

# **GUIDELINES FOR REQUIREMENT OF ANNUAL PRACTICING CERTIFICATE (APC)**

## **Introduction**

The Section 20(1) of the Medical Act 1971 has stated that any fully registered person who desires to practice as a medical practitioner after the thirty-first day of December of any year, shall apply for Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) not later than the first day of December of that year.

APC application can be submitted through MeRITS (<https://meritsmmc.moh.gov.my/>)

## **All medical practitioners that are fully registered should have an APC if:**

1. They have any direct contact with patients or contribute to the management of any individual's physical or mental health.
2. Their roles, while do not include direct clinical contact with patients or with patient care, impact on the delivery of health care to individuals and/or
  - a. they are directing or supervising or advising other medical or health practitioners, about the health care of an individual; and/or
  - b. their employer and/or their employer's professional indemnity organization requires a person in that role to be registered; and/or
  - c. they are required to be registered under any law to undertake any specific health or medical activity, either physically and/or virtually; and/or
  - d. they are doing clinical research which involves physical and/or virtual contact with patients including collections of samples.
3. They teach in clinical specialties that involve direct patient contact.

## **All medical practitioners that are fully registered may not need an APC if:**

1. They are examiners or assessors of medical students or medical graduates when the student or graduate is not treating patients as part of the assessment.
2. They are researchers whose work does not include any human subjects or is not involved in collecting samples directly from human subjects.
3. They are serving on a board or committee or body, where their appointment is not dependent on their status as a "registered medical practitioner".
4. They teach in a non-clinical specialty and do not have direct or indirect contact with human subjects, patient information or specimens arising from and/or involving patient management.
5. They do not intend or are unable to practice in Malaysia for a period of time. The practitioner should inform the Council in such cases.

## **APC Lapses**

Registered medical practitioners who do not hold a valid APC for six (6) years consecutively without reasons acceptable to the Council, may have their full Registration revoked as per section 24(2)(c) the Medical Act 1971.

## **Clarifications and advice**

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

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