

18. Physicians, Dentists, Oral Surgeons, Physiotherapists, Veterinarians, and Pharmacists Practice Licenses:

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A statutory restriction is imposed on practicing the medical profession in Egypt, as no person may practice the profession unless he is registered at the Register of Physicians at the Ministry of Health and listed in the Roll of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate. As a general rule, the Egyptian nationality is a prerequisite for syndicate membership. As an exception, a foreigner can be a member of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate, if he/she is a national of a country whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the profession therein, and if he/she	Articles (1) and (9) of Law No. 415 of 1954 on Practicing the Medical Profession	Article (1): “No person may give medical advice, examine a patient, perform a surgical operation, attend a delivery, prescribe medicines, treat a patient, take a sample from such specimens as may be determined by a decree of the Minister of Public Health from the bodies of human patients for laboratory medical diagnosis by any method whatsoever, prescribe medical eyeglasses, or, generally, practice the medical profession in any capacity whatsoever, unless such person is an Egyptian national or a national of a country whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the medical profession therein, and unless such person’s name is	Ministry of Health and Population, and the Egyptian Medical Syndicate

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satisfies the other requirements for registration. The Law also provides for specific exceptions in certain cases, including the temporary licensing of a foreign specialist physician to work for a specific entity in Egypt for a period not exceeding three months, the licensing of a foreign physician whose services the Government requires for a specified period, as well as physicians appointed as professors or assistant professors at the Egyptian faculties of medicine.		registered at the Register of Physicians at the Ministry of Public Health and listed in the Roll of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate, without prejudice to the special provisions regulating the profession of midwifery. Foreigners who had enrolled in one of the Egyptian universities before the entry into force of Law No. 142 of 1948 shall be exempted from the nationality requirement.” Article (9): “The Minister of Public Health may, in the event of epidemics or public dangers, exceptionally permit, for the period required to combat such epidemics and dangers, physicians who do not satisfy the conditions set out in Article (1) to perform such medical acts as they	

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		are authorized to undertake. The Minister of Public Health may, after consulting the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate, license a specialist physician to practice the medical profession at a specific entity in Egypt for a period not exceeding three months, which may not be renewed, in accordance with the conditions set out in such license. The Minister of Public Health may, after consulting the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Medical Syndicate, license a physician who does not satisfy the conditions set out in Article (1) to practice the medical profession in Egypt for the period necessary to perform the work entrusted to him/her by the Government, provided that such period does not exceed two years,	

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		which may be renewed for one time only, if such physician is renowned for distinction in a branch of medicine and his/her services are necessary due to the absence of similar expertise in Egypt. The Minister of Public Health may further license physicians appointed as professors or assistant professors in any of the Egyptian faculties of medicine to practice the medical profession during their tenure, even if they do not satisfy the conditions set out in Article (1)."	
A statutory restriction is imposed on the practicing pharmacy profession in Egypt, as no person may practice the profession unless	Article (1) of Law No. 127 of 1955 on Practicing Pharmacy	Article (1): "No person may practice the profession of pharmacy in any capacity whatsoever unless such person is an Egyptian national or a national of a country	Ministry of Health and Population, and the Egyptian Pharmacists Syndicate

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he is Egyptian, or a national of a country whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the profession of pharmacy therein, and unless his/her name is registered at the Register of Pharmacists at the Ministry of Health and listed in the Roll of the Egyptian Pharmacists Syndicate. Accordingly, the Law does not impose an absolute prohibition on non-Egyptians, but rather links practicing the profession to reciprocity, registration at the Register and Syndicate membership, in addition to compliance with the other legal requirements governing the profession.		whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the profession of pharmacy therein, and unless such person's name is registered at the Register of Pharmacists at the Ministry of Public Health and listed in the Roll of the Egyptian Pharmacists Syndicate."	
A statutory restriction is	Articles (1) and (9) of Law No. 537 of 1954 on Practicing Dentistry and Dental Surgery	Article (1):	Ministry of Health and Population,

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imposed on practicing dentistry and dental surgery in Egypt, as no person may practice the profession unless he is Egyptian, or a national of a country whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the profession therein, and unless his/her name is registered at the Register of Dentists or Physicians at the Ministry of Health and listed in the Roll of either the Egyptian Dentists Syndicate or the Egyptian Medical Syndicate. The Law also provides for specific exceptions, including exempting certain foreigners from the nationality requirement and granting temporary or specific licenses to certain foreign dentists in particular cases.		“No person may examine a patient’s mouth, administer any treatment thereto, prescribe medicines, undertake dental prosthetic replacements, or, generally, practice the profession of dentistry and dental surgery in any capacity whatsoever, unless such person is an Egyptian national or a national of a country whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the profession of dentistry and dental surgery therein, and unless such person’s name is registered at the Register of Dentists or Physicians at the Ministry of Public Health and listed in the Roll of either the Egyptian Dentists Syndicate or the Egyptian Medical Syndicate.” Article (9): “The Minister of Public Health may, after consulting the	and the Egyptian Dentists Syndicate

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		Board of Directors of the Egyptian Dentists Syndicate, license a specialist dentist to practice dentistry at a specific entity in Egypt for a period not exceeding three months [...]. The Minister of Public Health may [...]license dentists who do not satisfy the conditions set out in Article (1) [...].	
A statutory restriction is imposed on practicing physiotherapy, as it is required, in order to obtain a license to practice the profession, that the applicant be an Egyptian national or a national of a country that grants Egyptians reciprocal treatment, that he/she hold the prescribed academic qualification, and that he/she be registered at the Register	Article (1) of Law No. 3 of 1985 Regulating the Practicing of Physiotherapy	Article (1): “In order to obtain a license to practice the profession of physiotherapy, the applicant shall satisfy the following conditions: 1. The applicant must be an Egyptian national or a national of a country that grants Egyptians reciprocal treatment [...].”.	Ministry of Health and Population

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established at the Ministry of Health. Accordingly, the profession is not absolutely prohibited to non-Egyptians, but may be practiced within the framework of reciprocity and subject to the licensing and registration requirements.			
A statutory restriction is imposed on practicing veterinary medicine in Egypt, as no person may practice the profession unless he is Egyptian, or a national of a country whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the profession therein, and unless his/her name is registered at the Register of Veterinarians at the Ministry of Health and listed in the Toll of the Egyptian	Articles (1) and (9) of Law No. 416 of 1954 on Practicing Veterinary Medicine	Article (1): “No person may practice the profession of veterinary medicine in any capacity whatsoever unless such person is an Egyptian national or a national of a country whose laws permit Egyptians to practice the profession of veterinary medicine therein, and unless such person’s name is registered at the Register of Veterinarians at the Ministry of Public Health and listed in the Roll of the Egyptian	Ministry of Health and Population, and the Veterinarians Syndicate

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Veterinarians Syndicate. The Law also provides for specific exceptions, including the exceptional authorizations granted to certain foreign veterinarians in cases of epidemics, for specialized experts, or for professors appointed at the Egyptian faculties of veterinary medicine.		Veterinarians Syndicate.” Article (9): “The Minister of Public Health may [...] exceptionally permit [...] veterinarians who do not satisfy the conditions set out in Article (1) [...]. The Minister of Public Health may also license a specialist veterinarian [...] and may also [...] license a veterinarian who does not satisfy the conditions set out in Article (1) [...]”.	