



**NON-MALAYSIAN PRACTITIONERS
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PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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1. What is Full Registration? When should I apply for full registration?

Pursuant to Section 14 of the Medical Act 1971 (Amendment 2012), practitioners are required to register with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) to practice medicine in Malaysia. Hence, the application should be submitted **PRIOR** to employment and practice.

Applicants are advised to apply for full registration early to ensure the application is processed in a timely manner. All applications will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee for Primary Medical Qualifications (ECPMQ) before making its final recommendations to the Council for decision making.

2. What is APC? When should I apply for APC?

Section 20 of the Medical Act 1971 (Amendment 2012) states that practitioners who desire to practice medicine in Malaysia in any year shall immediately apply for the Annual Practising Certificate (APC) for that particular year upon being fully registered and prior to 31st December every year for the following year of practice.

3. What do I need to know about the requirements for a full registration application?

You can refer to the MMC's website for the requirements and checklist of documents required to apply for full registration. All applications must be made through the MMC's online system, Medical Register Information and Technical System (MeRITS).

4. What are the requirements to apply for APC?

Pursuant to Regulations 28 of Medical Regulations 2017, all applications for annual practicing certificate shall be accompanied by:

- (a) Professional Indemnity Cover.
- (b) evidence of sufficient continuing professional development (CPD) points obtained as determined by the Council
- (c) any other documents or certificates as determined by the Council

5. I was given a full registration under Section 14(3) for four years until 2022 but never applied for APC. If I apply for extension of full registration before 1st January 2023, will my application still be considered?

Yes, your application for full registration will still be considered but a warning letter will be issued to you and your employer for having practiced without an APC during the period prior to the application.

- 6. I have a valid full registration for the past 7 years but never applied for APC for 6 years. If I apply for extension of full registration and APC before 1st January 2023, will my applications be considered?**

No, your application will not be considered. Pursuant to Section 24(2) of the Medical Act, the Council may remove from the Register the name of any fully registered medical practitioner who has not applied for renewal of his practicing certificate for six years consecutively.

- 7. I have been working without a valid full registration and APC for the past 2 years. If I apply for extension of full registration before 1st January 2023, will my application still be considered?**

Yes, your application for full registration will still be considered but a warning letter will be issued to you and your employer for having practiced without an APC during the period prior to the application.

- 8. I have been working without a valid full registration and APC for the past 3 years. If I apply for extension of full registration after 1st January 2023, will my application still be considered?**

Your application for full registration will not be considered.

- 9. I do not have APC for the past 3 years. If I apply for extension of full registration after 1st January 2023, will my application still be considered?**

Your application for full registration will not be considered.

- 10. Does that mean that after 2023, all application from practitioners with full registration with even 1 year of practicing without full registration and/or APC will not be considered by the Council?**

Yes, commencing 1st January 2023, all applications for full registration under Section 14(2A) or 14(3) of the Medical Act 1971 from non-Malaysian practitioners who have practiced medicine in Malaysia without full registration shall no longer be considered by the Council.

- 11. Why is MMC taking this action?**

All medical practitioners are required to have a valid full registration and current APC to practice in Malaysia. Pursuant to Section 24(2) of the Medical Act, the Council may remove from the Register the name of any fully registered medical practitioner who has not applied for renewal of his practicing certificate for six years consecutively. The Council has decided to give non-Malaysians practicing in Malaysia without the required registration an opportunity to regularise their registration before 31st December 2022. No further opportunity will be given commencing 1st January 2023.

- 12. Can I appeal against the decision of the MMC if my application for full registration is rejected?**

If your application for full registration is rejected, you may submit a fresh application if you have any additional material in support of your application for full registration.

This document is to be read with the Press Statement on "Non-Malaysian Practitioners Practicing without Full Registration or Annual Practising Certificate (APC) by the President of MMC dated 14th June 2022. For further queries please contact the MMC secretariat via ecpmq.mmc@gmail.com or 03-26912171.