges <b>and</b> Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist training (CSCST) from Ireland</li> <li>Certificate of Specialist Doctor issued by the Medical Council of Ireland <b>and</b> Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist training (CSCST)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership/ Fellowship of the Royal Colleges before 1996</li> </ul>
15.	Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Diploma di (medico) Specialista, Rilasciati dal rettore di Unauniversita (Diploma of specialized doctor granted by a rector of an Italian university)</li> <li>An Attesto di formazionespecifica in medicinagenerale (Certificate of specific training for general medical practice issued by the Ministry of Health)</li> </ul>	
16.	Japan		PhD
17.	Korea		Certificate of specialization awarded by the Ministry of Health and Welfare
18.	Kuwait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arab board for Medical Specialties <b>and</b> Certificate of completion of residency program from teaching institutions in Kuwait</li> <li>Board Certification by the Kuwait Board under the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialization/ Ministry of Health</li> </ul>	
19.	Malaysia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doctorate Degree</li> </ul>





No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master's degree</li> </ul>
20.	Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bewijis van inschrijving in een Specialistenregister (Certificate of recognition <b>and</b> Registration/ Certificate of entry in the Specialist Register) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medisch Specialisten Registratie Commissie (MRSC)</li> <li>Sociaal-Geneskundigen Registratie Commissie</li> <li>Huisarts en Verpleeghuisarts Registratie Commissie (HVRC) van de Koninklike Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst</li> <li>Note that only certificates issued before 19 July 2007 are accepted from this awarding body: Registratie Commissie Geneskundig Specialisten (RGS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Certificaat van inschrijving in een specialistenregister van huisartsen awarded by any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Huisarts en Verpleeghuisarts Registratie Commissie (HVRC)</li> <li>Registratie Commissie Geneskundig Specialisten (RGS)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
21.	New Zealand	Fellowship of the Royal College	
22.	Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spesialistgodkjenning issued by the Den Norske Legeforening (Medical Association of Norway or Norwegian Directorate of Health)</li> </ul>	



No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bevis for kompetanse som allmennpraktiserende lege/ Godkjenning som allmennpraktiserende lege (Certificate of specific training for general medical practice) issued by Norwegian Registration Authority for Health Personnel -SAK)</li> </ul>	
23.	Oman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arab board for Medical Specialties and Certificate of completion of residency program from teaching institutions in Oman</li> <li>Omani Board</li> </ul>	
24.	Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Título de Especialista (Professional award of specialist) issued by the Ordem dos Medicos</li> <li>Título de especialista em medicina geral e familiar (Certificate of specific training for general medical practice) issued by Ministrio da Saude or Ordem dos Medicos</li> </ul>	
25.	Qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arab board for Medical Specialties and Certificate of completion of residency program from teaching institutions in the state of Qatar</li> <li>Qatar Medical Specialties Certificate (Qatari Board)</li> <li>Certificate of Completion of Fellowship training from teaching institutions in the state of Qatar</li> </ul>	



No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
26.	Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arab board for Medical Specialties <b>and</b> Certificate of completion of residency program from teaching institutions in Saudi Arabia</li> <li>Saudi Specialty Certificate (Saudi Board) issued by Saudi commission for Health Specialties</li> </ul>	
27.	Singapore		Exit Certificate from Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST) <b>and</b> Certificate of Specialist Accreditation from the Specialist Accreditation Board
28.	South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master of Medicine (M. Med)</li> <li>Degree or Fellowship Certificate approved by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA)</li> </ul>	
29.	Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Título de Especialista (Professional qualification of a specialist) issued by the Spanish Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs <b>or</b> the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Título de Especialista en medicina familiar y comunitaria (Specialist certificate in family and community medicine) issued by the Spanish Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs <b>or</b> the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture</li> </ul>	



No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
30.	Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diplôme de médecin spécialiste</li> <li>Diplom als Facharzt</li> <li>Diploma di medico specialista</li> </ul> <p>(Specialist qualification) issued by the Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master of Advanced Studies of Clinical Medicine</li> </ul>	
31.	Sweden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>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)</li> </ul>	
32.	Turkey		Uzmanlık Belgesi issued by Sağlık Bakanlığı (Certificate of Medical Specialty issued by Ministry of Health)
33.	United Arab Emirates	Arab board for Medical Specialties and Certificate of completion of residency program from teaching institutions in U.A.E.	
34.	United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership/Fellowship from Royal Colleges + Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) or equivalent in U.K.</li> <li>Membership/ Fellowship from Royal College of General Practitioners + Certificate of Completion of Training in General Practice (GP) awarded by PMETB and Registration with the GMC as a GP in U.K.</li> </ul>	Membership/Fellowship of the Royal Colleges before 1996



No.	Country (region) of conferring institution	Category 1	Category 2
35.	United States of America	American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Certificates and Subspecialty Certificates	

#### 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 post-graduate 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).
- ❖ Physicians cannot be registered with double specialties unless they are related.
- ❖ 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:

<http://dhp.moph.gov.qa> [www.moph.gov.qa](http://www.moph.gov.qa)



#### **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 change scope 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.

## ملحق (2)

- تمنح المنشآت الصحية الصلاحية لإعطاء مسمى استشاري للأطباء المرخصين لديها تبعاً للضوابط والمعايير المدرجة أدناه:
- 1- أن يكون الطبيب حاصل على ترخيص مزاوله المهنة كطبيب متخصص صادر من إدارة التخصصات الصحية.
  - 2- يمكن للأطباء حاملِي الشهادات من الفئة 1 الحصول على مسمى استشاري بعد أتمام سنتين من الخبرة العملية السريرية.
  - 3- يمكن للأطباء حاملِي الشهادات من الفئة 2 الحصول على مسمى استشاري بعد أتمام أربع سنوات من الخبرة العملية السريرية.
  - 4- يمكن للأطباء حاملِي الشهادات من الفئة 3 الحصول على مسمى استشاري بعد أتمام ست سنوات كاملة من الخبرة العملية السريرية.
  - 5- ان يقدم الطبيب ما يثبت قيامه بنشر ما لا يقل عن (2) من المقالات الطبية، واحدة فقط كتقرير عن حالة مريضة معينة.
  - 6- ان يحصل الطبيب عما لا يقل عن رسالتي تركية حديثة، بالإضافة الى تقييم سنوي مريض من مكان العمل الحالي.
  - 7- تتكون لجنة من المدير الطبي وعضو من ادارة الجودة وعضو من الموارد البشرية في المنشأة الصحية لاتخاذ القرار لإعطاء مسمى استشاري لاحد منتسبيها من الاطباء.
  - 8- يجب ان تكون جميع الوثائق المذكورة أعلاه متوفرة في حال تم طلبها من إدارة التخصصات الصحية لأغراض التدقيق.

## Attachment 2: List of Qualifying Examination and its Blueprint

No.	Exam Title	Cut Score	No. of items/ exam duration
1.	Anesthesia	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
2.	Cardiology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
3.	Critical Care Medicine	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
4.	Dermatology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
5.	Diagnostic Radiology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
6.	Emergency Medicine	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
7.	Endocrinology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
8.	Family Medicine	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
9.	Gastroenterology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
10.	General Surgery	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
11.	Internal Medicine	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
12.	Neurosurgery	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
13.	Obstetrics and Gynecology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
14.	Ophthalmology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
15.	Orthopedic Surgery	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
16.	Otorhinolaryngology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
17.	Pediatrics	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
18.	Pediatrics Surgery	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
19.	Plastic Surgery	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
20.	Psychiatry	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
21.	Sports Medicine	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
22.	Urology	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours
23.	Vascular Surgery	65%	150 MCQs ,3 ½ hours

Note: For exam references, please check the [Qualifying Examination page](#) on DHP website.

### 1. Anesthesia

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Airway	15	
	2. Thoracic, Cardiac and Vascular	14	
	3. Neurosurgical and Critical Care Medicine	13	
	4. Obstetrics	15	
	5. Neonatal and Pediatric	14	





	6. Organ Based Anesthesia	15	65%
	7. Trauma, Burns and Orthopedic Surgery	15	
	8. Regional Anesthesia, Acute and Chronic Pain	12	
	9. Peri Operative Medicine	15	
	10. Non-Operative Room Anesthesia	12	
	11. Patient Safety	6	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	4	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 2. Cardiology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Coronary Artery Disease	30	65%
	2. Cardiac Failure	23	
	3. Valvular Diseases	15	
	4. Cardiac Arrhythmia	15	
	5. Congenital Heart Disease	8	
	6. Pericardial	8	
	7. Cardiac Pharmacology	15	
	8. Systemic Diseases	8	
	9. Peripheral Vascular Disease	7	
	10. Cardiomyopathies	7	
	11. Patient Safety	7	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 3. Critical Care Medicine

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Pulmonary Disease and Mechanical Ventilation	23	
	2. Gastrointestinal Disorders	9	
	3. Pharmacology and Toxicology	9	
	4. Cardiovascular Diseases and Hemodynamics	20	
	5. Infectious Diseases	12	
	6. Renal, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders	15	
	7. Hematologic and Oncologic Disorders	9	



	8. Neurologic Disorders	15	65%
	9. Critical Care Radiology	4	
	10. Obstetrics and Gynecology Disorders	4	
	11. Surgery, Trauma, Burn and Transplantation	15	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
	13. Patient Safety	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

#### 4. Dermatology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Papulosquamous and Eczematous Dermatitis	20	65%
	2. Urticaria, erythemas, purpura and connective tissue diseases	12	
	3. Vesiculobullous disorders	8	
	4. Adnexal, hair, nails and mucous membranes diseases	8	
	5. Metabolic, systemic diseases and disorders of dermal connective tissues and subcutaneous fat	12	
	6. Infections	12	
	7. Cutaneous neoplasms	21	
	8. Pediatric Dermatology	15	
	9. Procedural Dermatology	14	
	10. Skin Manifestations of Other Diseases	7	
	11. Pigmentary disorders and Photodermatitis	7	
	12. Patient Safety	7	
	13. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

#### 5. Diagnostic Radiology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Body Imaging	18	
	2. Neuro Imaging	18	
	3. Head and Neck Imaging	8	
	4. Musculoskeletal Imaging	18	
	5. Chest Imaging	18	
	6. Cardiovascular Imaging	11	



	7. Pediatrics Imaging	18	65%
	8. Women Imaging	12	
	9. Ethics and Research	7	
	10. Patient Safety	7	
	11. Contrast, Physics and Radiation Safety	15	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 6. Emergency Medicine

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Resuscitation/Shock/Airway	20	65%
	2. Obstetrics and Gynecology	7	
	3. Neurology/Psychiatry	9	
	4. Gastroenterology	7	
	5. Cardiovascular & respiratory diseases	15	
	6. Endocrine/Electrolytes/Nephrology/Urology	7	
	7. Hematology & Oncology	7	
	8. Pediatrics	12	
	9. Trauma/EMS/Disaster	20	
	10. Orthopedic	11	
	11. Toxicology / environmental	12	
	12. ID, ENT, Ophta, Derma, End of life and Palliative care	8	
	13. Patient Safety	8	
	14. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 7. Endocrinology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Diabetes mellitus	30	65%
	2. Obesity	10	
	3. Dyslipidemia	11	
	4. Thyroid Disorders	23	
	5. Hypothalamus and Pituitary Disorders	15	
	6. Adrenal Disorders	12	
	7. Parathyroid / Metabolic bone diseases	15	



	8. Reproductive Endocrinology	12	
	9. Peds endocrinology	8	
	10. Patient Safety	7	
	11. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 8. Family Medicine

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
<b>(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)</b>	1. Family Medicine	27	65%
	2. Internal Medicine	18	
	3. Pediatric	14	
	4. Obstetrics and Gynecology	14	
	5. General Surgery	9	
	6. Psychiatry	14	
	7. Emergency Medicine (Adult and Pediatric)	18	
	8. Dermatology	7	
	9. Orthopedic and Musculoskeletal	8	
	10. Ophthalmology	7	
	11. Otolaryngology	7	
	12. Radiology	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 9. Gastroenterology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
<b>(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)</b>	1. Gastroenterology Nutrition Motility Disorders	9	65%
	2. Gastrointestinal Malignancies	13	
	3. Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, Small and Large Intestine	9	
	4. Gastrointestinal Bleeding	23	
	5. Oesophageal and Gastric Diseases	21	
	6. Pancreaticobiliary Diseases	23	
	7. Liver and Liver Related Conditions and Diseases	38	
	8. Patient Safety	7	
	9. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 10. General Surgery

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	15. Fluid and Electrolytes	7	65%
	16. Shock	6	
	1. Sepsis and Surgical Infections	10	
	2. Endocrine and Breast	11	
	3. Upper GI	21	
	4. Hepato-biliary	15	
	5. Patient Safety	7	
	6. Perioperative Care	3	
	7. Trauma and Critical Care	11	
	8. Colorectal and Perianal	21	
	9. Pancreas and Spleen	11	
	10. Hernia (all)	11	
	11. Vascular	3	
	12. Paediatrics	4	
	13. Skin and Soft Tissue	3	
	14. Professionalism and Ethics	6	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 11. Internal Medicine

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Cardiovascular	15	65%
	2. Pulmonary Diseases	15	
	3. Gastrointestinal Diseases	15	
	4. Infectious Diseases	17	
	5. Hematology	9	
	6. Oncology	7	
	7. Nephrology	12	
	8. Rheumatology	12	
	9. Endocrinology	14	
	10. Neuroscience	9	
	11. Emergency Medicine	10	



	12. Patient Safety	8	
	13. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 12. Neurosurgery

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Neurovascular	15	65%
	2. Neuro-oncology	15	
	3. Neurotrauma	15	
	4. Pediatric Neurosurgery	15	
	5. Spine	15	
	6. Functional Neurosurgery	10	
	7. Peripheral nerves surgery	10	
	8. General Neurosurgical Principles	15	
	9. Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology	9	
	10. Neuropathology/Neuroradiology & Neurology	15	
	11. Research & Ethics	8	
	12. Patient Safety	8	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 13. Obstetrics and Gynecology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. General obstetrics	31	65%
	2. General Gynecology	26	
	3. Maternal fetal medicine	17	
	4. Gynecology Oncology	19	
	5. Women health	14	
	6. Urogynecology and Pelvic Floor disorders	8	
	7. Reproductive endocrinology & infertility	12	
	8. Perioperative Management	7	
	9. Patient Safety	8	
	10. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 14. Ophthalmology



Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Anterior segment	26	65%
	2. Glaucoma	15	
	3. Retina	22	
	4. Uveitis	11	
	5. Pediatric Ophthalmology	20	
	6. Oculoplastic	14	
	7. Neuro-ophthalmology	13	
	8. Comprehensive (Optics/Pathology)	15	
	9. Patient Safety	7	
	10. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
Total		150	

### 15. Orthopedic Surgery

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Infections	15	65%
	2. Trauma	30	
	3. Pediatric Orthopedics	23	
	4. Orthopedic Sport Medicine	15	
	5. Metabolic Skeletal Disorders	8	
	6. Spine	7	
	7. Reconstruction	15	
	8. Upper Limb	7	
	9. Foot and Ankle	7	
	10. Oncology	7	
	11. Patient Safety	8	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
Total		150	

## 16. Otorhinolaryngology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. General	12	65%
	2. Otology and Otoneurology	27	
	3. Pediatric	15	
	4. Audiology and Speech	7	
	5. Rhinology and Skull Base	27	
	6. Head and Neck	23	
	7. Facio Plastic / Reconstruction	12	
	8. Laryngology	12	
	9. Patient Safety	7	
	10. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
Total		150	

## 17. Pediatrics

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Growth and Development Adolescent and behavior	22	65%
	2. Gastroenterology	8	
	3. Acute care (ER, PICU, NICU)	23	
	4. Metabolic and Endocrine	7	
	5. Allergy / Immunology / Infectious Diseases	15	
	6. Respiratory	15	
	7. Cardiovascular	7	
	8. Hematology/ Oncology	7	
	9. Neurology	15	
	10. Renal /Musculoskeletal	8	
	11. Pediatrics Surgery	7	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
	13. Patient Safety	8	



### 18. Pediatrics Surgery

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Principles of Surgery	7	65%
	2. General Pediatric Surgery	23	
	3. Specific Areas of Pediatric Surgery	7	
	4. Head and Neck	7	
	5. Genitourinary	7	
	6. Thoracic Surgery	23	
	7. Neonatal Surgery	23	
	8. Trauma	15	
	9. Oncology	23	
	10. Patient Safety	7	
	11. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
Total		150	

### 19. Plastic Surgery

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Wound Repair and Integument	8	65%
	2. Anaesthesia, Critical Care, Transplant, and Immunology	7	
	3. Burn	15	
	4. Head, Neck and Craniomaxillofacial	23	
	5. Upper Extremity	23	
	6. Lower Extremity	22	
	7. Genitourinary System and Trunk	23	
	8. Breast	15	
	9. Patient Safety	7	
	10. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
Total		150	

### 20. Psychiatry

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
	1. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	8	



(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	2. Public Psychiatry / Geriatric Psychiatry	9	65%
	3. Emergency Psychiatry	11	
	4. Anxiety Disorders / Obsessive Compulsive and related Disorders / Trauma and Stress related Disorders	15	
	5. Depressive Disorders / Bipolar and related Disorders	15	
	6. Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders	20	
	7. Substance-related and Addictive Disorders	14	
	8. Personality Disorders	7	
	9. Psychosomatic Medicine (Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry)/Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders)	15	
	10. Psychotherapy / Psychosocial Interventions	7	
	11. Basic Psychopharmacology / Physical Therapy (ECT and others)	8	
	12. Forensic Psychiatry	7	
	13. Patient Safety	7	
	14. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 21. Sports Medicine

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Applied Anatomy	20	65%
	2. Exercise Physiology	19	
	3. Kinesiology	18	
	4. Electrotherapy	9	
	5. Advanced Sports Injury Assessment	30	
	6. Treatment for Sports Injuries	27	
	7. Medical Taping Techniques	9	
	8. Nutrition and Sports Performance	9	
	9. Sports Psychology	9	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 22. Urology

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
	1. Basics of Urologic surgery	7	



(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	2. Infections / Inflammation	15	65%
	3. Reproductive / Sexual health	12	
	4. Trauma / Neurourology	20	
	5. Urolithiasis / Obstruction	23	
	6. Renal failure	7	
	7. Adrenal / Neoplasm	15	
	8. Prostate	17	
	9. Paediatric Urology	20	
	10. Patient Safety	7	
	11. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	

### 23. Vascular Surgery

Evaluation Item	Content	Required items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Basic Vascular Knowledge	15	65%
	2. Vascular Imaging	8	
	3. Aneurysmal Disease	15	
	4. Atherosclerotic Disease and Ischemia	23	
	5. Visceral and Renovascular Disease	7	
	6. Neurovascular Disease	15	
	7. Venous and Lymphatics Diseases	15	
	8. Vasculitis and Connective Tissue Disease	7	
	9. AV Fistula and Access	15	
	10. Vascular Emergencies	15	
	11. Patient Safety	7	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	