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QCHP licensing guide

Step-by-step guide for radiographers and allied health professionals applying to work in Qatar

Typical end-to-end timeline: 3 to 6 months



Evaluation | DataFlow | Exam | Licence

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Before you start

This guide walks you through the QCHP registration process in the order it actually happens: what to prepare, what each stage involves, how long it usually takes, and what tends to slow people down. It is written for radiographers and is useful for most allied health professionals, because the process is largely the same across titles.

How to use it

- Read the whole guide once before paying any fee. Most delays start with a document that was missing or wrong at the beginning.
- Use the document checklist to collect everything before you open your application.
- Use the timeline planner to record reference numbers and dates. You will be asked for them.
- Check every requirement against the official website on the day you apply. Rules, fees and forms change.

Important
This is an independent guide based on personal experience of the process and on publicly available information. It is not affiliated with or endorsed by the Qatar Ministry of Public Health or any other authority, and it is not legal, immigration or visa advice.
Only the regulator decides whether you are registered or licensed. No guide or consultant can guarantee a result or speed up a decision. Where this guide gives typical timelines, they are ranges seen in practice, not official service standards.
Never pay anyone who promises a guaranteed licence, an exam "shortcut" or a way around verification. Submitting false or altered documents can lead to a permanent ban.

Qatar at a glance

Regulator	Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP), Ministry of Public Health. It was formerly the Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners, and most people and employers still call it QCHP.
How you apply	Through the DHP online registration system. For most allied health professionals the application is linked to a Qatar employer, which sponsors or supports it.
Verification	DataFlow primary source verification of your qualification, licence and experience.
Exam	A Prometric qualifying exam is required for most allied health categories. DHP tells you when you are eligible to book.
English test	Not usually required for allied health categories.
Outcome	Registration and a licence to practise, activated once you are employed in Qatar and have your Qatar ID.
Typical time	3 to 6 months from application to licence, depending mostly on verification and on your employer.

Employer first, or licence first?

Qatar is different from Dubai in one practical way: most allied health applicants are processed with the involvement of an employer. In practice, many people secure a job offer from a Qatar hospital or clinic, and the employer then guides the licensing steps.

Even so, you can do a great deal of the work before an offer: gather and certify documents, request good standing certificates and experience letters, and prepare for the exam. When the offer comes, you are ready in days rather than months.

Check your eligibility first

Category	Identify the professional category that matches your qualification, for example Radiographer. The category decides the exam and the requirements.
Qualification	Most allied health categories need a recognised bachelor degree, or a diploma with additional experience. Check the current requirement for your category.
Experience	Most categories require recent, verifiable post-qualification experience. List every role with exact dates.
Recent practice	A long gap in practice can affect eligibility. Prepare an explanation and evidence of any recent CPD.

Name and dates
Make sure your name and every employment date are identical across your passport, degree, CV and experience letters. Small differences are the most common reason verification stops.

Step by step

1 Prepare your documents and secure an employer

Typical time: 2 to 4 weeks

Collect every document on the checklist before you start. If you are already talking to a Qatar employer, ask their HR or licensing team which steps they handle and which you handle.

What you need

- Passport and passport photo.
- Degree certificate and transcript.
- Current licence or registration.
- Good standing certificate from your current or most recent authority.
- Experience letters with exact dates.
- CV with month and year for every role.

> **Tips from experience**
> Ask employers whether they cover licensing fees. Many do, but it should be in writing.

2 Submit the online application

Typical time: 1 to 2 weeks

The application is created on the DHP system, either by you or by your employer depending on the route. You upload documents and pay the evaluation fee.

> **Tips from experience**
> Keep a copy of every uploaded file and note the application number.

3 DataFlow primary source verification

Typical time: 6 to 12 weeks

DataFlow verifies your qualification, licence and experience directly with each issuing body. This is the longest stage.

> **Tips from experience**
> Tell your university and each employer that DataFlow will contact them, and give DataFlow a named contact for each.
> Answer any DataFlow request quickly. An unanswered request can hold your file for weeks.

4 Evaluation and the Prometric exam

Typical time: 2 to 6 weeks

DHP evaluates your file. When you are eligible for the exam, you book it with Prometric. The exam is a computer-based multiple-choice test of clinical knowledge.

For radiographers, revise radiation protection, positioning and technique, contrast media, CT and MRI safety and protocols, cross-sectional anatomy and patient care.

> **Tips from experience**
> Check the current rules on retakes before your first attempt.

5 Registration and licence activation

Typical time: 2 to 6 weeks

After you pass and the evaluation is complete, you are registered. Your licence is activated once you are in Qatar, have completed the residency steps your employer arranges (such as the medical examination and fingerprinting) and have your Qatar ID.

You cannot practise until the licence is active.

What you need

- Employment contract.
- Current BLS certificate.
- Qatar ID once issued.

Document checklist

Identity

- [ ] Passport, valid for at least 6 months
- [ ] Passport photo
- [ ] Name-change document, if needed

Education

- [ ] Degree certificate
- [ ] Full transcript
- [ ] Internship or clinical training certificate, if separate

Licensing

- [ ] Current licence or registration
- [ ] Recent good standing certificate
- [ ] Licences from other countries where you practised

Experience

- [ ] Experience letter from each employer: letterhead, signed, stamped, exact dates, job title, full-time status
- [ ] CV with month and year for every role

Other

- [ ] Current BLS certificate
- [ ] Certified English or Arabic translations where needed

Timeline planner

Stage	Typical	Started	Completed	Reference / notes
Documents ready	2-4 wks			
Application submitted	1-2 wks			
DataFlow complete	6-12 wks			
Exam passed	2-6 wks			
Registration issued	1-3 wks			
Arrival, medical, Qatar ID	Varies			
Licence active	1-3 wks			

What usually causes delays

Mismatched details	Name spellings or dates that differ between documents.
Weak experience letters	Missing dates, stamp, signature or job title.
Slow verification	Universities or employers that do not reply to DataFlow.
Unclear responsibilities	Assuming the employer is handling a step that is actually yours, or the other way round. Agree this in writing.
Expired documents	Good standing or passport expiring while the file is open.

After you are licensed

- Renew on time. Qatar requires continuing professional development, so record your CPD activity from the start.
- Keep BLS current.
- A change of employer requires the licence to be updated before you start the new role.

Official sources

Bookmark these and check them before each paid step. If anything in this guide differs from the official page, the official page is correct.

Source	What it is for
moph.gov.qa	Ministry of Public Health, Qatar: healthcare professions licensing
dataflowgroup.com	DataFlow Group: primary source verification
prometric.com	Prometric: exam booking

Glossary

DHP	Department of Healthcare Professions, Ministry of Public Health
QCHP	Former name of the Qatar licensing council, still widely used
PSV	Primary source verification
QID	Qatar ID card issued to residents
CPD	Continuing professional development

About this guide

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