

Issue of “Limited Permits” to Practice Medicine for Physicians who are Not Citizens or Permanent Residents of Israel

Service Description

Nature of the Permit

By law, entitlement to a license to practice medicine is for citizens and permanent residents of Israel. As a rule, tourists are not entitled to a license to practice a medical profession in Israel.

In order to enable physicians lacking appropriate citizenship status in Israel to train, specialize, engage in clinical research, teach, perform extraordinary surgery, etc. in Israel, they can be issued with a “limited permit” to practice medicine.

A limited permit will not be given in any way for the purpose of performing internship in Israel.

The Applicant

An application for a limited permit may only be submitted by a recognized public medical institution that is inviting the physician from overseas to work or to carry out the above actions, in the framework of that institution only. Limited permits exist for specialist physicians and for physicians undergoing training.

Validity of the Permit

A limited permit is limited in time, and it limits the physician to practicing the profession in a specific department of the inviting institution only.

It should be emphasized that the permit is in force only when accompanied by a temporary visa to Israel with permission to work.

Persons wishing to Specialize in Israel

Graduates of overseas schools of medicine who wish to undergo full specialization in any field of specialization in Israel will be eligible to sit for the specialization

examinations in Israel (stage I and stage II) only after successfully undertaking the government licensing examinations in medicine in Israel.

When for purposes of specialization there are rounds conducted in different departments, a request for a limited permit to practice medicine in **each department and department separately** must be submitted on time, with the appropriate dates. **It is not possible to work in any department in a hospital on the basis of a permit given to work in another department.**

A doctor from abroad that is doing specialization training in Israel in any medical field on the basis of a limited permit, and that is interested in obtaining certification of his specialization from the Scientific Council of the Israel Medical Association, must open a Residency File at the Scientific Council. More information can be accessed at <https://www.ima.org.il/internesnew/viewcategory.aspx?categoryid=9015>

Actions that Permit Holders are Forbidden to Take

- Treatment of patients outside the framework of the hospital
- Signing certificates for presentation to a public authority, the police and the judiciary or quasi-judiciary authorities
- Signing prescriptions for medications
- Signing a discharge report
- Carrying out night shift duty at hospital

After being in the Department for at least 6 months, the physician may be allowed to carry out night shift duty in the hospital in the event that the Head of Department requests this and certifies that the permit holder has a command of the Hebrew language and is professionally capable of this.

Service Details

Reception Area

For enquiries call the Health Voice call centre:
*5400 , 08-6241010 Call.habriut@moh.health.gov.il
Fax: 02-5655969

The applying medical institution's **application** should be sent to the Medical Professions Licensing Department.

The request must be sent **by registered mail** to the Medical Professions Licensing Department, Ministry of Health, 39 Yirmiyahu St., P.O.Box 1176, Jerusalem 9101002. Israel.

Documents for the department can be submitted at the ground floor of the office, at the security screening point. The documents must be in a closed envelope. Certification that the documents have been submitted will be provided on the spot.

Required Documents

In order to receive the limited permit, the applying institution should apply directly to the Medical Professions Licensing Department, and produce the following documents:

- Photocopy of passport
- Degree attesting to completion of study of the medical profession overseas, in a recognized institution. (The physicians are required to produce, in addition to the medical degree, certification of completion of 6 years of study of medicine in a recognized institution as well as certification of completion of a recognized year of internship, performed after completion of 6 years of studies).
- License to practice the profession overseas
- Certificate of specialization (if relevant)

Translation and validation of documents and certificates

- Original certificates **must not** be sent to the Medical Professions Licensing Department. Instead, **only copies must be sent.**
- **Certified copies of documents should be certified by a licensed notary in Israel. The original notarized certification (with the red ribbon) should be sent to the Division, as well as an additional copy of it (a total of two copies).**
- Documents in languages other than Hebrew and Arabic must be translated into Hebrew by a qualified translator in Israel. A copy of the original document and its translation must be submitted.
- Israel graduates are permitted to submit copies of diplomas, certificates of eligibility for a degree and certificates of practical training, where the fact of their being true to the original has been confirmed by the secretariat of the relevant faculty.