

REGISTRATION

1. The Medical Act provides that there shall be a Malaysian Medical Register which primary objective is the protection of the public.

Who should be registered?

2. Qualified medical practitioners shall be registered if they have any direct clinical contact with patients or advise or prescribe or provide treatment or opinion about individual(s) physical or mental health.
3. Qualified medical practitioners whose roles do not include direct clinical contact with patients or patient care shall be registered when:
 - a. their work impacts on the delivery of health care to individuals and/or
 - b. they are directing or supervising or advising other medical or health practitioners about the health care of an individual(s) and/or
 - c. their employer and/or their employer's professional indemnity organization requires a person in that role to be registered and/or
 - d. they are required to be registered under any law to undertake any specific health or medical activity.

Registration may not be necessary

4. Qualified medical practitioners engaging in the following activities do not necessarily require any registration:
 - a. An examiner or assessor of medical students or medical graduates, when the student or graduate is not treating patients as part of the assessment;
 - b. A researcher whose work does not include any human subjects;
 - c. A person who speaks publicly about a health or medical related topic and who will not be giving any individual patient advice;
 - d. A person serving on a board or committee or body, when their appointment is not dependent on their status as a "registered medical practitioner";
 - e. A person who may be using skills and knowledge gained from an approved qualification but is not using a protected title, nor claiming or holding themselves out to be registered, such as a person in an advisory or policy role;
 - f. A medical practitioner who is registered in another jurisdiction and is visiting for any role not involved in providing treatment or opinion about the physical or mental health of any individuals.

Clarifications and advice

5. Clarifications shall be sought from the Council in situations for which there are no provisions in this document.
6. Additional assistance in making a decision whether or not registration is required can be sought from the employer, professional indemnity organization or legal adviser.

References

- a. Medical registration. Medical Board of Australia. 14 March 2012
- b. Definition of clinical practice and non-clinical practice. Medical Council of New Zealand. August 2006

Applications for registration from non-Malaysians

1. All applications from non-Malaysians who have passed the local Masters programmes shall be considered only if the applicant has no less than four (4) years' experience in the specialty in another country
2. All applications from non-Malaysians for the post of Medical Officer in private healthcare facilities shall not be considered.

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