

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO A MEDICAL PROGRAMME**  
**(As been approved by Ministry of Education)**

**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.**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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)

which may impact upon their future practice.

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

- found guilty of offence(s) affecting the human body; and/or
- recent or serious dishonesty e.g. cheating at examinations, falsification of documents, plagiarism; and/or
- serious physical or mental illness; and/or
- serious communicable disease(s).

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

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

7. 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 level of competence in English to enable them to complete the course successfully.

3. All applicants who enter a matriculation, foundation or pre-medical programme, except those with a degree qualification, 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology and</li> <li>• Chemistry and</li> <li>• Physics and</li> <li>• Mathematics or Additional Mathematics and</li> <li>• another subject</li> </ul>
<b><i>General Certificate of Education Ordinary (“O”) levels</i></b>	5 Bs each in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology and</li> <li>• Chemistry and</li> <li>• Physics and</li> <li>• Mathematics or Additional Mathematics and</li> <li>• another subject</li> </ul>

4. All applicants with a Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) who enter a matriculation, foundation or pre-medical programme, except those with a degree qualification in arts or humanities, shall have passed and attained a minimum of B4 each in 3 subjects i.e.

- Biology; and
- Chemistry; and
- Physics or Mathematics or Additional Mathematics

5. All applicants 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 Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)</i></b>	Grades BBB, ABC or AAC or CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0) in 3 subjects i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul>
<b><i>General Certificate of Education Advanced ("A") levels</i></b>	Grades BBB, ABC or AAC in 3 subjects i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul>
<b><i>Matriculation or Foundation in Science or Pre- Medical course</i></b>	CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0) in 3 subjects i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul> Provided no score for any subject is less than C (GPA 2.0) <b>and</b> Provided the course is not less than 1 year in the same accredited institution <b>and</b> the minimum entry qualification is 5 Bs each in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics; and</li> <li>• Mathematics or Additional Mathematics; and</li> <li>• another subject</li> </ul> at School Certificate level or its equivalent
<b><i>Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)</i></b>	B4 each in 5 subjects i.e. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Additional Mathematics
<b><i>Monash University Foundation Pre-University Program (MUFY) or University of New South Wales (UNSW)</i></b>	Aggregate or the equivalent of B in 3 subjects i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> </ul>

<p><b>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> or <b>Australian Matriculation (Ausmat)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <p>80% ATAR provided the subjects include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul>
<p><b>National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3</b> or <b>New Zealand Bursary</b></p>	<p>Average of 80% in 3 subjects i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul>
<p><b>Canadian Pre-University (CPU)</b> or <b>Canadian International Matriculation Program (CIMP / Canadian Grade 12/13)</b> or <b>Ontario Secondary School Diploma Grade 12</b></p>	<p>Average of 80% in 3 subjects i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indian Pre-university</b></p>	<p>Average of 70% in 3 subjects i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b></p>	<p>30 points with a minimum of 2 science subjects or Mathematics at Higher Level (HL) and 1 science subject at Standard Level <b>and</b> attained a minimum score of 4 each in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology; and</li> <li>• Chemistry; and</li> <li>• Physics or Mathematics</li> </ul>

Or

b. Diploma level

<b>Examinations</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<b><i>Diploma in Health Sciences</i></b>	CGPA 3.5 (out of 4.0) <b>and</b> Provided the course is not less than 5 semesters or 2 1/2 years in the same accredited institution <b>and</b> the minimum entry qualification is 2 Bs each in <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology; and/or</li><li>• Chemistry; and/or</li><li>• Physics; and</li></ul> 3 Credits each in <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English; and</li><li>• Mathematics or Additional Mathematics; and</li><li>• another subject</li></ul> at School Certificate level or its equivalent

Or

c. Bachelor's degree level

<b>Examinations</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<b><i>Degree in Health or Pure or Applied Sciences</i></b>	CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0) 5-year medical programme
<b><i>Degree in Health or Pure or Applied Sciences</i></b>	CGPA 3.3 (out of 4.0) 4-year graduate entry medical programme
<b><i>Degree in the Arts or Humanities</i></b>	CGPA 3.5 (out of 4.0) 5-year medical programme
<b><i>Degree in the Arts or Humanities</i></b>	CGPA 3.75 (out of 4.0) 4-year graduate entry medical programme

6. Applicants shall be required to undergo an aptitude test and/or an interview and/or a university entrance examination.

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

**8. A medical school shall not exempt any person from a year of a 5-year 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.**

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

10. Graduates from a medical programme who seek employment in the public sector shall attain a credit in Bahasa Malaysia and English at SPM or its equivalent.

**11. All applicants for the examination under the Medical (Setting of examination for Provisional Registration) Regulations shall have complied with the requirements in this guideline.**

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