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Digitizing licensing exams for Palestinian doctors



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Palestinian physicians can take licensing exams through a digital system provided by USAID.

The Palestinian Medical Council will use the digital system to evaluate a physician’s ability to apply knowledge, concepts, and principles.

By supporting the council, USAID is increasing national capacity to regulate medical competency and enable doctors to continually improve their professional skills.

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The computerized system enables the council to provide an objective examination process.

“The new system is very transparent,” explained Dr. Hammouz. “Doctors who sit for the exam feel more confident that there is no human factor when the tests are graded. The doctors get the result they deserve. There is no room for doubt.”

Medical committees and instructors can view performance in a very detailed form (textual and graphical) and compare it to that of the other students who attempted the test.

In this way students realize explicitly which topics they know and which topics they need to study harder. “This makes us more ready, study harder, be more clear,” said Dr. Ameer Abu Jalil.