




**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234**

**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech 

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding  
Licensing Petitions

**DATE:** September 26, 2019

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Consent Agenda**

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions as listed on the attachment?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the full board at its October 8, 2019 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.

**Background Information**

There are four licensing petitions and 15 requests for the conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine for review and determination.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the licensing petitions and degree conferrals.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, October 8, 2019.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on October 8, 2019

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine	Three-Year Limited License
	Pre- Professional	Professional	Post- Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Certified Public Accountancy				19-16-07				
Dentistry		19-18-50 to 19-19-50						
Medicine					19-117-60		19-121-60C To 19-135-60C	
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date: 125 Total for calendar year to date: 181		

**Board of Regents: October 8, 2019**

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

19-16-07

Elena Dyatlova

Petition for: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy Examination.

Statement of Problem: Ms. Dyatlova is an applicant for licensure as a CPA and passed all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination. However, she exceeded the 18-month conditioning requirement by one conditioning period.

Ms. Dyatlova passed the Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) section of the Examination in September 2017 and had to pass the remaining three sections by March 31, 2019. In January 2018, she passed the Auditing and Attestation (AUD) section, on her first attempt. On her fourth attempt, she passed Regulation (REG) in March 2019. During the conditioning period, she sat for Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) in February 2019, but she did not pass. Ms. Dyatlova re-sat for FAR and passed in June 2019.

Pursuant to §70.4(d), applicants may sit for the CPA Examination prior to satisfying the full education requirements for NYS Licensure. Ms. Dyatlova gained entry to the Examination, but she will have to meet the CPA 150 requirements for licensure.

Ms. Dyatlova's ability to properly prepare and sit for the Examination was impeded by her medical condition that occurred in January 2019, within her conditioning period.

Based on documentation provided by Ms. Dyatlova's physician and her perseverance on the various sections of the Examination; despite her medical condition, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports her petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) A bachelor's or higher degree based on a program in accountancy.	
(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	(2)(a) September 2017: Business Environment and Concepts (passing score). (2)(b) January 2018: Auditing and Attestation (passing score). (2)(c) November 2016, August 2018 and December 2018: Regulation (failing scores); March 2019 (passing score). (2)(d) February 2019: Financial Accounting and Reporting (failing score); June 2019

	(passing score).
(3) One year of satisfactory experience.	(3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

**DENTISTRY**

19-18-50

Tehila Cohen

Victor, NY

(The Hebrew University of Education, Jerusalem, Israel, Doctor of Dental Medicine, June 2011)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: An applicant for licensure in dentistry who has completed a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school is required to complete two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.

Dr. Cohen enrolled in the two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and completed the program in April 2019. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in Regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and §24.3(a)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of preprofessional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) Included in dental school program below
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Six years of acceptable professional dental education culminating in a Doctor of Dental Medicine, Jerusalem, Israel, June 2011.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at Eastman institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, May 2017 through April 2019.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4)
(5) Acceptable clinically based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5)
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6)

(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7)
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RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's professional education requirements be considered fulfilled.

**DENTISTRY**

19-19-50

Stefanos Morfis  
Rochester, NY

(National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece, Ptychion Odontiatris, January 2005)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure in dentistry to complete an acceptable preprofessional education program of at least two years in length (including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics) and an acceptable professional dental education program of at least four years in length, for a total of six years of preprofessional and professional education.

Dr. Morfis completed a five-year professional dental education program at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in Athens, Greece. Therefore, he lacks one year of education which is in the preprofessional area. Part 24.3(a)(1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents allows the Committee on the Professions the authority to waive up to six semester hours of preprofessional education, and §24.3(a)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents allows the Committee on the Professions the authority to accept postsecondary study after completion of professional study in lieu of up to 30 semester hours of preprofessional study.

Dr. Morfis also completed one year of advanced study culminating in a Master of Science in Endodontics from September 2008 to September 2009 at University of Manchester in Manchester, England, United Kingdom.

Additionally, an applicant who completed a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school must complete the required two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program, culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Dr. Morfis enrolled in the two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and completed the program in June 2019. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in Regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and §24.3(a)(1)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of preprofessional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) One year of advanced study culminating in a Master of Science in Endodontics at University of Manchester, Manchester, England, United Kingdom, September 2008 to September 2009.



(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Five years of acceptable professional dental education culminating in a Ptychion Odontiatrikis degree at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece, January 2005.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, June 2017 through June 2019.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4)
(5) Acceptable clinically based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5)
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6)
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's preprofessional and professional education requirements be considered fulfilled.

**MEDICINE**

19-117-60

Giuseppe Giaccone  
Bethesda, Maryland

(University of Torino Medical School, Torino, Italy, Diploma of Medicine and Surgery, April 1981)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Italy.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner’s Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant’s license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State’s licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination, clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Representatives from the State Board for Medicine have reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Giaccone’s application. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Giaccone’s Italian and United States Post Graduate Training between March 1981 and June 1990 be accepted as the substantial equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner’s Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the licensure, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for licensure by endorsement. Dr. Giaccone obtained his medical license in Italy in 1981. His Italian license is active and in good standing. Dr. Giaccone has a Doctor of Philosophy in Medicine from Vrije Universiteit awarded in March 1995 and holds Board Certification in Internal Medicine and Clinical Oncology issued by Torino University in June 1983 and November 1988, respectively.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Giaccone’s Italian license be endorsed, and his Doctorate and Specialty Diploma be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Sections 60.1 and 60.5 of the Commissioner’s Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) University of Torino Medical School, Torino, Italy, Diploma of Medicine and Surgery, April 1981.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) Doctor of Philosophy in Medicine from Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 1995.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Internship at University of Torino in Torino, Italy from March 1981 to August 1981. (b) Fellowship at University of Torino in

	<p>Torino, Italy from September 1981 to June 1983.</p> <p>(c) Residency in Internal Medicine at University Medical School in Torino, Italy from September 1983 to June 1988.</p> <p>(d) Visiting Fellowship at National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland from June 1988 to June 1990.</p>
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Italian license, Ordine Dei Medici Chirurghi e Degli Odontoiatri, License # 11167, Issued January 1981.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	<p>(5) (a) Board Certification in Internal Medicine, University of Torino, Issued June 1983.</p> <p>(b) Board Certification in Clinical Oncology, University of Torino, Issued November 1988.</p>
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over seven years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7)
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8)
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	(9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

## MEDICINE

Petition for: Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

Summary Statement: The petitioners listed below are all graduates of foreign medical schools who have been licensed in New York.

The applicable requirements of Section 3.57 of the Rules of the Board of Regents require completion of a medical education program in a foreign medical school satisfactory to the Department which does not grant the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and in which the philosophy and curriculum were equivalent, as determined by the Department in accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents, to those in programs leading to the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at medical schools in the United States satisfactory to, or registered by, the Board of Regents and the Department. Secondly, petitioners must have licensure to practice medicine in New York State in accordance with provisions of Section 6524 or 6528 of the Education Law or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to their authority under Section 6506 of the Education Law.

NAME OF PETITIONER	QUALIFICATIONS
<u>19-121-60C</u> Stephen Abraham Valrico, FL 33594	(1) Kerala University, Kerala, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/07/10 (2) License # 295537 Issued 08/10/18
<u>19-122-60C</u> Jessica Ardila Gatas Stony Brook, NY 11794	(1) Central University of Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, 11/11/10 (2) License # 296725*, Issued 11/15/18
<u>19123-60C</u> Kimon Bekelis East Islip, NY 11730	(1) University of Athens, Attica, Greece, Diploma of Medicine, 08/05/08 (2) License # 287522, Issued 01/23/17
<u>19-124-60C</u> Faiz Bhora Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	(1) AGA Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/21/92 (2) License # 261372, Issued 05/04/11
<u>19-125-60C</u> Divya Cherukupalli Watervliet, NY 12189	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, India Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/08/02 (2) License # 284349, Issued 05/11/16
<u>19-126-60C</u> Chenzhong Fu Flushing, NY 11355	(1) Jiangxi Medical College, Jiangxi, People's Republic of China Bachelor of Medicine, 12/30/82 (2) License # 230470, Issued on 11/10/03
<u>19-127-60C</u> Ramya Chinnasamy Chesterfield, MO 63017	(1) Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University, Tamil Nadu, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/27/07 (2) License # 277043, Issued on 08/27/14
<u>19-128-60C</u> Zalak Desai	(1) Sardar Patel University, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of

Hicksville, NY 11801	Surgery, 12/15/19 (2) License # 299977, Issued on 06/27/19
<u>19-129-60C</u> Farrukh Koraisly Saint Louis, MO 63131	(1) University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/12/99 (2) License # 300229, Issued on 07/15/19
<u>19-130-60C</u> Mary Ma Pittsford, NY 14534	(1) Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics 05/28/12 (2) License # 284755, Issued on 06/03/16
<u>19-131-60C</u> Tapan Mehta Verona, NJ 07044	(1) Pramukhswami Medical College, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/27/02 (2) License # 249258, Issued on 06/24/08
<u>19-132-60C</u> Ramniklal Patel New York, NY 10021	(1) Saurashtra University, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/23/80 (2) License # 299785, Issued on 06/20/19
<u>19-133-60C</u> Saadia Rizvi Long Island City, NY 11101	(1) University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/18/07 (2) License # 300127, Issued on 07/09/19
<u>19-134-60C</u> Zalak Thakker Cooperstown, NY 13326	(1) Sardar Patel University, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/15/10 (2) License # 299576, Issued on 06/12/19
<u>19-135-60C</u> Hongwei Zhang Flushing, NY 11355	(1) Jiangxi Medical College, Jiangxi, People's Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, 12/01/82 (2) License # 274824, Issued on 04/25/14

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law