LICENSURE EXAMINATION

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INTRODUCTION

NHRA is the responsible body for licensing of all health professionals practicing in Bahrain as per law No. (38) for 2009 to establish NHRA. Licensing of health professionals is regulated by different professionals' laws and regulations. The department of Professionals regulations at NHRA is responsible for issuing all professional licensing and follows an internal process that requires submitting application forms and documents that are a pre-requisite before issuing the license. In this booklet we address the procedures and requirements for licensure examinations.

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Certain applicants may be required to pass the licensure examination prior to being issued a license to practice in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The professions currently required to go through the examinations include:

1. Ambulance Nurse
2. Anesthesia Technician
3. Audiologist
4. Audiology Technician
5. CSS Aide
6. CSS Technician
7. Dental Assistant
8. Dental Hygienist
9. Dental Lab Technician
10. Dental Practitioner
11. Dialysis Technician
12. Dietician
13. ECG Technician
14. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - Basic
15. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – Intermediate
16. General Nurse
17. Medical Laboratory Specialty Title
18. Medical Laboratory Technician
19. Medical Laboratory Technologist
20. Medical Practitioner
21. Midwife
22. Nuclear Medicine Technologist
23. Nutrition Technician
24. Nutritionist
25. Occupation Therapist
26. Occupational Therapy Technician
27. Optometrist
28. Optometry Technician
29. Paramedic
30. Pharmacist
31. Pharmacy Technician
32. Phlebotomist
33. Physiotherapist
34. Physiotherapy Technician
35. Prosthetics & Orthotics Technician
36. Prosthetist/Orthotist
37. Psychologist
38. Psychometrist
39. Radiologic Technician
40. Radiologic Technologist
41. Respiratory Therapist
42. Respiratory Therapy Technician

Examination Application:

- All professionals must submit a complete license application through the online system prior to being permitted to appear for the licensure examination.
- Once a license application is approved, an eligibility code will be generated for the applicant and sent to him/her through the online system
- The candidate is to use the code generated to register for the licensure examination.
- The eligibility code can be used for a single attempt only.
- Once the applicant obtains the result, he/she should upload a copy of the examination report with their online application.
- If the applicant passed the exam, the process of a new license will be completed.
- If the applicant fails the exam, the eligibility code will be reactivated and the applicant will be notified through the online system keeping in mind the permitted examination attempts detailed below.
- **Any examination attempted without the approval of NHRA will not be accepted.**
- **Prometric examination results pre-dating these instructions will not be accepted.**
- **For Medical and Dental practitioners, exams done before or during Internship will not be accepted**
- **The pass mark for nursing, midwifery, and allied professions is set at 50%**
- **The pass mark for all other professions is set at 60%.**
- **Note : if prometric was taken from another center the pass mark will be taken according to that center .**

Examination Attempts

As per decision number 29 for the year 2020 pertaining to the licensure examinations, the following applies for the number of permitted examination attempts:

1. An applicant may be allowed to appear for the licensure examination four consecutive times provided that the attempts are done within a maximum of three years from the first attempt.

2. Should the applicant fail the fourth attempt, he/she will be required to go through a re-training period of a minimum of six months in a licensed health care facility in the Kingdom of Bahrain and to provide proof of completion of this training.

3. Following the re-training period, the applicant may be permitted to re-appear for the licensure examination for two more attempts provided that they are done within a maximum of two years from the date of completion of re-training.

4. Medical Practitioners training must include rotations in General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics & Gynecology for at least 4 months from the total period.

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