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From	Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP)
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All healthcare practitioners from the nursing and midwifery professions in the State of Qatar.• All Focal Points in the State of Qatar in both (Governmental and Private) sector.
Subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Updates on the Policy of Registering/Licensing Nursing and Midwifery profession in the state of Qatar.- Approval of the national framework for the standards of registering / licensing healthcare practitioners of nursing and midwifery category.
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The Registration Department in Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP) presents to you its compliments.

In accordance with QCHP strong pursuit to cope with current developments in the healthcare sector, in alignment with the international standards related to the nursing and midwifery profession and in order to assure the quality of the healthcare services provided for citizens and residents in the State of Qatar. QCHP Board has approved the nursing and midwifery regulatory standards in its 6th meeting held on 16/06/2015, it has been decided to modify the current nursing and midwifery registration and licensing requirements as follows:

- Nursing and midwifery current titles related to their scopes of practice. (Attachment 1).
- Approved requirements for registering/licensing nursing and midwifery profession in the state of Qatar. (Attachment 2).

In addition to the credence of The National Framework for the Standards of Registering / Licensing for the healthcare practitioners of nursing and midwifery category (available on the following website link) .

<https://www.moph.gov.qa/qatar-council-of-health-practitioners/registration>

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Thank you for your cooperation,

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**Attachment 1:
New approved titles on the nursing and midwifery current
titles related to their scopes of practice**



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<u>New approved scopes names</u>	
Registered General Nurse	ممرض عام مسجل
Clinical nurse specialist (Cardiology)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (أمراض القلب)
Clinical nurse specialist (Critical care)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (عناية حرجة)
Clinical nurse specialist (Emergency)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (طوارئ)
Clinical nurse specialist (Anesthesia)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (تخدير)
Clinical nurse specialist (Geriatric)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (أمراض الشيخوخة)
Clinical nurse specialist (Medical surgical)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (باطنه و جراحة)
Registered Midwife	قابلة قانونية مسجلة
Clinical nurse specialist (Neonatal)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (حديثي الولادة)
Clinical nurse specialist (Nephrology)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (أمراض الكلى)
Nurse Educator	معلم تمريض
Nurse practitioner	ممرض ممارس متقدم
Nurse trainee	ممرض متدرب
Clinical nurse specialist (Occupational health)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (صحة مهنية)
Clinical nurse specialist (Oncology)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (أورام)
Clinical nurse specialist (Orthopedic)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (عظام)
Clinical nurse specialist (Pediatric)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (أطفال)
Clinical nurse specialist (Primary health care)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (رعاية صحية أولية)
Clinical nurse specialist (Psychiatric)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (أمراض نفسية)
Clinical nurse specialist (Public health)	ممرض إكلينيكي متخصص (صحة عامة)



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**Attachment 2:
Approved Registration and licensing requirements for
Nurses and Midwifery in the state of Qatar**



Scope of practice	Education Requirements	Experience Requirements	Qualifying Exam
Registered General Nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bachelor Degree in nursing (4 years). <li style="text-align: center;">Or ✓ Diploma in Nursing: 3 years after graduation from high school (12 years). <li style="text-align: center;">Or ✓ Associate degree in nursing in condition of being licensed as Registered General Nurse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In country of origin <li style="text-align: center;">Or • In country of graduation . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2 years clinical experience after registration and licensing as registered general nurse <li style="text-align: center;">Or ✓ 3 years clinical experience after registration and licensing as registered general nurse ; in case the practitioner has <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate degree in nursing . 	Prometric
Clinical Nurse Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meet the requirements as registered general nurse <li style="text-align: center;">AND ✓ Post graduate degree in nursing Minimum 1 year from recognized educational institutions. <li style="text-align: center;">Or ✓ Masters degree in nursing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 years clinical experience after registration as registered general nurse <li style="text-align: center;">And 1 year experience in the same specialization after <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • post graduate degree in nursing <li style="text-align: center;">Or • masters degree in nursing ✓ For nurse educator specialty only ; in case they did not obtain post graduate nor masters degree in nursing, they are required to have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 years clinical experience after registration and licensing as registered 	Not Required



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		<p>general nurse .</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 years experience as nurse educator 	
Registered Midwife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bachelor Degree in Midwifery or equivalent <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bachelor Degree in Nursing AND recognized post-graduate program in Midwifery 	<p>2 years as Midwife after registration and licensing as registered midwife.</p>	Prometric
Nurse Trainee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bachelor Degree in nursing (4 years) <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Diploma in Nursing: 3 years after graduation from high school (12 years) <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Associate degree in nursing in condition of being licensed as RGN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In country of origin <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In country of graduation . 	No experience required	Not Required
Nurse practitioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meet requirements as registered general nurse <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Masters degree in nursing <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PHD in nursing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 years clinical experience after registration as registered general nurse <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>2 year experience in the same specialization after masters degree or PHD.</p>	Not Required



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Notes:-

- Holders of **National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)** shall be exempted from the State of Qatar's qualifying exam (Prometric) provided that the applicant succeeded in the exam not earlier than the last five years.
- Nursing profession is a clinically based field accordingly any online/ distance-learning program will not be recognized currently according to the followed policy in the ministry of education.
- Applicants with total clinical experience less than the required experience should apply for registration/ licensing as a "Nurse Trainee".
- Any practitioner who has a non – nursing degree (health related study) and holds a Master degree in clinical Nursing and is licensed from his/her country of origin can apply for registration/ licensing as a registered general nurse.
- Any practitioner holding a Diploma or bachelor degree in one of the specialist branches of the nursing field (i.e mental health, pediatric) and is licensed as a registered general nurse in his/ her home country, shall apply for registration/ licensing as a registered general nurse in the area of specialty.
- Any practitioner who holds a license in Nursing and an additional license in Midwifery must demonstrate that they have a current license in their country of origin in the field that they wish to practice. If dual registration is sought they must demonstrate the requirements of each professional scope separately.