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Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners



## Circular No. (24/2016)

<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>	Mandatory Renewal of Expired Medical Licenses in the State of Qatar before 31/12/2016
<b>Date</b>	11 October 2016

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

In order to ensure the quality of healthcare practitioners and to ensure patient safety; to abide by the Emiri Decree no. 7 in the year 2013 – which established QCHP – and the healthcare professions’ laws that prohibit any practitioner with an expired license to practice legally – and following up on circular (11-2016) which was issued on April 21<sup>st</sup> which mandates all practitioners to apply for renewal before their license expiry dates – knowing that the license validity is two years; it has been noticed that in the recent period – as part of QCHP’s auditing procedures – that there is a significant number of expired medical licenses.

Those licenses have all been automatically changed to “inactive” by the Registration & Licensing System, and an automated message has been sent to all practitioners informing them of their license change. This has caused a large number of healthcare practitioners and employer representatives who hadn’t applied before their license expiry date to apply for renewal.

However, due to QCHP’s understanding of this stage, and the different reasons that practitioners may not have been able to apply for renewal in time, QCHP is giving a grace period for all healthcare practitioners with expired medical licenses till the end of 31/12/2016.

Accordingly, all healthcare practitioners and employer representatives must do the following before the end of 31/12/2016:

- Request to reactivate their medical license and attach an explanation letter to why they haven’t renewed before their license expiration, as well as undertake that they will not repeat this.



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- After QCHP activates the practitioner's license, they must apply for renewal as long as they abide by all the requirements.
- Practitioners/employer representatives who fail to apply for renewal within the above given deadline will not have their licenses reactivated and if they wish to continue working in the State of Qatar, they will have to reapply for evaluation as per the current QCHP policies and procedures.

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**Thank you for your cooperation,  
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