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Subject	Automatic renewal of medical license for healthcare Practitioners licensed under governmental healthcare facilities
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Greetings from the Department of Healthcare Professions at MoPH,

In alignment with the Department of Healthcare Profession's mission and values to improve the health sector in the State of Qatar, DHP always works to update the regulatory procedures to ensure competency of healthcare practitioners working in the state of Qatar and to preserve the safety of patients. As the Registration section in the Department of Healthcare professions is aiming to improve the service for the practitioners, DHP has decided the following:

- The medical license of healthcare practitioners licensed under governmental facilities will be automatically renewed yearly for five years, including all professions (physicians, dentists, nurses, allied health practitioners, and pharmacists).
- As of November 1, 2021, any new medical license granted to healthcare practitioners of governmental facilities will follow the above-mentioned automatic renewal procedure.
- For healthcare practitioners currently licensed under governmental facilities, the automatic renewal of each practitioner's medical license will be activated after the completion of the next renewal application through the electronic registration/licensing system in accordance with the renewal procedures currently adopted.
- All healthcare practitioners licensed under governmental facilities must apply for renewal of the medical license, which includes all renewal requirements through the electronic registration/licensing system every five years.
- Healthcare practitioners licensed under "private sector", "semi-governmental" or both "governmental sector and private sector/semi-governmental sector" will follow the current renewal procedure. In the future, they will be included in the automatic renewal procedure, then an announcement will be released.



- All the governmental facilities and their healthcare practitioners shall comply with the following:
 - ✓ The practitioners shall submit their CME/CPD credits at the end of each cycle which is 2 years. (80 credits/2-year CPD cycle).
 - ✓ Healthcare Practitioners must submit 40 CME/CPD credits for the last year in five years and before applying for the medical license renewal.
 - ✓ It is the responsibility of the healthcare practitioner and its facility to inform the registration department in case the health practitioner stops working for any reason by submitting “removal from registry “request through registration / licensing electronic system.
 - ✓ Healthcare facilities are fully responsible for ensuring the health fitness requirements of their practitioners that are mentioned in the registration/licensing procedures and must take action to assume their responsibility in this context.
- Non-compliance to the participation in the CME/CPD system may have several consequences depending on its severity, as follows:
 - ✓ Automatic renewal of the practitioner’s medical license will be suspended if CME/CPD credits are not provided at the end of each two-year cycle.
 - ✓ The practitioner shall submit an appeal through the accreditation system. They will be given a limited period (according to the CPD Cycle Appeals Process Policy) during which they can try to resolve the CME/CPD issues.
 - ✓ If the practitioner didn’t submit an appeal or the limited period is finished, and still the practitioner is non-compliant, they will receive a warning letter.
 - ✓ The Practitioner’s medical license will be subjected to suspension in case of non-compliance with the above requirements.

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Thank you for your cooperation