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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD FOR
LIMITED LICENSURE FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES**

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THIS PROPOSED REGULATION: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) intends to adopt as permanent regulation the attached Proposed Amendment, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The regulation would become effective 10 days after compliance with 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b) (1 CMC § 9105(b)).

AUTHORITY: The Health Care Professions Licensing Board has statutory power to promulgate and effect regulations pursuant to 4 CMC § 2206(b), as amended.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The attached proposed amendment amends the Health Care Professions Licensing Board for limited licensure for foreign medical graduates.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: The regulation aims to establish an equitable pathway for Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) with active foreign licenses to practice medicine in the Commonwealth under a limited license, subject to conditions ensuring the quality of care and public safety.

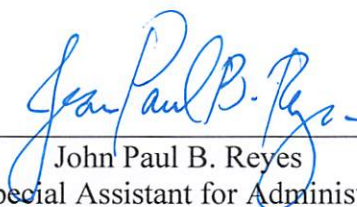
DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: The Board is soliciting comments regarding this proposed amendment which must be received by the Board within thirty (30) days of first publication of this notice in the Commonwealth Register. Interested persons may request copies of the proposed amendment by contacting us at 664-4809 or by email at info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp or drop by our office located at Bldg. 1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan. Written comments on these amendments should be dropped off at our office or sent to the HCPLB, P.O. Box 502078, Saipan, MP, 96950.

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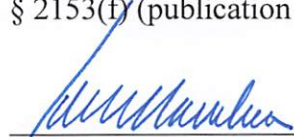


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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a) (3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).



EDWARD MANIBUSAN
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**NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPOPONI NA TINILAIKA SIHA GI
KUETPUN MANLISESENSIA PRUFESIONÁT GI INADAHIN HINEMLU' PARA
GUAHA RISTRIKTA NA LISENSIA PARA ESTRANGHERU NA MEDIKUN
GRADUHA SIHA**

**I AKSION NI MA'INTENSIONA PARA U MA'ADÁPTA ESTI I MAPROPOPONI NA
REGULASION SIHA:** I Kuetpun Manlisesensia Prufesionát Gi Inadahin Hinemlu' (i HCPLB)
ha intensiona para u adápta komu petmanienti na regulasion siha i mañechettun na
Manmaproponi na Tinilaika siha, sigun gi manera siha gi Ákton i Administrative Procedure, 1
CMC § 9104(a). I Regulasion siha para u ifektibu gi dies (10) dihas gi dispues i tináttiyn lai yan
i 1 CMC §§ 9102 yan i 9104(a) pat i (b) (1 CMC § 9105 (b)).

ATURIDÁT: I Kuetpun Manlisesensia Prufesionát Gi Inadahin Hinemlu' gai estatua na áturidát
para u implimenta yan kátga huyung i regulasién siha sigun gi 4 CMC § 2206(b), komu
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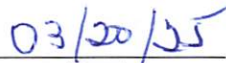
I TEMA YAN SUSTÁNSIAN I PALÁBRA SIHA: I mañechettun na manmaproponi na
tinilaika siha inamenda i Kuetpun Manlisesensia Prufesionát Gi Inadahin Hinemlu' para guaha
ristrikta na lisensia para estrangheru na medikun graduha siha.

SUHETU YAN ASUNTU NI TINEKKA: I regulasién ha i'ina para u istablesi parehu na
oputunidát para Estrangheru na Medikun Graduha siha (FMGs) yan i manaktibu na manlisenia
na estrangheru para u mapraktika manámti gi hálum iya Commonwealth gi pápa' i guaha ristrikta
na lisensia, suhetu para kundisién na ha na'siguguru i kuálidát na inadahi yan sináfu'.

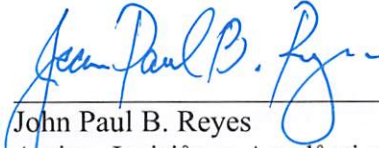
DIREKSION PARA U MAPO'LU YAN MAPUPBLIKA: I Kuetpu mamamaisin upiñon siha
put esti i maproponi na tinilaika siha ni debi na u marisibi ni Kuetpu gi hálum i trenta (30)
dihas gi primet na publikasién esti na nutisia gi hálum i Rehistran Commonwealth. I
manintirisáo na pitsona siha siña marikuesta kopia nu i maproponi na tinilaika. Ágang hami gi
664-4809 osino email hami gi info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp pat bisita i ufisinan-mámi ni gaigi gi
Bldg. 1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capito Hill, Saipan. I tinigi' upiñon put esti na tinilaika siha debi na u
ma'intrega hálum gi ufisinan-mámi pat kattáyi guatu gi HCPLB, P. O. Box 502078, Saipan, MP
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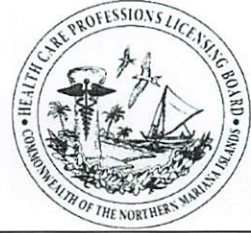
Sigun i 1 CMC § 2153(e) (I Abugâdu Henerât ha aprueba i regulasion siha na para u macho'gui komu fotma) yan 1 CMC § 9104(a) (3) (hentan inaprueban Abugâdu Henerât) i manmaproponi na Regulasion siha ni mañechettun guini ni manmaribisa yan manma'aprueba komu fotma yan sufisienti ligât ginin i CNMI Abugâdu Henerât yan debi na u mapupblika, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (pubplikasion i areklamentu yan regulasion siha).


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HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD NGÁLI
LIMITED LICENSURE NGÁLIIR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES**

MÁNGEMÁNGIL MWÓGHUT REEL REBWE ADÓPTÁÁLI PPWOMMWOL MWÓGHUTUGHUT KKAAL: Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) re mángemángil rebwe adóptááli PPwommwol Liiwel ikka e appasch bwe ebwe lléghló, sáangi mwóghutughutúl Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). Ebwe bwunguló mwóghutughut seigh ráál (10) mwiril aal angúungú fengál me 1 CMC §§ 9102 me 9104(a) ngáre (b) (1 CMC § 9105(b)).

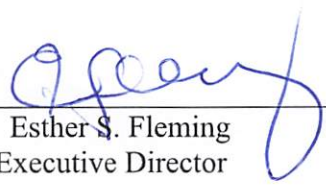
BWÁNGIL: Eyoor bwángil Health Care Professions Licensing Board rebwe aronga me isiisiwow mwóghut sáangi 4 CMC § 2206(b), igha e liiwel.

KKAPAS ME WEEWEEL: Ppwommwol liiwel ikka e appasch e liiweli Health Care Professions Licensing Board ngáli “limited licensure” ngáliir schóó kka re lo bwe “foreign medical graduates”.

KKAPASAL ME AUTOL: Plónol mwóghutughut nge ebwe itittiw aal ngáliir “Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) ikka e yoor aar “active foreign licenses” reel rebwe angaang llól sáfey me llól Commonwealth faal mille “limited license”, fengál me “subject to conditions” reel ebwe ffil me ghatch lemelem me leghileghiil toulap.

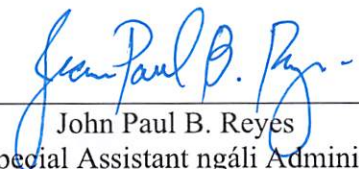
AFAL REEL AMMWELIL ME AKKATÉÉWOWUL: Board re tingór kkapas ikka e ssúlngáli ppwommwol liiwel iye Board rebwe bwughi llól eliigh (30) ráál mwiril aal ghommwal akkatééwow me llól Commonwealth Register. Schóó kka re tipáli pappidil ppwommwol liiwel rebwe faingi ghámem me 664-4809 ngáre email li info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp ngáre mweteló bwulasiyo imwu e lo Bldg. No. 1242, Pohnpei Ct, Asúngúl, Seipél. Ischill kkapas wóól liiwel kkaal ebwe mwetelól bwulasiyo ngáre afangaló BPL, P.O. Box 502078, Saipan, MP, 96950.

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Sáangi 1 CMC § 2153(e) (sáangi átirowal AG reel mwóghutughut bwe aa ffil reel fféérúl me ebwe arongowow) me 1 CMC § 9104(a) (3) (sáangi átirowal AG) reel ppwommwol mwóghutughut ikka e appasch bwe ra takkal amwuri fischiiy me átirowa bwe aa ffil reel fféérúl me legal sufficiency sáangi Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalapal CNMI me ebwe akkatééwow, 1 CMC § 2153 (f) (arongowowul allégh me mwóghutughut).


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Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalap

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§ 140-50.3–4206 Requirements for Licensing for Foreign or International Medical Graduates with US Training or US Licensure.

A foreign or international medical graduate applying to practice as a physician must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant is a graduate of a foreign medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDMS) and must have graduated in a calendar year when the medical school was listed in the WDMS.
2. The applicant must have satisfactorily completed at least three (3) years of postgraduate training, internship, or residency in a training program accredited by ACGME, the Accreditation Committee of the Federation of the Medical Licensing Authority of Canada, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or another residency program approved by the Board, after earning a medical degree.
3. The applicant must be of good moral character and must not have been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude or a crime related to their practice as a physician in any jurisdiction, U.S. or foreign.

§ 140-50.3–4207 Foreign and International Medical Graduates without U.S. Training or License.

An applicant to practice as a physician under this category must:

1. Be entitled or eligible to enter, work, and remain in the Commonwealth.
2. Be a graduate of a medical school listed in the WDMS and must have graduated in a calendar year when the medical school was recognized by the government agency in the country where the school is located.
3. Have satisfactorily completed a 3-year postgraduate training program (residency and fellowship, if applicable) after earning a medical degree in the field in which they are applying.
4. Have taken and passed the national specialty examination of their field of medicine (if applicable) in the country where they currently practice or provide evidence, approved by the Board, of postgraduate training and continuing medical education reflecting standards commensurate with U.S. and Canadian physicians.
5. Demonstrate a command of the English language by taking and passing the Occupational English Test (OET) for physicians, the TOEFL exam, or another language proficiency exam approved by the Board. Alternatively, fluency may be determined through a conversation with a board member.
6. Hold an unrestricted, active license to practice medicine in the country where they are currently practicing and must have held that license and been practicing independently for at least two (2) years preceding the date of application to practice in the CNMI.
7. Provide a Letter of Good Standing from the licensing and/or regulatory agency in the country where they are currently practicing medicine, satisfactory to the Board, confirming that no disciplinary action has been taken against their license by any medical profession licensing authority and that they have not been the subject of any adverse action such as suspension, revocation, probation, or denial of renewal. This Letter of Good Standing must be issued and dated within six (6) months preceding the date of application to practice in the CNMI.

b) The license shall be for a period of three (3) years and may be renewed or granted an extension with Board approval.

c) A U.S. Social Security number and a National Provider Identification (NPI) number must be provided upon request by the Board during the period that the license is valid.

d) Scope of Practice:

1. The foreign-licensed physician shall practice in accordance with their training and experience.
2. The foreign-licensed physician must have a supervisor to oversee clinical practice per CHCC bylaws or other clinic bylaws.
3. The foreign-licensed physician shall be employed by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation or another established healthcare facility willing to comply with these regulations.

e) Supervising Physician: The supervising physician must comply with the bylaws of the place of employment.

C) Nothing in these regulations shall:

1. Prohibit the Board from disapproving any foreign medical school or postgraduate training program or from denying an application if, in the opinion of the Board, the professional instruction provided by the medical school or the postgraduate training program or the instruction received by the applicant is not equivalent to that required of U.S.-trained physicians.
2. Prohibit the Board from suspending, revoking, placing on probation, or conditioning the license on any grounds that by law or regulations would be grounds to suspend, revoke, place on probation, or condition the license to practice medicine in the CNMI, or for periods of time when the foreign-licensed physician is not under the supervision of a CNMI-licensed healthcare professional.
3. Prohibit the Board from revoking a previously issued license if the licensee has not entered the CNMI and begun work for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation within 6 months from the date of licensure.

D) If the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) is not fully satisfied with a foreign-licensed physician's application, they may request that the sponsoring institution arrange for the candidate to appear before the board for a face-to-face interview. If an in-person meeting is not feasible, the board may instead require a designated member to travel to the candidate's location for an interview. All associated costs will be the responsibility of the petitioning institution.