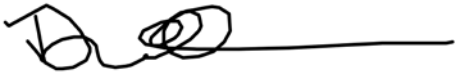




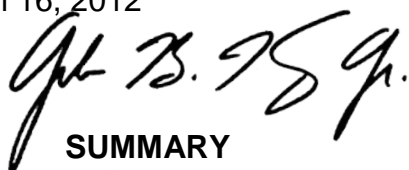
**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234**

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: April 16, 2012

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 April 2012 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 5 licensing petitions and 17 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.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective April 24, 2012.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on April 24, 2012

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine	Three-Year Limited License
	Pre- Professional	Professional	Post- Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Registered Professional Nursing		12-01-22						
Dentistry		12-02-50						12-02-59 to 12-03-59
Medicine						12-19-60	12-44-60C to 12-60-60C	
OTHER						Total for fiscal year to date:		268
						Total for calendar year to date:		74

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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSING

12-01-22

Juliana Islami
New York, NY 10024

(Universiteti Teknologjik “Ismail Qemal Vlora”, Vlore, Albania, Nurse-Midwife, 2007)

Petition for: Acceptance of education

Statement of Problem: Section 6905 of New York State Education Law requires that applicants for nursing licensure in registered professional nursing must have received a diploma or degree in general nursing. Ms. Islami completed a 33-month nurse-midwifery program in Albania in 2007 instead of a general nursing program.

The school provided copies of curriculums from the 2003 - 2007 time period for both Nursing (professional nurse) and the Nurse-Midwife specialty. Department staff have reviewed the specific courses for both programs. The comparison shows that the applicant completed all general nursing courses, though hours in some subjects varies, and completed additional midwifery-related courses for the longer nurse-midwifery program.

Based on this comprehensive comparative review, staff recommend that her nursing education be considered the substantial equivalent to the general nursing education required in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 6905 of New York State Education Law and Section 64.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education:	
(1) Graduation from a general nursing program of at least two academic years in a country outside the United States that is satisfactory to the Department and recognized by the licensing authorities of that country as being preparation for practice as a registered professional nurse.	(1) Universiteti Teknologjik “Ismail Qemal” Vlora” (now Universiteti “Ismail Qemali”), Vlore, Albania, Nurse-Midwife, 2007.
(2) Satisfactory scores on the National Council Licensure Examination.	
(3) Evidence of the required course in identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Interim Executive Secretary of the State Board for Nursing, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of her nursing education be approved.

Board of Regents: April 24, 2012

DENTISTRY

12-02-50

Sam Sherif
Santa Ana, CA

(King's College London, Dental Institute, London, England, United Kingdom, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, July 2003)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure in dentistry to complete an acceptable pre-professional 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 pre-professional and professional education. Dr. Sherif completed a five-year combined pre-professional and professional dental education program at King's College London, Dental Institute, in London, England. Therefore, he lacks one year of education which is in the pre-professional area.

Dr. Sherif also did not complete the two academic years of study required 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. Such study is required for applicants completing a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school.

However, Dr. Sherif has completed five academic years of study at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts from July 2003 to June 2008 toward a Doctor of Medical Sciences degree and a Certificate in Prosthodontics. The Director of the Advanced Graduate Prosthodontics program, Dr. Robert Wright, has submitted a letter certifying that Dr. Sherif has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

The State Board for Dentistry recommends that, of the five academic years of study completed at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, one academic year be considered to fulfill the remaining one year of required pre-professional education, two academic years be considered as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in regulation, and two academic years be considered to fulfill the clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires:	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of pre-professional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1) See qualification #2.
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) (a) Five years of acceptable pre-professional and professional dental education culminating in the Bachelor of Dental Surgery, King's College London, Dental Institute, London, England, United Kingdom, July 2003. (b) One academic year of study culminating in a Doctor of Medical Sciences degree and a Certificate in Prosthodontics, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2008.
(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 academic years of study culminating in a Doctor of Medical Sciences degree and a Certificate in Prosthodontics, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2008.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4) Passing scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5) Two academic years of study culminating in a Doctor of Medical Sciences degree and a Certificate in Prosthodontics, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2008.
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6) Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7) Completed 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 Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's pre-professional and professional education requirements be considered fulfilled.

Board of Regents: April 24, 2012

THREE-YEAR LIMITED LICENSE IN DENTISTRY

Petition for: Three-year limited license to practice Dentistry under Section 6604(6) of the Education Law.

Statement of Problem: The applicants listed below have satisfied the education and examination requirements for licensure as a dentist in New York State. The only requirement for full licensure that cannot be satisfied at this time is United States citizenship or immigration status as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

Each applicant has an opportunity to practice dentistry in an area which has been designated a Federal Dental Health Professions Shortage Area and requests a three-year waiver of the citizenship requirement under Section 6604(6) of the Education Law. Each applicant must sign an affidavit stating the exact location of the shortage area where he/she will practice before the three-year limited license will be issued.

Applicable Guidelines: Section 6604(6) of Education Law relates to the requirement of United States citizenship or permanent resident status for licensure as a dentist in New York State and allows the Board of Regents to grant a one-time, three-year waiver of this requirement for an alien dentist to practice in New York State if all other licensure requirements are satisfied and to grant an additional extension not to exceed six years to enable the alien to secure citizenship or permanent resident status, provided such status is being actively pursued.

NAME OF PETITIONER	
<u>12-02-59</u>	Tanvir Singh Elmhurst, NY 11373
<u>12-03-59</u>	Karamdeep Singh Elmhurst, NY 11373

ACTION: The Department shall issue a three-year limited license to each applicant to practice dentistry in New York State in a Federal Dental Health Professions Shortage Area upon approval by the Department of all documentation needed to verify satisfaction of all dentistry licensure requirements other than citizenship and an acceptable Affidavit of Agreement on the applicant's location of employment. The limited license may be renewed upon the lawful submission of an application for an extension of not more than six years, at the discretion of the Department.

Board of Regents: April 24, 2012

MEDICINE

12-19-60

Evis Sala

Cambridge, United Kingdom

(Universiteti i Tiranës, Fakulteti i Mjekësisë, Tirana, Albania, General Physician, October 1991)

Petition for: Endorsement of her medical license from the United Kingdom.

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. Sala passed the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and has not attempted Step 2 or 3. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Sala's application. He recommends that Dr. Sala's Residency in Surgery from January 1993 through September 1996 in Albania and Specialist Registrar in Radiology in the United Kingdom from March 2000 through July 2002 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. Sala obtained her medical license in the United Kingdom in 2002. Her United Kingdom license is active and in good standing. Dr. Sala further obtained a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the University of Cambridge in 2000 and was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists in May 2003.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Sala's United Kingdom license be endorsed, that her passing of USMLE Step 1 and Ph.D. degree be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination, and that her Fellowship with the Royal College be accepted to fulfill 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) Universiteti i Tiranës, Fakulteti i Mjekësisë (1986 – 1991), Tirana, Albania, General Physician, October 1991. (b) University of Cambridge, Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Cambridge, United Kingdom, Master of Philosophy, May 1998.
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) USMLE Step 1, August 2011. (b) Doctor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, Department of Community Medicine, Cambridge, United Kingdom, October 2000.
(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.	(3) (a) Residency in Surgery from January 1993 through September 1996, Oncology Service of the University Hospital Center "Mother Teresa," Tirana, Albania. (b) Specialist Registrar in Radiology from March 2000 through July 2002, East Anglian Deanery, Postgraduate Hospital Education, Cambridge, United Kingdom.
(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.	(4) General Medical Council license, United Kingdom, 2002.
(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.	(5) Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists, United Kingdom, May 2003.
(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.	(6) Over six years of satisfactory professional experience.
(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.	(7) Alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.
(8) Evidence of good moral character.	(8) Good moral character.
(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.	

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.

Board of Regents: April 24, 2012

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>12-44-60C</u> Savita Bhakia Glen Oaks, NY 11004	(1) University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/20/02. (2) License #264045, issued on 1/17/12.
<u>12-45-60C</u> Hitesh Deshmukh Philadelphia, PA 19128	(1) University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/22/00. (2) License #263315, issued on 10/20/11.
<u>12-46-60C</u> Ravi Diwan New York, NY 10003	(1) Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Obstetric Arts, 6/1/06. (2) License #255642, issued on 12/16/09.
<u>12-47-60C</u> Peter Fisher Allentown, PA 18104	(1) University of London, London, England, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/15/82. (2) License #200549, issued on 8/18/95.
<u>12-48-60C</u> Merlita Gonzalez Mays Landing, NJ 08330	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician & Surgeon, 11/30/06. (2) License #264023 issued on 1/13/12.

<u>12-49-60C</u> Karthik Gujja Brooklyn, NY 11201	(1) Mahadevappa Rampure Medical Center, Gulbarga, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/7/03. (2) License #255977, issued on 1/19/10.
<u>12-50-60C</u> Abu Muhammad Haque West Islip, NY 11795	(1) Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 6/1/78. (2) License #218363, issued on 7/11/00.
<u>12-51-60C</u> Tarek Hegazi Brooklyn, NY 11230	(1) Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/1/78. (2) License #197544, issued on 10/18/94.
<u>12-52-60C</u> Samantha Krawitzky Albany, NY 12205	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician & Surgeon, 12/31/09. (2) License #263903, issued on 1/5/12.
<u>12-53-60C</u> Syed Mehdi Latham, NY 12110	(1) Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 1/22/84. (2) License #234446, issued on 11/9/04.
<u>12-54-60C</u> Faisal Nagarwala Elmsford, NY 10523	(1) University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/20/02. (2) License #262326, issued on 7/19/11.
<u>12-55-60C</u> Ram Narayan Kaveer Nandigam Durham, NC 27707	(1) Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 8/11/05. (2) License #264179, issued on 1/30/12.
<u>12-56-60C</u> Giulia Orsatti Scarborough, NY 10510	(1) University of Rome, Rome, Italy, Doctor of Medicine & Surgery, 6/20/84. (2) License #172542, issued on 9/30/87.
<u>12-57-60C</u> Bhupesh Parashar Kew Gardens Hills, NY 1136	(1) Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 8/6/95. (2) License #236379, issued on 6/1/05.
<u>12-58-60C</u> Chandrakant Rao Staten Island, NY 10314	(1) Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 3/23/74. (2) License #153672, issued on 3/25/83.
<u>12-59-60C</u> Shahid Rashid McAllen, TX 78504	(1) Dow Medical College, Karachi, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 6/16/84. (2) License #263946, issued on 1/10/12.

<u>12-60-60C</u> Jothi Priya Vaidyalingam Goshen, NY 10924	(1) Madras Medical College, Madras, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 3/30/94. (2) License #220686, issued on 3/22/01.
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RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law.