



**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:** December 30, 2011

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**Summary**

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

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

Proposed Handling

This question will come before the full board at its January 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 18 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 January 10, 2012.

**Cases Presented to Board of Regents on: January 10, 2012**

**SUMMARY REPORT**

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine	Three-Year Limited License
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Dentistry		12-01-50						12-01-59
Optometry				12-01-56				
Veterinary Medicine								12-01-74 To 12-02-74
Medicine							12-01-60C to 12-18-60C	
OTHER						<b>Total for fiscal year to date:</b>		217
						<b>Total for calendar year to date:</b>		23

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**DENTISTRY**

12-01-50

Mei Li

Edison, NJ 08820

(Capital University of Medical Sciences, Department of Stomatology, Beijing, People's Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, July 1995)

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. Li completed a five-year combined pre-professional and professional dental education program at Capital University of Medical Sciences, Department of Stomatology, in Beijing, People's Republic of China. Therefore, she lacks one year of education which is in the pre-professional area.

Following dental school, Dr. Li also completed a Medical Master's degree in Stomatology at Capital University of Medical Sciences in July 2000. Based on a review of Dr. Li's advanced studies at Capital University of Medical Sciences, the State Board for Dentistry recommends that these studies be considered to fulfill the remaining one year of required pre-professional education.

However, Dr. Li 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. Applicant enrolled in the two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester, New York and completed the program in December 2010. 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 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.

<p>(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.</p>	<p>(2)(a) Five years of acceptable pre-professional and professional dental education culminating in the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, Capital University of Medical Sciences, Department of Stomatology, Beijing, People's Republic of China, July 1995.</p> <p>(2)(b) Medical Master's degree in Stomatology, Capital University of Medical Sciences, Department of Stomatology, Beijing, People's Republic of China, July 2000.</p>
<p>(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.</p>	<p>(3) Two-year advanced program in general dentistry at the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, completed in December 2010.</p>
<p>(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.</p>	<p>(4) Passing scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.</p>
<p>(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.</p>	<p>(5)</p>
<p>(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.</p>	<p>(6)</p>
<p>(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.</p>	<p>(7)</p>

**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.

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**OPTOMETRY**

12-01-56

Yancy York

Meridian, Mississippi 39309

(Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Doctor of Optometry, May 1987)

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

Statement of Problem: Dr. York 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 required when Dr. York was first licensed in Oklahoma in 1988.

However, Dr. York has documented two years and ten months of licensed experience in Oklahoma, followed by over 20 years of “full scope optometry” practice with the United States Navy in Mississippi, where his federal practice did not require a license.

Based on Dr. York’s 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.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Section 7104 of the Education Law and Part 66 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require:	
(1) Approved Doctor of Optometry degree or the equivalent earned on completion of an acceptable optometry program.	(1) Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Doctor of Optometry, May 1987.
(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) National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Basic Science part I, 1987. [Also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), 1987.]  (2)(b) Licensed in Oklahoma, January 1988, and Alabama, August 2010; over 20 years of professional practice.
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory practical examination.	(3) See Statement of Problem.

(4) Evidence of good moral character.
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**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 waived.

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**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 applicant listed below has 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.

The 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. The 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.

<b>NAME OF PETITIONER</b>	
<u>12-01-59</u>	Basel Sharaf Buffalo, NY 14221

**ACTION:** The Department shall issue a three-year limited license to the 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.



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**THREE-YEAR LIMITED LICENSE IN VETERINARY MEDICINE**

Petition for: Three-year limited license to practice veterinary medicine under Section 6704(6) of the Education Law.

Statement of Problem: The applicants listed below have met the education and examination requirements for licensure as veterinarians 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 also has a pending application for full veterinary medical licensure, which cannot be granted until he/she satisfies the citizenship or permanent residency requirement.

Applicable Guidelines: Section 6704(6) of Education Law relates to the requirement of United States citizenship or permanent resident status for licensure as a veterinarian in New York State and allows the Board of Regents to grant a one-time three-year waiver (plus an extension of not more than one year) for an alien veterinarian to practice in New York State if all other licensure requirements are satisfied.

Name of Petitioner	
<u>12-1-74</u>	Jatinder Gulani Brookline, MA 02446
<u>12-2-74</u>	Harry Oliver Weatherson United Kingdom B75 7HE

**ACTION:** The Department shall issue a limited license for a maximum of three years to practice veterinary medicine in New York State to each applicant, conditional upon Approval by the Department of all documentation needed to verify satisfaction of all veterinary medicine licensure requirements other than citizenship. The limited license may be renewed upon the lawful submission of an application for an extension of not more than one year, at the discretion of the Department.

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**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>12-01-60C</u>  Jowairiyya Ahmad Middletown, NY 10941	(1) University of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 5/9/05. (2) License #262563, issued on 8/9/11.
<u>12-02-60C</u>  Mary Awad Staten Island, NY 10314	(1) Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/1/93. (2) License #262348, issued on 7/21/11.
<u>12-03-60C</u>  Rahila Butt Yardville, NJ 08620	(1) Fatima Jinnah Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 3/29/78. (2) License #231434, issued on 2/26/04.
<u>12-04-60C</u>  Seth Camhi Hurley, NY 12443	(1) Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician & Surgeon, 12/3/04. (2) License #263475, issued on 11/3/11.
<u>12-05-60C</u>  Samjot Dhillon Amherst, NY 14228	(1) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 4/5/97. (2) License #255898 issued on 1/12/10.

<u>12-06-60C</u> Gregory Geba Sparta, NJ 07871	(1) Catholic University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, Licentiate in Medicine & Surgery, 1/11/84. (2) License #173227, issued on 12/9/87.
<u>12-07-60C</u> Nader Hanna Merrick, NY 11566	(1) Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 6/1/86. (2) License #224567, issued on 4/24/02.
<u>12-08-60C</u> Danielle Jardine Jersey City, NJ 07305	(1) University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 7/1/03. (2) License #261607, issued on 5/27/11.
<u>12-09-60C</u> Kevin Kay Brooklyn, NY 11223	(1) Institute of Medicine (I), Yangon, Myanmar, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/17/91. (2) License #227409, issued on 1/23/03.
<u>12-10-60C</u> Tahir Khan Middletown, NY 10941	(1) Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahor, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 3/28/00. (2) License #249461, issued on 7/10/08.
<u>12-11-60C</u> Sudha Kuncham Bellmore, nY 11710	(1) Kasturba Hospital, Mysore, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 2/6/77. (2) License #159205, issued on 7/16/84.
<u>12-12-60C</u> Manish Raval New Windsor, NY 12553	(1) NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 3/30/94. (2) License #260373, issued on 2/10/11.
<u>12-13-60C</u> Parenkumar Patel Bellerose Manor, NY 11427	(1) University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/27/01. (2) License #253690, issued on 6/24/09.
<u>12-14-60C</u> Dinesh Subedi Farmington, NY 14425	(1) Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/22/05. (2) License #003750, issued on 3/29/11.
<u>12-15-60C</u> John Tadros Staten Island, NY 10312	(1) Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/1/01. (2) License #251771, issued on 1/27/09.

<u>12-16-60C</u> Azhar Tahir Rochester, NY 14602	(1) University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 2/23/77. (2) License #190786, issued on 10/30/92.
<u>12-17-60C</u> Swapna Vemulapalli Brooklyn, NY 11231	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijawasa, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/21/04. (1) License #263546, issued on 11/17/11.
<u>12-18-60C</u> Renata Witkowska Suffern, NY 10901	(1) Marcinkowski University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland, Physician, 5/25/92. (2) License #255238, issued on 10/21/09.

**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.