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## Circular No. (14/2016)

<b>From</b>	Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP)
<b>To</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All Healthcare 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>	Regulation of new additional scopes in the "Dentist" Profession
<b>Date</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> June 2016

"The Registration Department in Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners presents to you its compliments".

In the Registration Department's pursuit to keep up to date with the latest global practices in the field of dentistry and to promote the healthcare services provided for citizens and residents in the State of Qatar; and based on the decision of the Permanent Licensing Committee (PLC) in its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting dated 25/05/2016, it has been decided to add the below mentioned scopes to the current approved scopes regulated by QCHP;

- "Oral Medicine"
- "Public Health Dentistry"

The above mentioned scopes will be evaluated according to "The Approved Dental specialty Qualifications in the State of Qatar" policy approved by the "PLC" in December 2012 (Attachment 2: Circular (1/2013)) as follows:

1. In case the specialty certificate is within the approved dental specialty qualifications, the application will be evaluated by the registration department and the dentist will be granted the title "Specialized Dentist" in "Oral medicine" or "Public Health Dentistry".
2. In case the specialty certificate is not within the approved dental qualifications, the application will be referred to an expert panel to determine the applicant's eligibility in the requested scope.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Definition and scope of practice of the above mentioned new scopes
- Attachment 2: circular (1-2013) Approved Dental Specialty Qualifications in the State of Qatar

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**Thank you for your cooperation,**  
**Registration Team/ Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners**



## Attachment 1: Definition and scope of practice of the above mentioned new scopes

Scope	Definition	Scope of practice
<b>Public Health Dentistry</b>	It is the science and art of diagnosing, preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oral health surveillance ; applying knowledge of dental epidemiology in the planning, execution and interpretation of dental surveys, in addition to undertaking oral health needs assessment.</li> <li>2. Assessing the evidence on oral health and dental interventions, programmes and services by applying evidence base to practice.</li> <li>3. Oral health improvement by promoting oral health within a general health promotion context and advocating for oral health improvement within improvement of systems for general health.</li> <li>4. Capability of policy &amp; Strategy Development, &amp; Implementation.</li> <li>5. Strategic Leadership &amp; Collaborative Working for Health.</li> <li>6. Health and public protection by undertaking risk management in the context of infection control in dentistry and providing appropriate advice relating to patient and public safety.</li> <li>7. Role within the Health Service by demonstrate responsibility for the enhancement of dental service quality.</li> </ol>
<b>Oral Medicine</b>	It is concerned with the oral health care of patients with chronic and medically related disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region, and with their diagnosis with non surgical management.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Perform detailed and reliable history taking and recording of appropriate details.</li> <li>2. Medical diagnosis and management of oral maxillofacial region pathology and disorders including: salivary glands dysfunction, oral mucosal lesions. Bacterial, viral &amp; fungal infectious conditions.</li> <li>3. Medical management of chronic pain conditions of the orofacial region and TMJ disorders.</li> <li>4. Provide accurate evaluation of operative interventions options for different oral soft tissue lesions.</li> </ol>



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## Attachment 2: Circular (1-2013) Approved Dental Specialty Qualifications in the State of Qatar

### Circular( 1/ 2013 )

<b>From</b>	Dr. Jamal Rashid Al- Khanji Director, Healthcare Quality Management & Patient Safety Dept. /SCH
<b>To</b>	All Licensed Dentists in the State of Qatar All Dentists seeking for registration/licensing in the State of Qatar All Health Facilities in the State of Qatar
<b>Subject</b>	Approved Dental Specialty Qualification in the State Of Qatar
<b>Date</b>	1 January 2013

"Registration Department in Supreme Council of Health presents to you its compliments"

At its meeting No. 17 held on 10/12/2012, the Permanent Licensing Committee (PLC) approved the "Recognized Dental Specialty Qualification in the State of Qatar".

Please find the following attachments:

- Attach.1/Approved Dental Specialty Qualification in the State of Qatar
- Attach.2/General Remarks
- Attach.3/Certificates that will not be professionally classified.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.



**ATTACHMENT # 1: APPROVED DENTAL SPECIALTY QUALIFICATION IN THE STATE OF QATAR**

- Listed below are the most common approved dental specialty qualifications in the State of Qatar for Periodontics , Orthodontics , Pedodontics , Endodontics and Prosthodontics .
- Qualifications from countries other than mentioned in the below table are evaluated through panels of dental specialists in Qatar.

COUNTRY	CATEGORY 1 Qualifications are eligible for dental Specialty scope of practice which require no experience or supervision	CATEGORY 2 Qualifications are eligible for dental Specialty scope of practice which require years of experience or supervision in the specialty field
AUSTRALIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doctor of Clinical Dentistry</li> <li>• ( Approved specialist training programs by dental board of Australia )</li> </ul>	
CANADA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diploma in a clinical specialty Or</li> <li>• Dental specialty program Or</li> <li>• Proof of National dental Specialty examination (NDSC) Or</li> <li>• Fellowship of the royal college of dentist of Canada</li> </ul>	
DENMARK	Specialty certificate	
EGYPT	Doctoral Degree	Clinical Master Degree + 3 years of experience
FRANCE		CES (Certified d ` Etudes Specialises)= granted to the individuals of the EU until 1985 , then substituted by the DES certificate.



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		D.I.S. (Diploma Interuniversitaires de Specialitie ) Granted to foreigners + 2 years of experience (all applicant are required to submit their transcript and program curriculum or equivalent )
GERMANY		Facharzt (Fachärztliche Anerkennung) + 2 years experience
HONG KONG	Master of dental surgery	
INDIA		Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) + 4 years experience
IRAN		Iranian Board + 4 years of experience ( all applicants are required to submit their transcript and program curriculum or equivalent )
IRELAND	Before 2007-Master of Dental Surgery( M.Dent.Ch) After 2007-D.Ch.Dent	
JORDAN		Advanced specialty certificate + 3 years of experience ( all applicants are required to submit their transcript and program curriculum or equivalent )
LEBANON		Master of Science in Dentistry Or Postgraduate Diploma + 3 years of experience



<b>NETHERLAND</b>		Clinical specialty Certificate + 2 years of experience
<b>NEW ZELAND</b>	MDS or doctor of clinical dentistry (DClinDent) ( Approved specialist training programs by dental council of newzealand)	
<b>NORWAY</b>	Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training	
<b>ROMANIA</b>		Specialty Certificate + 4 years of experience ( all applicants are required to submit their transcript and program curriculum or equivalent )
<b>RUSSIA</b>		Specialist certificate (clinical ordinatura) + 4 years experience ( all applicants are required to submit their transcript and program curriculum or equivalent )
<b>SINGAPORE</b>		MDS + 4 years experience
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>		Master in clinical dentistry (MClinDent) + 2 years of experience
<b>SWEDEN</b>	Specialty certificate	
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	Clinical Master degree	



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#### ATTACHMENT #2: GENERAL REMARKS

- The above list is not exclusive and may be modified from time to time as meeting the criteria for registration as a Specialty degree in Dentistry in the State of Qatar.
- If you have obtained your postgraduate degree from any country other than the mentioned in the above table; it would be evaluated through panels of dental specialists in Qatar.
- **Please be informed that the above table does not bind the Supreme Council of health to appoint the applicant to a certain grade.**
- Registration in a Specialty Scope Dentist requires a Dentist to complete a comprehensive program of advanced specialty clinical training program.
- MDS holder from any country must submit his/her transcript and program curriculum or equivalent.
- Interview may be required as per each case assessment.
- Extra documents may be required as per each case assessment.
- Minimum of 2 years specialty clinical training program is required for all the mentioned specialty certificates, approved by the advisory board of the issuing country; Except for:
  - i. Orthodontics minimum 3 year's postgraduate certificate.
- In determining the eligibility of an applicant for registration in Specialty scope of Dentistry, applicant shall comply with the following requirements:
  - A. A minimum of five (5) years undergraduate dental school (DDS / BDS/DMD or its equivalent).
  - B. Successful completion of internship program (one year program).
- Please check on below mentioned website for any updates.

[www.sch.gov.qa](http://www.sch.gov.qa)

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### **ATTACHMENT # 3: CERTIFICATES THAT WILL NOT BE PROFESSIONALLY CLASSIFIED**

- Certificates of mostly academic nature and character, the curricula of which do not include patient care, clinical practice and practical training in the field of specialization.
- Health Certificates acquired through honorary training programs or as a visiting dentist or a non-practicing associate or those which are obtained through Correspondence and the like.
- Certificates issued from health unrelated colleges and institutes Certificate that are not subject to a training program or that are acquired during work in unrecognized training centers.
- Registration certificate for obtaining work permits or affiliation (membership) of certain associations that are granted after passing the licensing examination in specific countries such as United Stated of America.
- Certificates obtained or granted through affiliation or distance learning and contradict the laws of higher education.
- Bridge programs with specific universities made outside the university campus.
- Certificates from Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in the United Stated of America.