

## **MINIMUM CRITERIA & QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO A MEDICAL PROGRAMME**

### **A. The selection for admission to a medical programme implies selection for the medical profession.**

A person who is qualified in Medicine from a medical programme recognized by the Malaysian Medical Council ("Council") is entitled to be provisionally registered by the Council (Section 12 Medical Act). The fitness to practise Medicine of the intended applicant shall have to be considered in the selection for entry into any medical programme.

### **B. The practice of Medicine requires the highest standards of professional and personal conduct as well as professional competence.**

Although some students have attained the academic standards required, they will not be suitable to a career in Medicine. It is in the interest of the public and such students that they should not gain admission, rather than to have to leave the course or the profession subsequently.

It is the responsibility of the medical school to ensure that there are no particular circumstances that will impact upon an applicant's fitness to practise upon graduation.

All applicants shall declare if they have:

- been found guilty of any criminal offence(s);
- serious physical or mental illness; and/or
- serious communicable disease(s).

A person with any of the following shall be disqualified from entry into a medical programme:

- found guilty of offence(s) against the person;
- recent or serious dishonesty;
- serious physical or mental illness; and/or
- serious communicable disease(s).

Any failure to declare information that has a material influence on a student's fitness to practise may lead to termination of their medical course, as honesty, integrity and good health are essential attributes of a doctor and by extension, the medical student.

In the event of any doubt, the medical school shall seek clarification from the Council.

All decision makers of medical schools and aspiring applicants are advised to study the Council's document "The duties of a doctor" and other Council guidelines available at [www.mmc.gov.my](http://www.mmc.gov.my).

### **C. A high level of academic attainment is expected.**

1. An understanding of science, in particular chemistry and biology, is central to the understanding of Medicine. However, the Council recognizes the diversity of subjects taken

by applicants and the contributions of those who entered medical schools with other qualifications.

2. All applicants shall have attained a minimum of band 4 in the **Malaysian University English Test (MUET) or its equivalent;**

3. All applicants, except those with a degree qualification in arts or humanities, shall have passed and attained a minimum of the following at School Certificate level or its equivalent:

Examinations	Requirements
<b><i>Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)</i></b>	5 Bs each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics (or Additional Mathematics) and another subject
<b><i>General Certificate of Education Ordinary ("O") levels</i></b>	5 Bs each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics (or Additional Mathematics) and another subject
<b><i>Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)</i></b>	B4 each in 4 subjects i.e. Biology, Chemistry, Physics (or Mathematics or Additional Mathematics) and another subject

Malaysian applicants shall have also attained a credit in Bahasa Malaysia and English at SPM or its equivalent.

4. **IN ADDITION**, all applicants, except those with a degree qualification in arts or humanities, shall have passed and attained a minimum of the following at:

a. Higher School Certificate level or its equivalent:

Examinations	Requirements
<b><i>Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM)</i></b>	Grade B each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (or Mathematics)
<b><i>General Certificate of Education Advanced ("A") levels</i></b>	Grade B each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (or Mathematics)
<b><i>Matriculation</i></b> <b><i>or</i></b> <b><i>Foundation in Science</i></b> <b><i>or</i></b> <b><i>Pre- Medical course</i></b> (Provided the course is not less than 1 year in the same institution <b>and</b> accredited <b>and</b> the minimum entry qualification is 5 Bs each	GPA 3.0 (out of 4) each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics

in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics (or Additional Mathematics) and another subject at School Certificate level or its equivalent	
<b>United Education Certificate (UEC)</b>	B4 each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Additional Mathematics
<b>Monash University Foundation Pre-University Program (MUFY)</b> or <b>University of New South Wales (UNSW) Foundation</b> or <b>Western Australia Curriculum Council</b> or <b>HSC Sydney Australia</b> or <b>Trinity College Foundation Studies</b> or <b>Australian Universities Foundation Programmes</b> or <b>South Australian Matriculation (SAM)</b> or <b>Victorian Certificate of Education, Australia Year 12</b>	Aggregate or average of 80% <b>or</b> 80% ATAR or its equivalent <b>and</b> 80% each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics (or Mathematics)
<b>National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3</b> or <b>New Zealand Bursary</b>	80% each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics
<b>Canadian Pre-University (CPU)</b> or <b>Canadian International Matriculation Program (CIMP / Canadian Grade 12/13)</b>	Average of 80% <b>and</b> 80% each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics (or Mathematics)
<b>Indian Pre-university</b>	70% each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics
<b>American High School with Advanced Placement (AP)</b>	Grade 4 each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics
<b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b>	30 points with a minimum of 2 science subjects at Higher Level (HL) and 1 at Standard Level <b>and</b> attained a minimum score of 4 each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics

or

b. Diploma level

Examinations	Requirements	Score type
<b><i>Diploma in Health Science</i></b> (Provided the course is not less than 2 years in the same institution <b>and</b> accredited <b>and</b> the minimum entry qualification is 5 Bs each in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics (or Additional Mathematics) and another subject at School Certificate level or its equivalent)	CGPA 3.5	CGPA (out of 4)

or

c. Degree level

Examinations	Requirements	Score type
<b><i>Degree in Medical Sciences</i></b>	CGPA 3.3 5-year undergraduate medical programme	CGPA (out of 4)
<b><i>Degree in the Arts or Humanities</i></b>	CGPA 3.5 5-year undergraduate medical programme	CGPA (out of 4)
<b><i>Degree in the Arts or Humanities</i></b>	CGPA 3.75 4-year graduate medical programme	CGPA (out of 4)

5. Applicants may be required to pass an aptitude test and/or an interview and/or a university entrance examination.

6. There shall be no exemption from any year of a 4-year graduate medical programme.

7. A medical school shall not exempt any person from a year of a 5-year undergraduate medical programme without the prior approval of the Council. Such applications, together with the supporting documents, shall be made to the Council at least three months prior to the commencement of the course.

8. Clarifications shall be sought from the Council in situations for which there are no provisions in this guideline.

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