

## **MALAYSIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL**

### **GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND/OR TRAINING**

- 1. These guidelines shall apply to all applications for post-graduate studies and/or training. This includes**
  - a. post-graduate courses in local universities, which lead to qualifications recognized for registration as a specialist under the Medical Act;
  - b. other post-graduate clinical courses in local universities
  - c. fellowships;
  - d. clinical attachments; and
  - e. government-government arrangements for training programmes.
  
- 2. All applicants shall comply with the provisions in the Malaysian Medical Council ("Council")'s documents:**
  - a. Registration (Appendix 1)
  - b. Registration procedures and guidelines (Appendix 2)
  
- 3. The applicant shall have:**
  - (a) a primary medical qualification from a medical university or medical school listed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule of the Medical Act; or
  - (b) passed the examination conducted under the Medical (Setting of Examination for Provisional Registration) Regulations 2012 for applicants whose primary medical qualification is not listed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule of the Medical Act; and
  - (c) passed the relevant national licensing examination in the country of conferment of the primary medical qualification, where applicable; and
  - (d) evidence of not less than 12 months housemanship / internship with a certificate of satisfactory completion of housemanship or equivalent; and
  - (e) been registered as a medical practitioner in the country where the applicant is currently practising; and
  - (f) been certified to be of good standing by the relevant national medical regulatory authority; and
  - (g) been in active clinical practice for not less than 3 years preceding the application; and
  - (h) attained a level of proficiency in English to enable the applicant to complete the studies or training successfully.
  
- 4. The Council may exempt an applicant from section 3(g) provided the applicant is outstanding.**
  
- 5. The applicant, who has been granted a temporary practicing certificate, shall not take up any employment whether full time, part time or as a *locum tenens*.**

**6. Fellowships (without certification)**

- a. The duration of Fellowships shall not exceed 2 years.
- b. The fellowship shall be endorsed by the Council, before Fellows can be accepted by the institution.
- c. Fellows are allowed to:
  - (i) Be involved in patient care and make entries in patients' case notes;
  - (ii) Communicate care plans to patients and fellow healthcare professionals; and/or
  - (iii) Perform procedures

under the direct supervision of the local supervisor.

**7. Fellowships (with certification)**

- a. The duration of fellowship shall be approved by the Council.
- b. The fellowship shall be endorsed by the Council, before Fellows can be accepted by the institution.
- c. The person in charge of the university or institution and/or the local supervisor of the applicant shall provide the following information with each application:
  - (i) Objectives of the training programme
  - (ii) Specialties involved
  - (iii) Number of posts
  - (iv) Eligibility criteria
  - (v) Selection process
  - (vi) Job description
  - (vii) Duration of the programme
  - (viii) Assessments / Certification
  - (ix) Remuneration, if any

Provided that such information will not be necessary for post-graduate studies and/or training that have already been endorsed by the Council.

- d. Fellows are allowed to:
  - (i) Be involved in patient care and make entries in patients' case notes;
  - (ii) Communicate care plans to patients and fellow healthcare professionals; and/or
  - (iii) Perform procedures

under the direct supervision of the local supervisor.

**8. Clinical attachments (without certification)**

- a. A clinical attachment is defined as a period of time when a doctor is attached to a named supervisor in a clinical unit, with the broad aims of observing clinical practice

- in Malaysia and/or for an assessment of the doctor's suitability for post-graduate studies or training in Malaysia.
- b. Clinical attachments shall not exceed 12 months
  - c. The clinical attachment need not be endorsed by the Council.
  - d. A temporary registration certificate granted for Clinical attachment shall not be extended.
  - e. A Clinical Attache may be allowed:
    - (i) To be involved in direct patient care;
    - (ii) To make entries in patients' case notes or
    - (iii) To assist in procedures
- under the direct supervision of the local supervisor at all times.

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

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