




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: March 1, 2018
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 March 13, 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and §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 seventeen licensing petitions and seven requests for the conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine for review and approval.

Recommendation

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

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective March 13, 2018.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on March 13, 2018

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					18-02-07 To 18-15-07			
Podiatry					18-01-65			
Medicine					18-14-60 To 18-15-60		18-35-60C to 18-41-60C	
OTHER :						Total for fiscal year to date: 223 Total for calendar year to date: 60		

Board of Regents: March 13, 2018

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

18-02-07

Mohammad Othman
Lawrenceville, GA

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

Statement of Problem: Mr. Othman is an applicant for licensure as a CPA and passed all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination. However, he exceeded the 18-month conditioning requirements by two months.

Mr. Othman passed the Regulation (REG) section in July 2015 and needed to pass the remaining three sections by March 31, 2017. On his second attempt, he passed Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) in October 2016. On his first attempt in March 2017, he passed Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR). He scheduled a total of six times during his conditioning period, and was unable to pass the Auditing and Attestation (AUD) section. Mr. Othman re-scheduled to sit for and passed AUD in May 2017, one testing window outside of his conditioning period.

Pursuant to §70.4(d), applicants may sit for the CPA Examination prior to satisfying the full education requirements for NYS Licensure. Mr. Othman gained entry to the Examination, but his education has not yet been evaluated for the purpose of NYS Licensure.

Mr. Othman's ability to properly prepare and sit for the Examination was impeded by the illness of a family member of whom he was acting as the primary care giver during the conditioning period.

Based on documentation provided by the applicant and the physician who attended to Mr. Othman's family member, as well as Mr. Othman's perseverance on the various sections of the Examination despite these circumstances, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports his 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.	See Statement of Problem
(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	(2)(a) May 2015: Regulation (failing score); July 2015 (passing score). (2)(b) February 2016: Business Environment and Concepts (failing score); October 2016 (passing score). (2)(c) March 2017: Financial Accounting and Reporting (passing score). (2)(d) October 2015: Auditing and Attestation,

	February, May, August and November 2016, March 2017: (failing scores); May 2017 (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.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

18-03-07

Shmuel Serle
Miami, FL

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

Statement of Problem: Shmuel Serle is an applicant for licensure as a CPA and has passed all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination. However, this applicant exceeded the 18-month conditioning requirements by three months.

Mr. Serle passed the Regulation (REG) section in January 2016 and needed to pass the remaining three sections by September 30, 2017. He passed the Auditing and Attestation (AUD) section in November 2016. In February 2017, he passed Business Environment and Concepts (BEC). Mr. Serle sat twice but failed the Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) section during his conditioning period. On his third attempt in December 2017, approximately three months outside of his conditioning period, he passed FAR.

Mr. Serle scheduled and attempted to sit for the FAR section on September 7, 2017, within his 18-month conditioning period. However, his ability to sit for this section of the Examination was seriously impaired by the weather event due to Hurricane Irma that closed the testing center. He rescheduled the FAR section for December 7, 2017, the next available testing window, and did pass, albeit three months outside of the 18-month conditioning period.

Based on documentation provided by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and the applicant's perseverance on the various sections of the Examination; despite the weather event, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy supports the 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.	(1) Touro College, B.S. Accounting, June 25, 2013
(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	(2)(a) January 2016: Regulation (passing score). (2)(b) November 2016: Auditing and Attestation (passing score). (2)(c) February 2017: Business Environment and Concepts (passing score). (2)(d) June 2016 and March 2017: Financial Accounting and Reporting (failing scores); December 2017 (passing score).

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

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Petition for: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy Examination as required by Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Statement of Problem: The candidates listed below were impacted from the delay in the release of exam scores from quarter two (Q2) in 2017. The scores of exams are usually released prior to the end of the quarter in which the exams were taken. Due to the various changes of the U.S. Uniform CPA examination by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the scores were delayed and were not released until the latter half of August. The late release was to ensure that proper scoring of the new examination material was accurate.

This left candidates approximately two and a half weeks to obtain a new schedule to study and sit for the examination in Q3. Additionally, due to the limited nature of seats available, there were reports received of some test centers being closed out. All the candidates below had an examination score expire in Q3. Accordingly, it wasn't until Q4, or one window outside their conditioning period, that these candidates passed their final part.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy recommends that petition to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination be approved, given that these candidates were prevented by this extenuating circumstance that was not within their control.

NAME OF PETITIONER	EXAM HISTORY
<u>18-04-07</u> Maysa Ahmed New York, NY 10128	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-05-07</u> Lend Anadolli Bronx, NY 10468	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-06-07</u> Brenden Banks Holbrook, NY 11741	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-07-07</u> Michael Benic Hicksville, NY 11801	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-08-07</u> Alyssa Blochlinger Green Brook, NJ 08812	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-09-07</u> Shieke Brown Niagara Falls, NY 14303	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-10-07</u> Jonathan Coral New York, NY 10016	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-11-07</u> Arina Diary Brooklyn, NY 11235	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-12-07</u> Peter Fishman	See Statement of Problem

	Yonkers, NY 10704	
<u>18-13-07</u>	Eli Pomerantz Monsey, NY 10952	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-14-07</u>	Eliyahu Rosenthal New York, NY 10128	See Statement of Problem
<u>18-15-07</u>	Yang Yang Rochester, NY 14620	See Statement of Problem

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.

PODIATRY

18-01-65

Gail Grandinetti
Youngstown, NY

(California College of Podiatric Medicine, San Francisco, California, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, 1986)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State requirements pertaining to clinical licensing examinations for licensure.

Statement of Problem: In accordance with Part §65.2 of the Commissioner’s Regulations, applicants for Podiatry licensure must pass both an examination in the basic and clinical sciences and an entry-level clinical skills examination. The Department currently accepts Parts I and II of the examination of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) as fulfillment of the basic and clinical sciences examination. Part III of the NBPME, formerly known as the Podiatric Medical Licensure Examination for States (PMLexis), is accepted as the entry-level clinical skills examination. Prior to the Department’s recognition of the PMLexis in 1991, applicants were required to pass the New York State Podiatry Board’s own practical examination for entry-level skills.

Dr. Gail Grandinetti passed Parts I and II of the NBPME in 1984 and 1986, respectively, and was licensed as a podiatrist in California in 1987. As Part III NBPME or PMLexis clinical exams were not in existence during this time period, Dr. Grandinetti did not attempt the exam, nor demonstrate passing scores on a satisfactory clinical skills examination required of today’s applicants. Specifically, she has not taken Part III of the NBPME examination or a comparable exam. Dr. Grandinetti completed post-graduate training at the Podiatry Hospital of California in 1986-1988. In addition, she has been licensed in good standing since her initial licensure in 1987.

In view of Dr. Grandinetti’s combined qualifications, including nearly thirty years of noted licensed practice, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Podiatry and Department staff recommend that the applicant’s California license be accepted for endorsement in New York, waiving Part III NBPME Examination (formerly PMLexis).

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 7004 and 6507 of Education Law and Part 65 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:	
(1) Completion of a registered or equivalent podiatric medicine program with a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine or equivalent degree	(1) Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, California College of Podiatric Medicine, San Francisco, California, June 1986.
(2) Acceptable scores on satisfactory licensing examinations in basic and clinical sciences and entry-level clinical skills	(2)(a) NBPE Part I Basic Science, July 1984 (2)(b) NBPE Part II Clinical Science, March 1986

	(2)(c) See Statement of Problem.
(3) Evidence of completion of at least one year of supervised postgraduate hospital training in podiatry required of applicants as of July 1, 2000	(3) Podiatry Hospital of California, San Francisco, California, July 1986 to June 1988
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Good moral character
(5) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment	(5) Completed the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Podiatry, recommends that the NBPME Part III examination requirement be waived and that the applicant's license be endorsed.

MEDICINE

18-14-60

Miroslav Djordjevic
Belgrade, Serbia

(University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, Doctor of Medicine, July 1991)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Serbia.

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.

Dr. Djordjevic completed a five-year medical program at University of Belgrade in Belgrade, Serbia. Therefore, he lacks one year of postsecondary education which is in the preprofessional area. However, Dr. Djordjevic also completed a required one year of internship from July 1991 to September 1992 at the University Children’s Hospital in Belgrade, Serbia.

Additionally, representatives from the State Board for Medicine have reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Djordjevic’s application. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Djordjevic’s Serbian residencies between 1993 and 1998 and between 1999 and 2002 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. Djordjevic obtained his medical license in Serbia in July 1991. His Serbian license is active and in good standing. Dr. Djordjevic holds a Specialist Diploma in Pediatric Surgery from University of Belgrade as of July 1998, as well as a Specialist Diploma in Urology as of June 2002, and a Subspecialist Diploma in Pediatric Urology as of May 2002. He also obtained his Master’s of Medical Sciences in Urology in August 1998 and a Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Science in October 2003, both through the University of Belgrade.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Djordjevic’s Serbian license be endorsed, that his Specialty certifications along with both his Master’s and Doctoral degree be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
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) (a) University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, Doctor of Medicine, July 1991 (1) (b) Internship at University Children's Hospital in Belgrade, Serbia from July 1991 to September 1992
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) Doctoral of Philosophy degree in Medical Sciences at University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, October 2003 (2) (b) Masters of Medical Sciences degree at University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, August 1998.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Pediatric Surgery at University Children's Hospital in Belgrade, Serbia from December 1993 to July 1998. (3) (b) Residency in Pediatric Urology at University Children's Hospital in Belgrade, Serbia between October 1999 and April 2002.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Serbian license, Serbian Medical Chamber, Belgrade, Serbia, July 1991
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) (a) Specialist degree in Pediatric Surgery from University of Belgrade, Belgrade Serbia, July 1998. (5) (b) Specialist degree in Urology from University of Belgrade, Belgrade Serbia, June 2002. (5) (c) Subspecialist degree in Pediatric Urology from University of Belgrade, Belgrade Serbia, May 2002.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over five 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

18-15-60

Makoto Nishimura
Tokyo, Japan

(Jichi Medical University, Shimotsuke City, Japan, Bachelor of Medicine, March 1997)

Petition for: Endorsement of his medical license from Japan.

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. Nishimura’s application. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Nishimura’s Japanese residencies between 1997 and 2007 and his fellowship in California from 2007 to 2009 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. Nishimura obtained his medical license in Japan in May 1997. His Japanese license is active and in good standing. Dr. Nishimura became a Board-Certified Fellow of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society as of December 2015, Councilor of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society since May 2017, Member of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine since December 1997, Board-Certified Member of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine since September 2008 and Fellow of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine since December 2016.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Nishimura’s Japanese license be endorsed, and his Specialty certifications and memberships be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
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) Jichi Medical University, Shimotsuke City, Japan, Bachelor of Medicine, March 1997

(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) Board Certified Fellow of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society since December 2015. (2) (b) Councilor of the Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society since May 2017. (2) (c) Member of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine since December 1997.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency at Japanese Red Cross Kumamoto Hospital in Kumamoto City, Japan from June 1997 through May 1999. (3) (b) Training in Internal Medicine at Shiibaru Clinic in Shiibaru, Japan from July 1999 through May 2000. (3) (c) Training in Internal Medicine at Shinwa Hospital in Kumamoto, Japan from June 2000 through May 2001. (3) (d) Training in Gastroenterology at Jichi Medical University in Tochigi, Japan from July 2001 through May 2002. (3) (e) Training in Gastroenterology at Yamaga Hospital in Oita, Japan from June 2002 through March 2004. (3) (f) Training in Gastroenterology at Soyo Hospital in Kumamoto, Japan from June 2004 through May 2006. (3) (g) Training in Gastroenterology at Japanese Red Cross Kumamoto Hospital in Kumamoto City, Japan from June 2006 through March 2007. (3) (h) Training in Oncology at Cancer Institute Hospital in Tokyo, Japan from June 2007 to October 2007. (3) (i) Fellowship in Gastroenterology at University of California Irvine Medical Center from November 2007 through June 2009.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Japanese license, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Tokyo, Japan, May 1997
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) (a) Board Certified Member of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine since September 2008. (5) (b) Fellow of the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine since December 2016.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over five 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	(9)

and maltreatment.	
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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>18-35-60C</u> Arashinder Dhaliwal Stamford, CT 06906	(1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/30/11 (2) License# 290228, Issued 07/07/17
<u>18-36-60C</u> Kanchanmala Katapadi Brooklyn, NY 11215	(1) Bangalore University, Bengaluru, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/24/91 (2) License# 204043, Issued 08/07/96
<u>18-37-60C</u> Neritan Mani Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510	(1) University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania, Physician 07/12/95 (2) License# 236994, Issued 07/15/05
<u>18-38-60C</u> Dilip Mohan Velu Bellerose, NY 11426	(1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery 03/30/11 (2) License# 287256, Issued 01/03/17
<u>18-39-60C</u> Atga Rakesh Syracuse, NY 13215	(1) Cochin University of Science & Technology, Kochi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 08/17/07 (2) License #292057, Issued on 12/28/17
<u>18-40-60C</u> Rocio Salas-Whalen New York, NY 10028	(1) Universidad Autonoma, Juarez, Mexico, Title of Physician & Surgeon, 04/06/01 (2) License # 270753, Issued on 06/14/13
<u>18-41-60C</u> Chanderdeep Singh	(1) Government Medical College, Punjab, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of

Albany, NY 12208-3478	Surgery, 02/26/88 (2) License # 225034, issued on 06/10/02
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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