

Examination Exemption Policy¹

The Supreme Council for Health requires that applicants for registration in a general scope as a physician, dentist, or pharmacist pass either a Council Qualifying Examination or an examination officially recognized by the Council.

The following Applicants are exempted from exams:

- An Applicant who has passed another recognized exam within the past five years
- An Applicant for General Scope Physician registration is exempted from the exam if he or she holds a post-graduate diploma (minimum 1 year of study with final exam). These General Scope Physicians will be restricted to working in the area of medicine for which they received a diploma and must be supervised by a Specialist Scope Physician registered in the same medical specialty
- An Applicant for a General Scope Dentist registration is exempted from the exam if he or she has passed the following exam: American National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) Parts 1 and 2.

Recognized Examinations

The following table lists the examinations recognized by the NHA:

Physicians	Dentists	Pharmacists
Australian Medical Council Multiple Choice Questionnaire	National Board Dental Examination parts 1 and 2	None
Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board Part 1		
United States Medical Licensing Examination Part 3		
Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 1		
Hamad Medical Corporation National Board Examination		

¹ PLC minute 24 September 2008, paragraph

PHYSICIAN APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE:

The written examination

At its meeting held on 12 May 2009 the Permanent Licensing Committee (PLC) agreed to suspend the written part of Council's physician examination.

Until further notice, all physicians applying for general scope registration must provide evidence of a pass within 5 years of applying for registration in one of the following recognized written examinations:

- Australian Medical Council Multiple Choice Questionnaire

<http://www.amc-exam.com/index.html>

- Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board Part 1

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/plab/index.asp>

- United States Medical Licensing Examination Part 3

<http://www.usmle.org/index.html>

- Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 1

<http://www.mcc.ca/en/exams/>

- Hamad Medical Corporation National Board Examination

The Oral Examination

When the Medical Licensing Department has received a completed application for evaluation and verified the result of the recognized written examination, an appointment will be arranged for the oral part of the examination.

Appointment times will be available every two weeks and will be allocated on a first-come first served basis.