



## CIRCULAR NO. (10 /2023)

<b>From</b>	Department of Healthcare Professions "DHP" / Ministry of Public Health
<b>To</b>	<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>
<b>Subject</b>	Introducing new additional specialty exams for Specialty Physicians
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Greetings from the "Department of Healthcare Professions",

In reference to circular no. (03/2023), regarding the "DHP's Approved Specialty Qualifications List for Physicians in the State of Qatar" and DHP's continuous pursuit to meet international best practices, ensure the competency of healthcare practitioners, and maintain patient safety, **DHP announces the following:**

- The availability of 11 additional Specialty Exams** through Prometric for physicians who are holding post-graduate degrees from category "3".

No.	Exam Title	Cut Score	No. of Items/ Exam Duration	Scopes required to take the Qualifying Exam
1.	Anatomical Pathology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Laboratory Medicine/Anatomic Pathology</li></ul>
2.	Clinical pathology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Laboratory Medicine/ Clinical pathology</li></ul>
3.	Community Medicine	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community Medicine</li></ul>
4.	Forensic Medicine	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Forensic Medicine</li></ul>
5.	Haematology and Oncology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Haematology</li><li>Medical oncology</li></ul>
6.	Medical Microbiology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Laboratory Medicine/ Microbiology</li></ul>
7.	Nephrology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nephrology</li></ul>
8.	Neurology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Neurology</li><li>Clinical Neurophysiology</li></ul>
9.	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</li></ul>
10.	Pulmonary	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pulmonary</li></ul>
11.	Rheumatology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rheumatology</li></ul>

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



2. Below is a guide to which **scopes of practice are required to take which qualifying exam**, Any scope of practice not mentioned below will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

No.	Exam Title	Cut Score	No. of Items/ Exam Duration	Scopes required to take the Qualifying Exam
1	Anatomical Pathology	65%	150MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Laboratory Medicine/ Anatomic Pathology
2	Anesthesia	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Anesthesia
3	Cardiology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Cardiology
4	Clinical pathology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Laboratory Medicine/ Clinical pathology
5	Community Medicine	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Community Medicine
6	Critical Care Medicine	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Critical Care Medicine
7	Dermatology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Dermatology
8	Diagnostic radiology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Diagnostic radiology 2. Interventional Radiology 3. Nuclear medicine
9	Emergency Medicine	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Emergency Medicine
10	Endocrinology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Endocrinology
11	Family Medicine	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Family Medicine
12	Forensic Medicine	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Forensic Medicine
13	Gastroenterology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Gastroenterology
14	General Surgery	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. General Surgery 2. Cardiac surgery 3. Oral &Maxillofacial Surgery 4. Thoracic surgery 5. Trauma Surgery
15	Haematology and Oncology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Hematology 1. Medical oncology
16	Internal Medicine	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Internal Medicine 2. Geriatric medicine 3. Immunology 4. Infectious disease
17	Medical Microbiology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Laboratory Medicine/ Microbiology
18	Nephrology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Nephrology
19	Neurology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Neurology 2. Clinical Neurophysiology
20	Neurosurgery	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Neurosurgery
21	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Obstetrics and Gynaecology
22	Ophthalmology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Ophthalmology
23	Orthopedic Surgery	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Orthopaedic Surgery
24	Otorhinolaryngology	65%	150 MCQs,3 ½ hours	1. Otorhinolaryngology



25	Pediatrics	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pediatrics</li> <li>2. Neonatal-perinatal medicine</li> <li>3. Pediatric Allergy-Immunology</li> <li>4. Pediatric cardiology</li> <li>5. Pediatric Clinical and Metabolic Genetics</li> <li>6. Pediatric Emergency Medicine</li> <li>7. Pediatric Endocrine &amp; Diabetes</li> <li>8. Pediatric gastroenterology</li> <li>9. Pediatric Hematology&amp;Oncology</li> <li>10. Pediatric Infectious Diseases</li> <li>11. Pediatric Intensive Care</li> <li>12. Pediatric Nephrology</li> <li>13. Pediatric Neurology</li> <li>14. Pediatric pulmonology</li> <li>15. Pediatric Rehabilitation/ Developmental Medicine</li> <li>16. Pediatric rheumatology</li> </ol>
26	Pediatrics Surgery	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pediatrics Surgery</li> </ol>
27	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</li> </ol>
28	Plastic Surgery	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plastic Surgery</li> </ol>
29	Psychiatry	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Psychiatry</li> <li>2. Child &amp; adolescent psychiatry</li> </ol>
30	Pulmonary	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pulmonary</li> </ol>
31	Rheumatology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rheumatology</li> </ol>
32	Sports Medicine	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sports Medicine</li> </ol>
33	Urology	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Urology</li> <li>2. Andrology / Male Fertility</li> </ol>
34	Vascular Surgery	65%	150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vascular Surgery</li> </ol>

**Attachment:** New 11 Exams Blueprint (Content of the Test)

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



## Qualifying Examination Blueprint (Content of the Test)

### 1. Anatomical Pathology

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Cytology	14	65%
	2. Skin	7	
	3. Head and Neck and CNS	23	
	4. Respiratory Tract and Cardiovascular System	9	
	5. Endocrine System	9	
	6. GIT	23	
	7. Soft tissue and Bone	9	
	8. Male Reproductive System and Urinary Tract	13	
	9. Breast and Female Reproductive System and Placenta	29	
	10. Hematolymphoid	7	
	11. Quality Control, Lab Safety and Lab Management	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

### 2. Clinical pathology

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Benign Hematology (Haemoglobinopathies, Anemia, Coagulopathies)	12	65%
	2. Malignant Hematology (Leukemia, Lymphoma)	12	
	3. Surgical Pathology, Autopsy and Forensic Pathology	8	
	4. Bacteriology	15	
	5. Mycology and Parasitology	8	
	6. Virology, Immunology and Serology	7	
	7. Cytogenetics and Molecular Studies	7	
	8. Clinical Chemistry and Toxicology	45	
	9. Blood Transfusion Medicine	13	
	10. Laboratory management, Quality, Safety and Ethics	23	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	



### 3. Community Medicine

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
<b>(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)</b>	1. Epidemiology / Research methods	30	65%
	2. Clinical Preventive Services	23	
	3. Biostatistics	15	
	4. Behavioral and mental health	7	
	5. Health promotion & Health education	15	
	6. Health services management	11	
	7. Maternal and child healthcare	8	
	8. International Health	7	
	9. Health informatics	7	
	10. Occupational health	9	
	11. Environmental health	11	
	12. Community Medicine ethics / legal aspects	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

### 4. Forensic Medicine

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
<b>(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)</b>	1. Forensic Thanatology	15	65%
	2. Identification	8	
	3. Sudden Unexpected Death	15	
	4. Mechanical and Physical Injuries	45	
	5. Asphyxia	8	
	6. Injuries Due to Physical Agents	7	
	7. Road Traffic Accidents	7	
	8. Infanticide and Death Associated with Pregnancy	8	
	9. Sexual Assaults	15	
	10. Forensic Toxicology and Sciences	15	
	11. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	



## 5. Hematology and Oncology

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
<b>,MCQs 150)</b> <b>(hours ½ 3</b>	Red Cell Disorders .1	21	65%
	Benign White Cell Disorders .2	7	
	Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes .3	8	
	Bleeding Disorders .4	17	
	Thrombophilia .5	14	
	Myeloproliferative Disorders .6	16	
	Acute Leukemia and Myelodysplastic Syndromes .7	18	
	(Lymphoproliferative Disorders (including plasma cell dyscrasias .8	15	
	Hematologic Emergencies and Complications .9	8	
	Transfusion Medicine .10	8	
	Bone Marrow Transplant and its Complications .11	7	
	Patient Safety .12	7	
	Professionalism and Ethics .13	4	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 6. Medical Microbiology

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
<b>(150 MCQs,</b> <b>3 ½ hours)</b>	1. Microbiology	105	65%
	2. Urinalysis & Other Body Fluids	12	
	3. Immunology and Serology	12	
	4. Laboratory Operations	14	
	5. Patient Safety and Professionalism	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	



## 7. Nephrology

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Hemodialysis	20	65%
	2. Peritoneal Dialysis	7	
	3. Kidney Transplantation	7	
	4. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): Detection and Management	21	
	5. Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) and Critical Care	20	
	6. Fluid and Electrolytes and Acid Base Disorders	20	
	7. Hypertension	10	
	8. Glomerular and Vascular	20	
	9. Cystic, Genetic Diseases and Nephrolithiasis	11	
	10. Patient safety	7	
	11. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 8. Neurology

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Cerebrovascular Disorders	23	65%
	2. Epilepsy and Paroxysmal Disorders	23	
	3. Cognitive Disorders	10	
	4. Movement Disorders	10	
	5. Neuro-Immunological Disorders	10	
	6. Neuro-infectious Disorders	10	
	7. Neuromuscular Disorders	11	
	8. Cephalgia and Headache Disorders	23	
	9. Neurology of systemic diseases	8	
	10. Clinical Neurophysiology	7	
	11. Patient Safety	7	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	8	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	



## 9. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Spinal Cord Injury	18	65%
	2. Stroke	15	
	3. Traumatic Brain Injury	15	
	4. Musculoskeletal, Sport and Chronic Pain Rehab	15	
	5. Amputation, Prosthetics and Orthotics	12	
	6. Pediatric Rehab	12	
	7. Rheumatology Rehab	11	
	8. Orthopedics Rehab	8	
	9. Neuro rehab	8	
	10. Cardiac/ Pulmonary Rehab	7	
	11. Burns and Oncology Rehab	8	
	12. Geriatric Rehab	7	
	13. Patient Safety	7	
	14. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	

## 10. Pulmonary

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. Obstructive Lung Disease	31	65%
	2. Interstitial and Inflammatory Lung Disease	19	
	3. Occupational and environmental diseases	7	
	4. Infections	15	
	5. Neoplasms	13	
	6. Pleural Diseases	7	
	7. Sleep Medicine	15	
	8. Congenital, Neuromuscular, and Skeletal Abnormalities	7	
	9. Vascular Disorders	15	
	10. Critical Care Medicine	7	
	11. Patient Safety	7	
	12. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	





## 11. Rheumatology

Evaluation Item	Content	No. of items	Passing Score
<b>(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)</b>	1. Regional Pain Syndromes, Cartilage and Bone Diseases	9	65%
	2. Rheumatoid Arthritis	24	
	3. Seronegative Spondyloarthropathies	15	
	4. Crystal Induced Arthropathies	9	
	5. Infectious and Related Arthritis	12	
	6. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Antiphospholipid Syndrome	27	
	7. Other Rheumatic and Connective Tissue Diseases	24	
	8. Vasculitis	15	
	9. Patient Safety	8	
	10. Professionalism and Ethics	7	
<b>Total</b>		<b>150</b>	