

**International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities
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Subject: IAMRA Recommendations for Certificates of Good Standing

Introduced by: Physician Information Exchange (PIE) Working Group

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Whereas, The International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities' Physician Information Exchange (PIE) Working Group has been charged with developing mechanisms by which information can be disseminated to all medical regulatory authorities regarding disciplinary actions taken by national, regional, provincial and state health care regulatory authorities against health care providers under their jurisdictions.

Whereas, Medical Regulatory Authorities have the obligation to:

- ensure that that physicians entering their jurisdiction (in person or by virtual means) to practise medicine have the required qualifications and attributes;
- ensure that appropriate and accurate information about physicians who leave their jurisdiction to practise medicine elsewhere is readily available to other MRAs;
- exchange accurate information amongst themselves regarding those physicians who do not give their informed consent and who are possibly moving jurisdictions for reasons that relate to their competence or conduct in practising medicine safely.

Whereas, The Working Group identified the need for a document outlining the core and optional information to be included in Certificates of Good Standing.

Therefore, be it hereby

Resolved, that the attached document entitled *IAMRA Certificates of Good Standing Recommendations* be approved and become a policy of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities.



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Recommended Certificate of Good Standing

1. The most common mechanism for the exchange of information on doctors between Medical Regulatory Authorities (MRAs) is the issuing and receiving of Certificates of Good Standing (or equivalent¹).
2. The IAMRA Physicians Information Exchange Working Group recommends that Medical Regulatory Authorities' Certificates should as a minimum include the information below.

Validity of Certificate

- Full title of the MRA, its full address, contact telephone number and the signature of the registrar;
- Full address of the MRA to whom the information is intended;
- Date of issue;
- Statement of what the Certificate means.

Identity of Medical Practitioner

- Full name – as it appears on passport, ID card or register;
- Date of birth;
- Unique identification number – professional ID number/registration number/reference number issued to the medical practitioner on registration.

Registration status

- Registration status – registered/suspended from the register/registered with restrictions or limitations as a medical practitioner to practise in (country/region).

Primary Medical Qualifications

- The name of the qualification, description, the name of the awarding body and date of qualification.

Specialisation

- The name of the qualification, description, the name of the awarding body and date of qualification.

¹ Also known as Certificate of Current Professional Status (CCPS) in Europe

3. The Physicians Information Exchange Working Group acknowledges that a further category of other information deemed necessary by the registrar would provide additional flexibility to meet the individual case needs of different jurisdictions. The list below includes information which would assist MRAs in meeting their information requirements and which MRAs may choose to include in their Certificates:

Validity of Certificate

- Logo, stamp or seal of competent authority;
- Name of registrar;
- Named contact for more information;
- Expiry date of Certificate.

Identity of Medical Practitioner

- Nationality;
- Gender;
- The medical practitioner's registered address or the place of current practise.

Registration status

- Date of provisional registration;
- Date of full registration;
- Details of limitations, conditions or undertakings (voluntary or imposed)
- Details of suspensions;
- Details of prior refusal to register;
- Malpractice judgements;
- Details of any pending investigations or pending fitness to practise action;
- Expiry date of current registration, if applicable.

Medical Qualifications

- Details of further medical qualifications obtained.