



GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION OF FULL REGISTRATION

The Evaluation Committee of the Malaysian Medical Council is constituted under Section 4E of the Medical Act 1971 and *Regulation 23 of the Medical Regulations 2017* for the purpose of evaluation and registration of medical practitioners in accordance with the Council's power under section 4A (2)(d) of the Medical Act *which is "to approve or refuse any application for registration or certification in accordance with this Act or Regulations."*

All applications shall be submitted through the Medical Register Information and Technical System (MeRITS) (<https://merits.mmc.gov.my/>)

EVALUATION COMMITTEES

1. There shall be two Evaluation Committees established by the Council, i.e.
 - a. Evaluation Committee for Primary Medical Qualifications (ECPMQ/JKP1);
 - b. Evaluation Committee for Specialist Medical Qualifications (ECSMQ/JKP2).
2. Both evaluation committees shall **make recommendations** to the Council, which may affirm, reverse, or vary its recommendations, provided that the Council shall provide reasons, to be recorded, for any reversal or variation.

1) For Malaysians

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants should-

- a) Hold a basic medical qualification that is recognized by the Council as listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Act 1971;

OR

Hold a basic medical qualification other than qualifications listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Act 1971 and have passed such examination as prescribed by the Council;

OR

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Hold a postgraduate qualification as listed in the Fourth Schedule of the Medical Act 1971;

AND

- b) Have been provisionally registered with the Malaysian Medical Council;

OR

Be fully registered as a medical practitioner in the country where the applicants are currently practising and have been certified to be of good standing by the **current** national medical regulatory authority or an equivalent certification deemed sufficient by the Council;

AND

- c) Have completed employment in a resident medical capacity (housemanship) to the satisfaction of the Medical Qualifying Committee (MQC) as per Section 13(2) of the Medical Act 1971;

OR

- d) Hold a certificate of experience or equivalent as proof of completion of housemanship that is deemed satisfactory by the Council;

AND

- e) Have proven to the satisfaction of the Council that they are fit and of good character.

Other Requirements:

- a. All applicants with qualifications obtained outside Malaysia shall have primary source verification certificate of the medical degree in the first instance by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Dataflow, or any other organization approved by the Council. The onus is on the applicants to approach these organizations to undertake primary source verification at their own expense and for these organizations to send the relevant reports directly to the Council.
- b. All applicants shall ensure that letters of good standing are sent directly to the Council by the relevant medical authority from last country of practice.
- c. Applicants shall provide documentary evidence as required (Checklist: Application for Full Registration).

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- d. A complete application shall be submitted at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of the intended practice. However, applicants undergoing housemanship training in Malaysia shall submit their applications within the first two (2) weeks of their final posting.
- e. Upon issuance of full registration, applicants shall immediately apply for an Annual Practising Certificate (APC). Please refer to the [Guidelines for Requirement of Annual Practising Certificate](#) (APC) and the [Manual for APC Renewal](#).

2) For Non-Malaysians

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants should-

- a. Hold a basic medical qualification that is recognized by the Council as listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Act 1971;

OR

Hold a basic medical qualification other than qualifications listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Act 1971 and have passed such examination as prescribed by the Council;

OR

Hold a postgraduate qualification as listed in the Fourth Schedule of the Medical Act 1971;

AND

- b. Be fully registered as a medical practitioner in the country where they are currently practising;

AND

- c. Have been in active clinical practice preceding the application;

AND

- d. Be certified to be of good standing by the **current** national medical regulatory authority or an equivalent certification deemed sufficient by the Council;

AND

- e. Be proven to the satisfaction of the Council that they are fit and of good character.

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In relation to those who apply for **full registration for employments or research, in Malaysia**, the following criteria/conditions shall apply:

- a. Applications for employment purposes may be considered provided they comply with the Council's guidelines, which shall be issued from time to time, and the applications shall be made by the practitioners with documentary evidence of the offer of employment from the prospective institution or employer to the Council.
- b. The registration shall be limited to the duration of the contract and other conditions or restrictions the Council may impose;
- c. Applicants shall provide documentary evidence of their training as required (letter from the hospital/authority) in the country of their qualification and their registration with the medical regulatory authority in their last OR current place of practice (Checklist: Application for Full Registration);
- d. All applicants with qualifications obtained outside Malaysia shall have primary source verification certificate of the medical degree and postgraduate degree in the first instance by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Dataflow, or any other organization approved by the Council. The onus is on the applicants to approach these organizations to undertake primary source verification at their own expense and for these organizations to send the relevant reports directly to the Council.
- e. All applicants shall ensure that letters of good standing are sent directly to the Council by the relevant medical authority from last country of practice.
- f. Prospective employers shall advertise all posts or vacancies prominently in mainstream print for at least three consecutive days and/or online media for at least seven consecutive days, respectively.
- g. Applications for Medical Officer positions in private General Practitioner or Specialist clinics and universities' Student Health Clinics shall not be considered.
- h. Applications for Medical Officer positions in government healthcare facilities can only be considered for those in Sabah and Sarawak
- i. For foreign medical practitioners applying for full registration to work as clinical lecturers for the first time, the following criteria must be fulfilled:
 - i. Be registered as a specialist with the Medical Council or relevant authorities in the practitioner's country of origin or last country of practice.
 - ii. Have at least five (5) years of experience in the specialty, in any country, supported by written testimonials.
 - iii. Submit the latest certificate of good standing/ letter of good standing from the last place of practice.

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The full registration is conditional and limited to teaching undergraduate programs only.

Other Requirements:

- a. Applicants are required to provide proof of proficiency in English and have sufficient competency in Bahasa Malaysia from the local organization.
- b. Complete application shall be submitted at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of intended practice.
- c. Upon issuance of full registration, any applicant who desires to practise as a medical practitioner shall immediately apply for an Annual Practising Certificate (APC). Please refer to the [Guidelines for Requirement of Annual Practising Certificate \(APC\)](#) and [Manual for APC Renewal](#).

***Refer A. Checklist: Application for Full Registration*

***For postgraduate course: Refer to [GUIDELINES FOR FULL REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS FOR NON-MALAYSIAN MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED POSTGRADUATE STUDIES, AND/OR FORMAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES](#)*

Footnote:

- * Applicants who wish to work as a clinical lecturer, exclusively to teach undergraduates only, are not required to be registered as a specialist with the MMC. However, if they intend to provide clinical services and practise as a specialist, they are required to have specialist registration with the MMC.
- * Where appropriate, any person who applies for full registration for employment purposes may be required by the Council to **be attached** initially in an approved practice setting under supervision.
- * Please be informed that this guideline supersedes all prior directives issued by the Malaysian Medical Council.
- * Malaysian Medical Council reserves the right to consider any applications under exceptional circumstances.

Endorsed by the Malaysian Medical Council on 22nd July 2025.

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NOTE 1: All documents must be certified in accordance with the Council's [Guidelines for Document Verification](#)

NOTE 2: Fee of RM150 shall be made for each application submitted to [Medical Register Information and Technical System](#) (MeRITS)

Part 1: Applicants who have undergone employment in a resident medical capacity under Section 13 of the Medical Act 1971 (housemanship in Malaysia)

(i)	The following documents to be uploaded into MeRITS by all applicants:	
a)	A certified true copy of basic medical degree	
b)	Form 7 (Application of Full Registration)	
c)	A certified true copy of the birth certificate	
d)	A certified true copy of the identity card / Permanent Resident card (MyPR card) / passport	
e)	A certified true copy of Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) certificate/ Higher School Certificate/ "O"Level/ "A" Level or equivalent	
f)	A certified true copy of Student Bonafide Certificate (Indian University Graduates only)	
g)	A certified true copy of Rotating Internship Certificate (Indian University Graduates only)	
h)	A certified true copy of Sijil Kedokteran (S.Ked) (Indonesian University Graduates only)	
i)	Provisional Registration Certificate	
j)	Certified true copy of medical degree from regulatory authorities (Eg: Court appointed translator, country's embassy/high commission) in the country where the applicant last practised where applicable (Translation of basic medical degree if the original certificate is not in Bahasa Malaysia or English)	

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	k)	A statutory declaration, where applicable (If name in the documents in different from identification card)	
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(ii)	Additional documents for non-citizen applicants (Malaysian Permanent Residents and spouses of Malaysians):		
	a)	Cover letter from the intending or current Malaysian employer/institution that should include the letter head, applicant's name with passport number, and duration of the employment/training as per the offer letter.	
	b)	Certified true copy of the offer letter from current Malaysian employer OR contract of employment/ offer letter for postgraduate training/ offer letter for clinical attachment.	
	c)	Certified true copy of recent job advertisement in three (3) National Newspapers and/or employer's website, and/or online job portals, for those applying for employment	
	d)	Job scope for those applying for employment	
	e)	<p>A Current curriculum vitae that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of hospitals/institutions worked in with duration; • Summary and evidence of training received, and competencies attained including the duration; • Professional work experience (clinical, research and/or academic where applicable) including the duration; <p>Continuing Professional Development activities or updating of skills including the duration</p>	
	f)	Certified marriage certificate from Malaysian authority (for spouse of Malaysian)	

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(iii)	Documents to be emailed directly by the Hospital, where applicable (Emailed to: applicationfull@mmc.gov.my) :	
a)	Form A (Certification of Completion of Training) of the Log Book of postings in 5 disciplines during Housemanship training	
b)	Form 8 (Certificate of Experience in a Resident Medical Capacity (housemanship))	
c)	Letter of instruction for extension period	
d)	Medical Certificate and medical report	
e)	Letter of instruction for change in training facility	
f)	Explanation letter if leaves taken exceeded more than the entitlement, if there was absence from work without permission or if there had been any gap throughout training	
g)	Explanation letter for late submission of full application by the hospital or practitioner	

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Part 2: Malaysians who have not undergone employment in a resident medical capacity under Section 13 of the Medical Act 1971 (housemanship outside Malaysia)

(i)	The following documents need to be uploaded into MeRITS by all applicants:	
	a) Certified true copy of birth certificate	
	b) Certified true copy of identification card	
	c) Certified true copy of Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) certificate (SPM result slip is not acceptable)/ Higher School Certificate/ "O" Level/ "A" Level or equivalent	
	d) Certified true copy of basic medical degree	
	e) Translation of basic medical degree if the original certificate is not in Bahasa Malaysia or English (Translated documents are only acceptable if carried out by qualified translators such as Institut Terjemahan dan Buku Malaysia (ITBM) or officers of the appropriate Embassy)	
	f) Form 7 (Application of Full Registration)	
	g) A statutory declaration from the Notary Public in the country of practise, where applicable (If your name in the documents different from Identity Card)	

(ii)	The following documents need to be emailed by all applicants (Emailed to: ecpmg@mmc.gov.my) :	
	a) Certified true copy of postgraduate degree, if applicable	
	b) Certified true copy of full registration from medical regulatory authority in the country where the applicant last practised.	
	c) Certified true copy of the certificate completion of housemanship training program/ internship program which is an official program of the medical regulatory authority of that country. All the postings completed in the program shall be specified.	
	d) Current curriculum vitae includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of hospitals/institutions worked in with duration; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary and evidence of training received, and competencies attained including the duration; • Professional work experience (clinical, research and/or academic where applicable) including the duration; • Continuing Professional Development activities or updating of skills including the duration. 	
	e) A testimonial from the last place of work	
(iii)	Other requirements:	
	a) A current and original Letter of Good Standing/Certificate of Good Standing/Professional Standing from medical regulatory/licensing authority in the country where the applicant last practised	
	b) All applicants with qualifications obtained outside Malaysia shall have primary source verification certificate of the medical degree in the first instance by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Dataflow, or any other organization approved by the Council. The onus is on the applicants to approach these organizations to undertake primary source verification at their own expense and for these organizations to send the relevant reports directly to the Council.	

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Part 3: Non-Malaysian medical practitioners who have not undergone employment in a resident medical capacity under Section 13 of the Medical Act 1971 (housemanship outside Malaysia)

(i)	The following documents need to be uploaded into MeRITS by all applicants:	
	a) Certified true copy of passport	
	b) Certified true copy of Permanent Resident status, where applicable	
	c) Certified marriage certificate from Malaysian authority (for spouse of Malaysian)	
	d) Certified true copy of basic medical degree	
	e) Certified true copy of postgraduate degree, if applicable	
	f) Translation of basic medical degree if the original certificate is not in Bahasa Malaysia or English (Translated documents from university or original document from Institution or Terjemahan & Buku Malaysia (ITBM) or officers of the appropriate Embassy and Certified copies of the document in its original language.)	
	g) Certified true copy of full registration from medical regulatory authority in the country where the applicant last practised	
	h) A statutory declaration, where applicable (If name in the documents in different from identification card)	
	i) Cover letter from current Malaysian employer/institution that should include the letter head, applicant's name with passport number, and duration of the employment/training as per the offer letter.	
	j) Certified true copy of the offer letter from current Malaysian employer OR contract of employment/ offer letter for postgraduate training/ offer letter for clinical attachment.	
	k) Certified true copy of recent job advertisement in three (3) National Newspapers and/or employer's website for those applying for employment	
	l) Job scope for those applying for employment from the employer	
	m) Current curriculum vitae that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of hospitals/institutions worked in with duration; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary and evidence of training received, and competencies attained including the duration; • Professional work experience (clinical, research and/or academic where applicable) including the duration; Continuing Professional Development activities or updating of skills including the duration. (indent as one of the stems) 	
	n) Testimonial(s) of the last three years of working experience from employer(s)	
	o) A No Objection / Release letter from a current/previous employer (If applicant is still registered and serving or had served a contract with another employer in Malaysia)	
	p) Justification letter of hiring non-Malaysian by the prospective institution or employer	

(ii)	Other requirements:	
	a) A current and original Letter of Good Standing/ Certificate of Good Standing/Professional Standing from medical regulatory /licensing authority in the country where the applicant last practised	
	b) All applicants with qualifications obtained outside Malaysia shall have primary source verification certificate of the medical degree in the first instance by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Dataflow, or any other organization approved by the Council. The onus is on the applicants to approach these organizations to undertake primary source verification at their own expense and for these organizations to send the relevant reports directly to the Council.	

Non-Malaysians applying for a job as a clinical lecturer are required to provide additional documents as below:

(i)	Certified true copy of proof of a specialist status from medical regulatory authority in <i>the country where</i> the applicant last practised.	
(ii)	Testimonials or reports to support the requirement of having at least five (5) years of experience as a specialist in that specialty	