

STRICT REMINDER TO NON-MALAYSIAN CILINICAL LECTURERS TEACHING CLINICAL DISCIPLINES IN MALAYSIA WITHOUT FULL REGISTRATION AND/OR ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)

The Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) has received applications for full registration from non-Malaysian clinical lecturers teaching clinical disciplines in Malaysia without any valid full registration and/or Annual Practising Certificate (APC) issued by the MMC.

Please be reminded that such an action constitutes an offence and is punishable under the Medical Act 1971. It is the personal responsibility of every medical practitioner who intends to practice medicine to obtain registration and a current APC in accordance with the Medical Act 1971 and its related regulations. Please refer to the MMC Guidelines on the Malaysian Medical Registry and APC.

At its 456th meeting held on 22 July 2025, the Council deliberated on this matter and resolved the following:

A. Grace Period Until 31 January 2026

A grace period is granted until 31 January 2026 for non-Malaysian clinical lecturers in this category to submit applications for full registration, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The practitioner must be registered as a specialist with the medical council or relevant authority in their country of origin.
- 2. The practitioner must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the relevant specialty, supported by appropriate testimonials.
- 3. The practitioner must submit testimonial from their current Malaysian employer.
- 4. The practitioner must undergo Primary Source Verification (PSV) for any overseas qualifications.
- 5. The full registration will be conditional and solely for the purpose of undergraduate teaching.

B. No Consideration After 1 February 2026

Effective 1 February 2026, the MMC will no longer consider any applications for full registration from non-Malaysian practitioners who have previously practiced in Malaysia without valid full registrations and/or APCs when they are mandated to under the MMC Guidelines.

C. Employer Responsibility

The Council further emphasizes that it is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that any medical practitioners under their institutions should have Registration and APCs if required under the MMC Guideline on Registration and APCs. Those without a valid full registration and/or APC are not permitted to practice medicine or be assigned to any clinical functions.

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