



**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:** Sarah S. Benson *Sarah S. Benson*

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

**DATE:** May 27, 2021

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** *Betsy...*

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions and degree conferrals 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 June 8, 2021 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 fourteen requests for the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Medicine for review and determination.

### **Related Regents Items**

Not applicable.

### **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, June 8, 2021.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on June 8, 2021

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing		
Dentistry		21-06-50					
Optometry		21-03-56					
Medicine					21-50-60 to 21-51-60		21-45-60C To 21-58-60C
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date: 57 Total for calendar year to date: 78	

**Board of Regents: June 8, 2021**

**DENTISTRY**

21-06-50

Carolina Hakopian

New York, NY

(Universidade de Sao Paolo, Sao Paolo, Brazil, Titulo de Cirurgiao Dentista, December 2010)

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. Hakopian completed a four-year professional dental education program at Universidade de Sao Paolo in Sao Paolo, Brazil. Therefore, she lacks two years of education which is in the preprofessional area, as well as preprofessional coursework in General Chemistry, Biology/Zoology, and Physics.

However, Dr. Hakopian also completed two years of advanced study in Periodontics from March 2011 to February 2013 at Universidade Estadual de Campinas in Sao Paolo, Brazil, as well as advanced training in Surgical Implantology from March 2015 to December 2015 through the Associacao Paulita de Cirurgioes Dentistas in Sao Paolo, Brazil. The Executive Secretary for the State Board for Dentistry recommends that these studies be considered to fulfill the two-years of required preprofessional education.

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. Hakopian 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 December 2020. 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)(a) Two years of advanced study in Periodontics from March 2011 to February 2013 at Universidade Estadual de Campinas in Sao Paolo, Brazil. 1(b) Advanced training in Surgical

	Implantology from March 2015 to December 2015 at Associacao Paulista de Cirurgioes Dentistas in Sao Paolo, Brazil.
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Four years of acceptable professional dental education culminating in a Titulo de Cirurgiao Dentista, Universidade de Sao Paolo, Sao Paolo, Brazil, December 2010.
(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, December 2018 to December 2020.
(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)

GOAL OF DISCUSSION: The Committee on the Professions should discuss the case and provide their recommendation on whether the Board of Regents should accept the applicant's petition for postgraduate study to be considered in lieu of two years of preprofessional education.

**OPTOMETRY**

21-03-56

Paul Vaccarella  
Red Bank, NJ

(New England College of Optometry, Boston, Massachusetts, O.D., 1991)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State practical examination requirement.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Vaccarella has not passed a satisfactory practical examination as required for licensure either by the endorsement or examination route. New York State accepts a passing score on Part III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination to satisfy the practical examination requirement. The NBEO practical examination was not available when Dr. Vaccarella was licensed in New Jersey in 1991.

Dr. Vaccarella has documented over 24 years of licensed practice in New Jersey. He additionally documents passing the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) exam and also completed additional exams for his license in NJ, including a required jurisprudence exam and exams for Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent (TPA) certification.

Based on Dr. Vaccarella’s unique examination history and demonstration of clinical skills through his years of hands-on licensed practice, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry recommends that the requirement for a satisfactory practical examination (NBEO Part III) be considered satisfied.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7104 of the Education Law and Part 66 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education	
(1) Approved Doctor of Optometry degree or the equivalent earned on completion of an acceptable optometry program.	(1) New England College of Optometry, Boston, Massachusetts, Doctor of Optometry, May 1991.
(2) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory written licensing examination; OR an optometry license issued by another jurisdiction with at least five years of professional practice of optometry following initial licensure and within the 10 years immediately preceding application for licensure by endorsement	(2)(a) Passed National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Basic Science part, April 1990 and Clinical Science part, April 1990; [also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), November 1992]. (2)(b) Licensed in New Jersey, August 1991; over 24 years of professional practice.
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory practical examination.	(3) See Statement of Problem.
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Evidence of good moral character.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry, recommends that the Part III practical examination be considered satisfied.

## **MEDICINE**

21-50-60

Adriana Almeida de Jesus  
Silver Spring, Maryland

(Universidade Federal da Bahia, Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, Physician, December 2002)

Petition for: Endorsement of her medical license from Brazil.

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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Almeida de Jesus' application. He recommends that Dr. Almeida de Jesus' Residency, Fellowship and PhD training program positions be accepted as the 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. Almeida de Jesus obtained her medical license in Brazil in 2003. Her Brazil license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Almeida de Jesus received her Board Certification in Pediatrics and Pediatric Rheumatology from University of Sao Paulo in May 2006 and March 2008 and received her Doutor em Ciencias (PhD) from University of Sao Paulo issued January 2012. She is also ECFMG certified as of June 2018.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Almeida de Jesus' Brazil license be endorsed, and her ECFMG Certification and Board Certifications be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, State of Bahia, Brazil, Physician, December 2002.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) ECFMG Certification, June 2018
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Pediatrics at the University of Sao Paulo in Sao Paulo, Brazil from February 2003 through January

	<p>2005.</p> <p>(3) (b) Residency in Pediatric Rheumatology at the University of Sao Paulo in Sao Paulo, Brazil from February 2005 through January 2006.</p> <p>(3) (c) Fellowship in Pediatric Rheumatology at the University of Sao Paulo in Sao Paulo, Brazil from February 2006 through January 2007.</p> <p>(3) (d) Doutor em Ciencias (PhD) in Pediatrics training program at the Children's Hospital of the University of Sao Paulo in Sao Paulo, Brazil from July 2007 to May 2011.</p>
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) Brazilian license, February 2003
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	<p>(5) (a) Pediatric Board Certification, University of Sao Paulo, May 2006.</p> <p>(5) (b) Pediatric Rheumatology Board Certification, University of Sao Paulo, March 2008.</p>
(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**

21-51-60

Karin Herrmann  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

(Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, June 1995)

Petition for: Endorsement of her medical license from Germany.

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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Herrmann's application. He recommends that Dr. Herrmann's Residency and Fellowship positions be accepted as the 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. Herrmann obtained her medical license in Germany in 1997. Her German license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Herrmann received her habilitation certificate from Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich in November 2006 and board certification in Radiology, issued by the Bavarian State Chamber of Physicians on January 2003. She also received her Doctor of Internal Medicine from Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany, issued July 1997.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Herrmann's German license be endorsed, and her Doctor of Internal Medicine, Habilitation certificate and Board Certification be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education.	(1) Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich, Munich, Germany, Arztliche Prufung, June 1995
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) University of Munich, Munich, Germany Doctor of Internal Medicine, July 1997
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Klinik und Poliklinik fur Radiologie in

	<p>Munich, Germany from January 1995 through March 2000.</p> <p>(3) (b) Vascular and Thoracic Surgery Internship at Klinik und Poliklinik für Radiologie in Munich, Germany from April 2000 to August 2001.</p> <p>(3) (c) Residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Klinik und Poliklinik für Radiologie in Munich, Germany from August 2001 through December 2002.</p> <p>(3) (d) Fellowship in Diagnostic Radiology at Klinik und Poliklinik für Radiologie in Munich, Germany from January 2003 through October 2006.</p>
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) German license, Regierung Von Oberbayern München, January 1997
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	<p>(5) (a) Habilitation Certificate, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany, issued November 2006.</p> <p>(5) (b) Radiologist Board Certification, Bavarian State Chamber of Physicians, Issued January 2003.</p>
(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

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>21-45-60C</u> Richa Bhardwaj New York, NY 10128	(1) Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/01/2008 (2) License # 296000, Issued 09/10/2018
<u>21-46-60C</u> Dinuli Delpachitra Mineola, NY 11501	(1) Tianjin Medical University, Tianjin, PR China, Bachelor of Medicine, 07/01/2012 (2) License # 300425, Issued 07/29/2019
<u>21-47-60C</u> Fatima Fayyaz New Rochelle, NY 10801	(1) University of Health Sciences CMH, Lahore, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/02/2015 (2) License # 305412, Issued 06/10/2020
<u>21-48-60C</u> Clive Goulbourne Port Jefferson, NY 11777	(1) University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/01/2009 (2) License # 290710, Issued 08/03/2017
<u>21-49-60C</u> Yansheng Hao New York, NY 10128	(1) Peking University Health Science Center, Beijing, PR China, Bachelor of Medicine, 07/01/1999 (2) License # 309269, Issued 03/11/2021
<u>21-50-60C</u> Binny Khandakar New York, NY 10019	(1) University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/04/2007 (2) License # 307797, Issued 11/16/2020
<u>21-51-60C</u> Ranjan Kumar Elmira, NY 14901	(1) Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/13/1983

	(2) License # 262508, Issued 08/02/2011
<u>21-52-60C</u> Amrat Kumar Cooperstown, NY 13326	(1) Dow University of Health and Sciences, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/28/2012 (2) License # 305437, Issued 06/10/2020
<u>21-53-60C</u> Kulin Oza Princeton Junction, NJ 08550	(1) Smt. N. H. L. Municipal Medical College, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/21/1986 (2) License # 309520, Issued 03/25/2021
<u>21-54-60C</u> Palak Patel Little Falls, NJ 07424	(1) C.U. Shah Medical College, Saurashtra University, Surendra Nagar, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/08/2009 (2) License # 295087, Issued 07/13/2018
<u>21-55-60C</u> George Soryal Schenectady, NY 12303	(1) Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/01/2003 (2) License # 253464, Issued 06/21/2009
<u>21-56-60C</u> Julie Vieth Shelburne, VT 05482	(1) University of Leeds School of Medicine, Leeds, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/09/2009 (2) License # 276792, Issued 08/12/2014
<u>21-57-60C</u> Saleem Zaidi Stony Brook, NY 11794	(1) Sindh Medical College University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/18/1987 (2) License # 226393, Issued 09/18/2002
<u>21-58-60C</u> Fan Zhang Woodhaven, NY 11421	(1) Peking University Health Sciences Center, Beijing China, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/28/1999 (2) License # 297329, Issued 01/23/2019

**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