

Decision No. (29) for the year 2020

Regarding the regulation of the health professions licensure examination system At the National Health Regulatory Authority

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health:

The National Health Regulatory Authority:

After perusal of Decree-Law No. (2) of 1987 regarding non-physicians and pharmacists practicing allied health professions,

And Decree-Law No. (7) of 1989 regarding practicing the profession of medicine and dentistry,

And Decree-Law No. (18) of 1997 in the matter of regulating the profession of pharmacy and pharmacy centres, as amended by Decree-Law No. (20) of 2015,

And Law No. (38) of 2009 Establishing the National Health Regulatory Authority , as amended by Decree-Law No. (32) of 2015,

And Decree-Law No. (21) of 2015 regarding private health facilities, as amended by Law No. (1) of 2019,

And Decree No. (5) of 2013 establishing the Supreme Council of Health, and its amendments,

And Resolution No. (1) of 1991 regulating the practice of the profession of nursing,

And Resolution No. (2) of 1991 regulating the profession of midwifery,

And Resolution No. (1) of 2011 regarding the regulation of licensure examinations for the profession of-medicine and dentistry,

And Resolution No. (11) of 2015 issuing the regulations for the licensure examination for health professions at the National Health Regulatory Authority,

And Resolution No. (24) of 2016 issuing a list of allied health professions,

And Resolution No. (23) of 2017 regarding standards and requirements for licenses for practitioners of health professions,

And after the approval of the Supreme Council of Health in its meeting No. (6) dated November 27, 2019,

And based on the proposal of the CEO of the National Health Regulatory Authority,

The following has been decided:

Article(1)

In implementing the provisions of this resolution, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings indicated next to each of them, unless the context of the text requires otherwise:

The Authority: National Health Regulatory Authority.

Health professions: one of the professions in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or an allied health profession.

License: The license issued by the Authority to practice a health profession.

License applicant: A person who holds a degree in a health profession and applies to the Authority for a license.

Article(2)

Everyone who submits to the authority an application for a license to practice a health profession must pass the examination required by the authority, as a condition for obtaining a license.

It is permissible, after approval of the Supreme Council of Health, to be exempted from taking the exam, in accordance with the standards and requirements for licenses for practitioners of health professions published on the Authority's website, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. (23) of 2017 regarding standards and requirements for licenses for practitioners of health professions.

Article(3)

The authority conducts an evaluation examination for the license applicant, and if he/she does not pass this exam, he has the right to have-three more attempts within a period not exceeding three years starting from the date of taking the first examination.

A- The applicant who-does not pass the evaluation exam according to the previous clause, may have two additional attempts, provided that he/she goes through a training period of no less than six months' duration in one of the health facilities accredited by the Authority, and submits evidence of passing this training period. Passing the evaluation exam on these two attempts must be within a maximum of two years from the passing of training period.-

B- The training course, for an applicant to practice the profession of medicine, must include practical training in surgery, internal medicine, paediatrics, and gynaecology and obstetrics for a period of no less than four months of the total course duration.

Article(4)

The authority may entrust one of the academic or university bodies or a specialized company to conduct the necessary examinations to issue licenses to practice health professions in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and the instructions and regulations laid down by the authority, in accordance with memoranda of understanding, agreements or contracts concluded with those authorities.

Article(5)

In addition to the conditions and standards necessary for licensing, the requirement to pass the exam required by the authority is added as a condition for obtaining this license for the following health professions:

- A- Pharmacy technician.
- B- Anaesthesia technician.
- C- Physiotherapist.
- D- Dietician
- E- Nutritionist.
- F- Dental assistant.
- G- Dental Hygienist.
- H- Dental Lab. technician.
- I- Medical laboratory technician.
- J- Medical laboratory technologist.
- K - Medical Lab. Speciality title.
- L- ~~Radiology~~ Radiologic technician.
- M- Radiologic technologist.
- N- Midwifery.
- O- Optometrist.
- P- EMT- Basic.
- F--EMT- Intermediate.

Article(6)

Resolution No. (11) of 2015 regarding the exams system at the National Health Regulatory Authority and the accompanying regulations shall be annulled, and any text that contradicts the provisions of this resolution shall be cancelled.

Article(7)

The CEO of the National Health Regulatory Authority shall implement the provisions of this resolution, and it shall come into force on the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health

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