

General Information on Partial Amendment to Diplomate Specialization and Examination Regulations

The Diplomate Specialization and Examination Regulations were enacted and promulgated on June 29, 1988 in accordance with Paragraph 3, Article 7-1 of the Physicians Act, and have undergone five amendments, including the amendments adopted on April 12, 2006, June 9, 2010, January 17, 2011, April 13, 2017, and November 30, 2017.

In order to facilitate the implementation of the postgraduate general training for physicians and due to the enactment of the Dentist Specialization and Examination Regulations, some provisions of the Regulations are reviewed and amended. The main points of the amendment are as follows:

1. New provisions are added, which stipulate that the postgraduate general training period is two years for graduates of the six-year program of the department of medicine, the four-year program of the department of post-baccalaureate medicine, and the seven-year program of the department of Chinese medicine with a double major in subjects from the department of medicine at a domestic college, and that the training period is two years for graduates of the department of medicine at a foreign college who receive the postgraduate general training on and after August 1, 2020 (amendment to Article 2).
2. Due to the enactment of the Dentist Specialization and Examination Regulations, the provisions regarding the general training for dentists, dentist specializations, training institutions for dentists and the determination thereof are amended (amendment to Article 2, Article 2-1, and Articles 4 to 6).
3. The provisions regarding the eligibility for specialist examinations are moved (amendment to Article 2 and Article 8).

Comparison Table of Partial Provisions of Diplomate Specialization and Examination Regulations Before and After Amendment

Amended Provisions	Existing Provisions	Explanations
<p>Article 2</p> <p>Prior to participation in the specialist training, a physician shall pass the second stage medical exam specified in the Staged Senior Professional and Technical Examinations Regulations for Medical Doctors, Dentists, Chinese Medicine Practitioners, and Pharmacists (hereinafter referred to as the “Second Stage Examination”) and complete postgraduate general clinic medicine training (hereinafter referred to as “the General Training”). The training period shall be as follows:</p> <p>1. <u>Two years for graduates of the six-year program of the department of medicine, the four-year program of the department of post-baccalaureate medicine, or the seven-year program of the department of Chinese medicine with a double major in subjects from the department of medicine at a domestic college;</u></p> <p>2. One year for graduates of</p>	<p>Article 2</p> <p><u>Physicians having completed specialist training or having obtained foreign specialist certification and being approved by the central competent health authority in respect to the specialization pursuant to these Regulations may participate in the specialist examination for said specialization.</u></p> <p>Prior to participation in the specialist training referred to in the preceding paragraph, a physician shall pass the second stage medical or dentistry exam and complete postgraduate general clinic medicine training (hereinafter referred to as “the General Training”). The training period shall be as follows:</p> <p>1. One year for graduates from the department of medicine or the department of Chinese medicine electing a double major in subjects from the department of medicine at a domestic college after February 1, 2011;</p> <p>2. Pursuant to the schedule of</p>	<p>1. The provisions of Paragraph 1 regarding the eligibility for specialist examinations move to Paragraph 1 of Article 8.</p> <p>2. The years of study for the department of medicine have changed from seven to six for students enrolling in academic year 2013 and onwards, the years of study for students from the department of Chinese medicine with a double major in medicine have changed from eight to seven for students enrolling in academic year 2013 and onwards, and the years of study for the department of post-baccalaureate medicine have changed from five to four for students enrolling in academic year 2015 and onwards; moreover, the period of their postgraduate clinic medicine training has changed from one year to two years. As a result, provisions regarding the changed period of the General Training are added in Subparagraph 1 of Paragraph 1.</p> <p>3. Subparagraphs 2 and 3 of Paragraph 1 are amended, which stipulate that the</p>

<p><u>the seven-year program of the department of medicine, the five-year program of the department of post-baccalaureate medicine, or the eight-year program of the department of Chinese medicine with a double major in subjects from the department of medicine at a domestic college after February 1, 2011;</u></p> <p>3. For graduates <u>of the seven-year program of the department of medicine, the five-year program of the department of post-baccalaureate medicine, or the eight-year program of the department of Chinese medicine with a double major in subjects from the department of medicine at a domestic college prior to January 31, 2011;</u></p> <p>(1) <u>For those who receive the General Training before June 30, 2012; The period specified in the schedule of the General Training announced by the central competent health authority for the current year;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>For those who receive the General Training after July 1, 2012; One year.</u></p>	<p>the General Training announced by the central competent health authority for the current year, for graduates from the department of medicine or the department of Chinese medicine at a domestic college who elect a double major in subjects from the department of medicine prior to January 31, 2011 and receive the General Training before June 30, 2012; one year for those who receive the General Training after July 1, 2012;</p> <p>3. Pursuant to the schedule of the General Training announced by the central competent health authority for the current year for graduates from the department of medicine at a foreign college who receive the General Training before June 30, 2011; one year for those who receive the General Training after July 1, 2011;</p> <p>4. <u>Two years for graduates from the department of dentistry at a domestic college or a foreign college who receive the General Training after July</u></p>	<p>previous rule regarding the General Training period applies to graduates of the seven-year program of the department of medicine, the five-year program of the department of post-baccalaureate medicine, and the eight-year program of the department of Chinese medicine with a double major in subjects from the department of medicine at a domestic college.</p> <p>4. Graduates of the department of medicine at a foreign college are required to pass the first stage medical exam and complete 48 weeks of clinical practice before taking the second stage medical exam. Although the content of the clinical practice for academic year 2018 is the same as that for medical students of the seven-year program, the clinical practice for medical students of the seven-year program is no longer available starting in academic year 2019. Therefore, provisions which stipulate that graduates of the department of medicine at a foreign college who receive the General Training after August 1, 2020 shall receive two years of training, are added in Item 3, Subparagraph 4 of Paragraph 1.</p>
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<p>4. For graduates of the department of medicine at a foreign college:</p> <p>(1) <u>For those who receive the General Training before June 30, 2011; The training period specified in the schedule of the General Training announced by the central competent health authority for the current year;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>For those who receive the General Training after July 1, 2011; One year;</u></p> <p>(3) <u>For those who receive the General Training after August 1, 2020: Two years.</u></p> <p>Physicians who have obtained a foreign specialist certificate and have been approved by the central competent health authority may be exempted from the aforesaid rule of accomplishing the General Training first.</p>	<p><u>1, 2010.</u></p> <p><u>Graduates from the department of dentistry at a domestic college or foreign college before January 31, 2010 who have received specialist training or obtained a foreign specialist certificate and have been approved by the central competent health authority before June 30, 2012 may be exempted from the aforesaid rule of accomplishing the General Training first.</u></p>	<p>5. The provisions regarding the General Training for dentists are deleted due to the enactment of the Dentist Specialization and Examination Regulations.</p>
<p>Article 2-1</p> <p>Current graduates of the department of Chinese medicine with a double major in subjects from the department of medicine may receive the General training after passing the examination for physician of Chinese medicine and prior to passing</p>	<p>Article 2-1</p> <p><u>Current graduates from a domestic department of dentistry may receive the General Training prior to obtaining a dentist certificate.</u></p> <p><u>However, those who fail to pass the second stage dentistry exam before December 31 of the</u></p>	<p>The provisions regarding the General Training for current graduates of the department of dentistry are deleted due to the enactment of the Dentist Specialization and Examination Regulations.</p>

<p>the second stage medical exam. Those who fail to pass the second stage medical exam within six months from the start date of the General Training shall immediately terminate the training; no more than six months of the training experience shall be recognized.</p> <p>Graduates of the department of medicine or the department of Chinese medicine at a domestic college with a double major in subjects from the department of medicine prior to July 31, 2011 may receive the General Training after graduation. Those who fail to obtain a physician certificate prior to June 30, 2012 shall immediately terminate the training, and their training experience shall no longer be recognized.</p> <p>Graduates who qualify for the foregoing conditions may be exempted from the requirements stated in Paragraph 1.</p>	<p><u>graduation year shall immediately terminate the training, and no more than six months of the training experience shall be recognized.</u> Current graduates from the department of Chinese medicine electing a double major in subjects from the department of medicine may receive the General training after passing the examination for physician of Chinese medicine and prior to passing the second stage medical exam. Those who fail to pass the second stage medical exam within six months from the start date of the General Training shall immediately terminate the training, and no more than six months of the training experience shall be recognized.</p> <p><u>Individuals who graduate from a domestic department of dentistry prior to July 31, 2010 and have received the General Training shall immediately terminate the training if no dentist certificate is obtained before June 30, 2011, and their training experience shall no longer be recognized.</u></p> <p>Graduates from the department of medicine or</p>	
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<p>Article 4 (Deleted)</p>	<p>Article 4 Dentist specializations are as follows: 1. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2. Oral Pathology 3. Orthodontics 4. Periodontics 5. Pediatric Dentistry 6. Endodontics 7. Prosthodontics 8. Operative Dentistry 9. Family Dentistry 10. Special Needs Dentistry</p>	<p>1. <u>This article is deleted.</u> 2. The provisions regarding dentist specializations are deleted due to the enactment of the Dentist Specialization and Examination Regulations.</p>
<p>Article 5 Specialist training shall be conducted by a hospital with the capability to hold such specialist training as</p>	<p>Article 5 Specialist training shall be conducted by a hospital with the capability to hold such specialist training as</p>	<p>The provisions regarding the hospitals that provide specialist training for orthodontics are deleted due to the enactment of the Dentist Specialization and Examination Regulations.</p>

determined by the central competent health authority.	determined by the central competent health authority. <u>However, specialist training for orthodontics shall be conducted by a dental clinic with the capability to hold such specialist training as determined by the central competent health authority.</u>	
Article 6 The determination of specialist training hospitals (hereinafter referred to as “training institution”) referred to in the preceding article shall be subject to the standards provided by the central competent health authority. The authority shall conduct such determinations on a regular basis and announce the name list of qualified training institutions, validity period of such qualifications, the training capacity, <u>and other relevant matters.</u>	Article 6 The determination of <u>specialist training hospitals and dental clinics</u> (hereinafter referred to as “training institution”) referred to in the preceding article shall be subjected to the standards provided by the central competent health authority. The authority shall conduct such determinations on a regular basis and announce relevant matters, such as the name list of qualified training institutions, validity period of such qualifications, and the training capacity.	The provisions regarding the determination of dental clinics as training institutions are deleted due to the enactment of the Dentist Specialization and Examination Regulations.
Article 8 <u>Physicians having completed specialist training in respect of the specialization defined in these Regulations or having obtained foreign specialist certification and being approved by the central competent health authority may participate in the specialist examination for</u>	Article 8 Specialist examination for each specialization shall be conducted at least once every year. The central competent health authority, however, may increase or decrease the frequency based on the manpower of specialists.	The provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 2 regarding the eligibility for specialist examinations move to Paragraph 1 of this article.

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