

CHAPTER SIX: DHA ASSESSMENT

18. Assessment Guideline

Healthcare Professionals are required to pass DHA assessment in order to obtain the professional license and practice their profession in the Emirate of Dubai. Depending on the healthcare professional's category The DHA assessment can be either:

- **Computer Based Testing (CBT) or**
- **Oral assessment**

While applying for the DHA assessment, applicant need to consider the following:

- All DHA assessment will be conducted in English language and no translator is allowed to attend the oral assessment.
- Exam fees are non-refundable; this includes re-scheduling, cancellation and/or not attends.
- The applicant will be notified of the result (PASS or FAIL) and no further details (such as scores) will be provided.
- Upon successfully passing the DHA assessment, the eligibility letter will be issued and considered **valid for one year** from the date of result.
- Applicant with “fail” result needs to apply again to re-attend the DHA assessment, no time restriction between assessment dates.
- The applicant will be granted **three attempts** to pass the DHA assessment (Oral or CBT) and will not be permitted to reapply for the DHA license after third attempt unless he/she obtains an additional DHA Recognized Certificate/qualification as per the published list on DHA website.
- In case of assessment exemption, the scope of exemption is limited to assessment requirement and does not apply to any other requirements for licensure.

19. Assessment Exemption

Healthcare professionals who successfully completed one of the listed international examinations or hold an active registration/license to practice with certain regulatory bodies will be exempt from the DHA assessment required to obtain the professional license

19.1 General Practitioners

Category	Equivalency Assessment	Abbreviation
Australia	Australian Medical Council Examination	AMC/MCQ
Canada	Medical Council of Canada qualifying examination part II	MCCQE-part II
Ireland	Ireland Temporary Registration Assessment Scheme part III	TRAS
New Zealand	New Zealand Registration Examination	NZREX
UK	United Kingdom Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board Test Part II	PLAB II
USA	United States Medical Licensing Examination Part III	USMLE – Part III

19.2 Specialist Physicians

Category	Equivalency Assessment	Abbreviation
Australia	Fellowship from the Royal Australian College AND Specialist Registration from the Australian Medical Council	
Canada	Specialization Certificate of the RCPS or Certification by the College of Family Physicians Canada	CFPC
Ireland	Certificate of Specialist Doctor	
New Zealand	Fellowship of the Royal College AND Specialist Registration by the Medical Council	

Category	Equivalency Assessment	Abbreviation
UK	Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (C.C.S.T.) or Certificate of Completion of Training (C.C.T.) or Certificate of Completion of Training in General Practice	(C.C.S.T.) or (C.C.T.)
USA	Valid American Board of Medical Specialty Certification	ABMS

19.3 Laboratory Professionals

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
Australia	Australian Institute of Medical Scientist	
Canada	Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science	CSMLS
Ireland	Department of Health and Children	
New Zealand	New Zealand Medical Laboratory Science Board	
South Africa	South African Health Professional Council as a Technologist	HPCSA
UK	Registration with Health Professional Council as Biomedical Scientist	HPC
USA	The American Society for Clinical Pathologists	ASCP

NOTE: A valid Certificate of Current Status confirming good standing registration of the applicant issued by the Registration/licensing authority at the time of application is needed.

19.4 Medical Imaging Technologists

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
Australia	Australia institute of radiographer	
Canada	Canadian association medical radiation technologist	
Ireland	Department of Health and Children	
New Zealand	New Zealand institute of medical radiation Technology	
South Africa	South Africa Health Professional Council as radiographer	HPCSA

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
UK	Registration with Health Professional Council	HPC
USA	American Registration of Radiological Technologist	

NOTE: A valid Certificate of Current Status confirming good standing registration of the applicant issued by the Registration/licensing authority at the time of application is needed.

19.5 Pharmacists and Clinical Pharmacists

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
Australia	The Australian Pharmacy Examining Council	
Canada	The National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities	
Ireland	Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland	
New Zealand	Pharmaceutical Council of New Zealand	
South Africa	The Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa	
UK	The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain	
USA	National Association of Boards of Pharmacy	

Note: Valid and in-good standing registration from the issuing authority at the time of application with clear disciplinary record.

19.6 Sonographers

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
Australia	Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry	ASAR
Canada	The Canadian Association Medical Radiation Technologists	
Ireland	Department of Health and Children	

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
New Zealand	Australasian Society for ultrasound in Medicine	ASUS
South Africa	South African Health Professional Council as a Radiographer	HPCSA
UK	Registration with Health Professional Council	HPC
USA	The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography	ARDMS

Note: Valid and in-good standing registration from the issuing authority at the time of application with clear disciplinary record.

19.7 Nurses and Midwives

Applicants who graduated and registered to practice within the following countries will be exempted from the Registered Nurse and Registered Midwives component of the DHA exam

Issuing Countries
Australia
Canada
Ireland
New Zealand
South Africa
UK
USA

Note: Valid and in-good standing registration from the issuing authority at the time of application with clear disciplinary record.

19.8 Physiotherapists

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
Australia	Australian Physiotherapy Council	
Canada	The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators	
Ireland	Department of Health and Children	
New Zealand	The Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand	
South Africa	South African Health Professional Council	HPCSA
UK	Registration with Health Professional Council	HPC
USA	The American Physical Therapy Association	

Note: Valid and in-good standing registration from the issuing authority at the time of application with clear disciplinary record.

19.9 Dietitians

Category	Equivalency Registration	Abbreviation
Australia	Dietetic Association of Australia	
Canada	Dietitians of Canada	
Ireland	Department of Health and Children	
New Zealand	New Zealand Dietitian's Board	
South Africa	South African Health Professional Council	HPCSA
UK	Health Professional Council	
USA	Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association	CDR

Note: Valid and in-good standing registration from the issuing authority at the time of application with clear disciplinary record.

20. Computer Based Testing

The Computer Based Testing (CBT) is conducted in collaboration with outsourced provider (Prometric), which provides testing centers in more than 76 countries in the world. Currently the exam is offered to the following specialties:

- Assistant nurse
- Dermatologist
- General Dentist
- General Practitioner
- Orthodontics
- Obstetrics & gynecologist
- Pediatrics
- Physiotherapist
- Radiographer
- Registered nurse

Additional specialties will be added regularly by DHA.

Before scheduling the DHA Prometric exam please note the following:

- HRD will allocate **Eligibility ID** to the applicant after completing the credentialing and PSV processes; the Eligibility ID will be required to complete Prometric online schedule process.
- Prometric exam can be booked through DHA Prometric website www.prometric.com/DHA
- Exam payment will collected electronically, acceptable payment methods with Prometric include American Express, MasterCard and Visa credit cards

- Arrival at the testing center shall be **60 minutes before the scheduled appointment** time to allow for check-in procedure; the DHA exam check-in procedure requires Biometric (**Fingerprint**) capture to positively identify candidates. Therefore, DHA exams are only available in test centres and countries that are Biometric enabled. Due to local legislation, Prometric exams are unavailable in the following countries: Canada, France, Greece, Ireland and South Africa.
- **Reschedule/Cancelling** the DHA Prometric exam is possible and should be conducted **five calendar days prior to the appointment**, Reschedule/Cancel option is available in Prometric website or can be done by calling Prometric Regional Contact Centre; specific charge will be collected by Prometric for changing appointment.
- Applicant **must** present a valid **passport** to the test center to serve as identification, the passport provided must match the details that given during registration.
- All DHA Prometric exams will be conducted in English language, the exam consist of **70 questions** most of them are standards **multiple-choice with one best answer**.
- The timing permitted to complete the exam question is 2 hours.
- **Reference material** for the DHA Prometric exam are available in this link <https://www.prometric.com/en-us/clients/DHA/Documents/FAQDHAver3last.pdf>
- Exam result will be based on total number of correct answers, examinee shall score **60%** to be considered as **PASS**
- After completing the DHA Prometric exam, a printout will be issued to the applicant, **exam result will not be declared**, Prometric exam result will be uploaded electronically **within five working dates**.
- If applicant experience a technical problem during the exam you must notify the Prometric exam center administrative staff,

For further information regarding the Prometric test center requirements and procedures, please refer to DHA Prometric website www.prometric.com/DHA

21. Oral Assessment

Oral assessment is conducted by a team of experts in the same field the applicant is applying for, the exam consists of questions designed to measure the knowledge and the cognitive skills of the applicant.

21.1 Types Oral Assessment

There are two types of assessment schedules available:

- **Routine Assessment**
- **Special Assessment** which provides the applicant with:

- Opportunity to expedite the examination/assessment dates.
- Arrange Rare Specialty assessments, such as Nuclear Medicine or Podiatrist etc. (such specialties for which no fixed schedule is available, the assessment will be arranged on case per case basis).