

# The Arab Board for Health Specializations in Iraq

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**The Council of Arab Health Ministers founded the Arab Board of Medical Specializations. This was in Kuwait in 1978 by a decision of the Council of Arab Health Ministers of the Arab League as independent non-profit organization. The first session of the newly established Board was held on January 2, 1979 at which time basic guidelines and the structure of the Board were determined. headquarters in Amman Jordan, Cairo Egypt, Damascus Syrian Arab Republic and other Arab countries**

**Republic of Iraq started the program of the Arab Board of Medical Specializations in 1982. (The ratification of the Statute of the Council of the Arab Board for Medical Specialties Law No. (10) for the year 1982). The name was changed to the Arab Board for Health Specializations in Iraq in 2013.**

**The Arab Board for Health Specializations aims to improve health services in the Arab world by raising the level of scientific and practical aspects in various disciplines. In addition to the development of health professional performance and development and promoting skills in the field of health disciplines.**

**The Arab Board in Iraq is technically linked to and supervised by headquarters in Amman and Cairo. The structure is similar to the structure of Arab board.**

## **Goals of The Board**

- **To work toward the improvement of the health services in the Arab World**
- **To set comprehensive and uniform standards for the establishment of postgraduate physician training centers in the various medical specialties**
- **To establish a basis for the uniform assessment of training programs and the scientific, technical, and practical proficiency of the physician trainees**
- **To establish a recognized system for specialists' development and clinical categorization.**

## **Function of the Board**

- **To establish an independent Board for each specialty beginning with the major specialties**
- **To establish a certification procedure for each medical specialty**
- **To organize teaching and training sessions for the resident physicians in conjunction with teaching institutions in the Arab World and international organizations.**
- **To promote the acquisition of continuous medical education and expertise**
- **To promote the use of new skills in medical education**
- **To publicize the goals of the Board**

## Composition of the Board

١. **The Supreme Council:** responsible for strategic planning, budgets.
٢. **General Secretariat:** an office headed by a consultant physician authorized as Secretary general for local and international communications.
٣. **The Executive Office:** implementation of decisions and follow-up and works as back office, as well as administrative and Financial Affairs.
٤. **The Joint advisory Scientific Council:** it consists of the presidents of scientific councils and represents the main stem of scientific and research planning. It is responsible for future policy and decision making in health services in all levels ( primary, secondary and tertiary medical services)
٥. **Individual Scientific Councils for each specialization:** each council consists of seven members represent the most expert physicians in each specialty, it is headed by the most senior physician with the assistance of a rapporteur. The councils are technically and scientifically independent. Each council contains three scientific committees: training and examination committee, continuous medical education and continuous professional development committee, and hospital and specialists' accreditation committee.

### Target levels of intervention:

**Early Post graduate physician unit:** each year more than ٣٠٠ medical graduates join this unit.

**Board specialty training:** around ٦٠٠ candidates join the board for structured training program ٤-٦ years.

**Specialist level:** faculty of the board

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### **Training centers:**

There are more than 130 training centers distributed all over Iraq, these centers are recognized by the headquarter of Arab board and accredited as training centers by external evaluation committees. The training programs are unified and approved by Arab board. The trainees should pass through structured programs 4-6 years with summative and formative assessment and logbooks with close daily supervision.

### **Trainees:**

The trainees can join training programs after a yearly national competition exam in May, the training starts regularly in October for 4-6 years. At the end of first year the trainees should sit for external written exam, by the end of second year should pass the clinical skills exam, by the end of third year should submit their thesis, by the end of fourth year should sit for exit exam to hold the certificate of completion of specialty clinical training. The trainees now are ready to sit for the exams of the board in one of Arab countries by external committees from other countries (written and clinical exams). The certificate of Arab Board will be granted to those who pass these exams.

### **Faculty of specialty training:**

It represents the main core of the board in Iraq. It consists of more than 1200 members responsible for training and supervision of board trainees. There are two levels in the faculty: trainers and supervisors:

#### **Eligibility criteria:**

**Trainers in the Arab board:** they should have board or equivalent qualification in their specialty with at least five years' experience in teaching hospital post board qualification and at least two clinical theses. Holding a certificate of participation in medical education courses.

**Supervisors in the Arab board:** they should have board or equivalent qualification in their specialty with at least ten years' experience in teaching hospital post board qualification and at least three published clinicaltheses.Holding a certificate of participation in medical education courses.

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التصنيف: قانون عراقي

المحتوى ١

رقم التشريع: ٦٠

سنة التشريع: ١٩٨٢

تاريخ التشريع: ١٩٨٢-٠٩-٠٦ ٠٠:٠٠:٠٠

مادة ١

يصدق النظام الاساسي واللائحة الداخلية للمجلس العربي للاختصاصات الطبية التي اقترتها الهيئة العليا للمجلس العربي للاختصاصات الطبية في دورتها الاولى في الكويت للفترة من (٨ - ١٠) كانون الثاني ١٩٧٩.

مادة ٢

ينفذ هذا القانون من تاريخ نشره في الجريدة الرسمية.

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الاسباب الموجبة

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