



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ON REMOVAL OF NAME, REINSTATEMENT AND RESTORATION OF NAME ON THE REGISTER

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THE REGISTER

1. What does the Register refer to?

The "Register" referred to in the Medical Act 1971 includes a list of medical practitioners who are legally recognised and allowed to practice medicine in Malaysia. It contains details about each registered medical practitioner's qualifications, practice status, and any disciplinary actions taken against them. The Register refers to the Malaysian Medical Register under Section 11 of the Medical Act 1971 containing particulars of all Registered Medical Practitioners (RMP)s with valid provisional or full registration. The Specialist Register contains particulars of all RMPs with specialist registration under Section 14 of the Medical Act 1971.

For more detailed information, you can refer to the Malaysian Medical Council's laws and regulations page (<https://mmc.gov.my/laws-and-regulations/>).

REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM REGISTER [FAQs]

1. I have a Provisional Registration Certificate. However, it's nearing the end of its validity period. Do I need to apply for a new Provisional Registration if I still want to undergo/continue housemanship training?

Yes. You should apply for an extension for your Provisional Registration. For more information on how to apply, please refer to the Guidelines for Extension of the Provisional Registration.

2. I have a valid Provisional Registration. What are the conditions that may result in the removal of my name from the Register?

- a. As stated in Section 24 (1) of the Medical Act 1971, the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) may revoke the Provisional Registration of a person and order his name to be removed from the Register if the person:
 - i. is not or is no longer attending houseman training; or
 - ii. has contravened any condition or restriction imposed upon him.

3. I have a valid Full Registration. What are the conditions that may result in the removal of my name from the Register?

- a. According to Section 24 (2) of the Medical Act 1971, the MMC may remove from the Register the name of any fully registered medical practitioner who:
 - i. is proved to the satisfaction of the MMC to be a deceased person;
 - ii. is proved to the satisfaction of the MMC incapable, by reason of physical or mental infirmity, or profound incompetence, of carrying out his duties as a medical practitioner;
 - iii. has not applied to the Register for renewal of his practising certificate for six years consecutively;
 - iv. has been registered through an error as to his qualification for registration, and was not at the time of his registration entitled to be registered;

- v. has been registered by fraudulent means;
- vi. has contravened or failed to comply with any condition or restriction imposed by the MMC;
- vii. has completed his term or contract with the Malaysian Government or such body or organisation for such period as may be specified and approved by the MMC; or;
- viii. has had his registration withdrawn, suspended or cancelled from the Register of medical practitioners maintained in any place outside Malaysia or from any professional register maintained in any place inside or outside Malaysia.

4. What are the disciplinary punishments associated with the removal of names from the Register?

According to Section 30 (1) of the Medical Act 1971, the MMC may order the name of such medical practitioner to be:

- i. suspended from the Register for such period as it thinks fit;
- ii. struck off the Register

5. Can I submit an application to re-register my name in the Register?

This depends on the provision upon which your name was removed or struck off the Register:

- i. If your name is removed under Section 24 of the Medical Act 1971, you may submit an application for Reinstatement of Name into the Register under Section 24A (1) of the Medical Act 1971 and Regulation 31 of the Medical Regulations 2017.
- ii. If your name is struck off from the Register under Section 30 (1) of the Medical Act 1971, you may submit an application for Restoration of Name into the Register under Regulation 32 of the Medical Regulations 2017.

6. If my Full Registration has been suspended, removed or struck off, can I practice medicine? What should I do if I intend to practice again?

No, you are not eligible to practice without registration. However, any name suspended from the Register will be restored upon lifting of the suspension. Names removed from MMC's Register can be reinstated or restored if he or she intends to practice again subject to certain conditions.

7. I am registered as a specialist with the Malaysian Medical Council. What are the conditions that may result in the removal of my name from the Specialist Register?

- a. A registered specialist may be removed from the Specialist Register due to conditions similar to the Register. According to Section 24 (2) of the Medical Act 1971, the MMC may remove the name of any fully registered specialist medical

practitioner from the Specialist Register who:

- i. is proved to the satisfaction of the MMC to be a deceased person;
- ii. is proved to the satisfaction of the MMC incapable, by reason of physical or mental infirmity, or profound incompetence, of carrying out his duties as a medical practitioner;
- iii. has not applied to the Register for renewal of his practising certificate for six years consecutively;
- iv. has been registered through an error as to his qualification for registration, and was not at the time of his registration entitled to be registered;
- v. has been registered by fraudulent means;
- vi. has contravened or failed to comply with any condition or restriction imposed by the MMC;
- vii. has completed his term or contract with the Malaysian Government or such body or organisation for such period as may be specified and approved by the MMC; or;
- viii. has had his registration withdrawn, suspended or cancelled from the Full Register of medical practitioners maintained in any place outside Malaysia or from any professional register maintained in any place inside or outside Malaysia.

8. I have been struck off the Specialist Register. What does this mean with regards to my clinical practice?

If you have been struck off the Specialist Register only and not the Register, you may still practice medicine as a medical officer, but not as a specialist. However, conditions for your practice is upon the MMC's discretion.

REINSTATEMENT AND RESTORATION OF NAME IN REGISTER FOR PROVISIONAL AND FULL REGISTRATION

- 1. What is Reinstatement of name? What is Restoration of name? Why are they different?**

Reinstatement is the process of re-registration of name in the Register after the name of a medical practitioner has been removed from the Register in accordance with Section 24 of the Medical Act 1971. On the other hand, restoration is the process of re-registration of name in the Register after the name of a medical practitioner has been struck off or suspended from the Register under Section 30 (1) of the Medical Act 1971.

Time to submit application:

- 2. My name has been removed from Register as a consequence of Fitness to Practice (FTP) committee evaluation under Section 24 (2) (ii). What should I do if I intend to practice again?**

A medical practitioner who has ceased to be registered under Section 24 (2) (ii) of the Medical Act 1971 shall not be reinstated unless he or she has been certified fit by Fitness to Practise (FTP) Committee. (For further information on Fitness to Practice, please refer to the FTP guideline)

All applications will be reviewed by the FTP Committee before making its final recommendations to the MMC for decision making.

- 3. My name was removed from the Register for other reasons under Section 24. When can I apply for Reinstatement of my Provisional and/or Full Registration?**

If your name was removed from the Register for other reasons under Section 24, you can apply for Reinstatement of name in the register, three (3) months after your name has been removed from the Register. Any decision on such an application is upon the discretion of the MMC.

- 4. I was struck off the Register under Section 30 (1). When can I apply for Restoration of Provisional/Full Registration?**

As stated in Section 31A of the Medical Act 1971, any application which the name has been struck off under Section 30(1)(e) of the Medical Act 1971 may be submitted after a period of three years have elapsed since the order was made. Any decision on such an application is upon the discretion of the MMC.

Appealing MMC decisions:

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

Medical practitioners whose names have been removed from MMC's Register must apply for their names to be reinstated and/or restored to MMC's Register if he or she intends to practice medicine in Malaysia again. To legally practice medicine in Malaysia, medical practitioners are required to be registered with the Malaysian Medical Council. Through registration, the MMC ensures that a medical practitioner has the knowledge, skill and competence levels to provide safe and effective treatment to the Malaysian public.

2. Can I appeal against the decision of the MMC if my application for reinstatement is rejected?

If your application for reinstatement is rejected, you may appeal to the Minister within thirty days from the date of decision.

Requirements and processing time for reinstatement/restoration:

3. What are the requirements for a reinstatement/ restoration application of my Provisional/ Full Registration?

You can refer to the Form 18 attached for the checklist of required documents. Form 18 can be used for both reinstatement and restoration of name applications.

4. Since being struck off or suspended from the Register, I have not been able to practice medicine. How can I provide a proof of adequate clinical skills for restoration/reinstatement of my Full Registration? How about for Provisional Registration?

You may be required to undergo a clinical attachment if deemed necessary by the MMC. This is not required for those applying for restoration/reinstatement of Provisional Registration.

For reinstatement of Provisional/Full Registration, all applications will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee for Primary Medical Qualifications (ECPMQ) before providing its final recommendations to the MMC for decision making.

5. How long do I have to wait for the approval of my Reinstatement and/or Restoration application from the MMC?

For restoration/reinstatement applications of both Provisional and Full Registration, the average time required for processing an application is about 2 months. A longer processing time (i.e., 3 months) is expected if the application is received during peak periods.

The processing time will only start if the application and all documents submitted are considered complete by the MMC. Applications with missing information and/or missing documents will be considered incomplete and will not be processed by the MMC.

This document is to be read with Form 18. For further queries please contact the MMC secretariat via fullmalaysian@mmc.gov.my or unitsementara@mmc.gov.my 03-26912171.

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