

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
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PROGRAMME
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A. The selection for admission to a medical programme implies selection for the medical profession.

The Malaysian Medical Council believes that an applicant's chance of entering a medical degree programme should be based on factors such as academic ability, motivation and conscientiousness. A person who successfully completed a medical programme recognized by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) can be provisionally registered by the Council (Section 12 Medical Act), as the entry into the medical profession.

B. The practice of Medicine requires the highest standards of professional and personal conduct as well as professional competence.

1. Although some students have attained the academic standards required, they might not be suitable to a career in Medicine. It is the responsibility of the medical school to ensure that there are no particular circumstances that will impact upon an applicant's fitness to practice during the programme and upon graduation based on the current policies of the Malaysian Medical Council.
2. All applicants shall declare if they have:
 - been found guilty of any criminal offence(s);
 - serious physical or mental illness; and/or
 - serious communicable disease(s)* which may impact upon their future practice.
3. A person with any of the following shall be disqualified from entry into a medical programme:
 - found guilty of offence(s) affecting the human body; and/or
 - recent or serious dishonesty e.g. cheating at examinations, falsification of documents, plagiarism; and/or
 - serious physical or mental illness; and/or
 - serious communicable disease(s)*.
4. Any failure to declare information that has a material influence on a student's fitness to practice may lead to the termination of their medical course, as honesty, integrity and good health are essential attributes of a doctor and by extension, the medical student.

5. The minimum age required to enter the medical programme is 18 years on the day of admission based on the Age of Majority Act 1971.
6. All decision makers of medical schools and aspiring applicants are advised to study the Council's document "The duties of a doctor" and other Council guidelines available at www.mmc.gov.my.
7. For purpose of standardisation, the Malaysian School Certificate (*Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia - SPM*) will be adopted as the benchmark for student who wishes to enter an accredited* foundation or pre-medical program. All international qualifications that can be made equivalent to O-Level is considered equivalent to SPM.
8. For direct entry to the medical program, the benchmark qualification is the Higher School Certificate (*Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia - STPM*) and, for international qualifications, the A-Level and the *International Baccalaureate* (IB). All international qualifications that are equivalent to these qualifications can be accepted to fulfil the entry requirement to a medical program in Malaysia.
9. The institution / medical school has the final discretion for student admission, on the provision the applicant has fulfilled the minimum entry requirement stipulated and comply to other requirements / conditions set by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia.

C. A high level of academic attainment is expected.

1. An understanding of science, in particular chemistry and biology, is central to the understanding of Medicine.
2. All applicants shall have attained a level of competence in English to enable them to complete the course successfully.
3. All applicants who wish to **enter a medical programme via matriculation, Asasi Sains, accredited local foundation* or pre-medical programme***, shall pass and attain a minimum of the following at the SPM or its equivalent:

Examinations	Requirements
<i>Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)</i>	5Bs each in • Biology and • Chemistry and • Two from Mathematics or Additional Mathematics or Physics, and • One other subject
General Certificate of Education, Ordinary (“O”) levels	5Bs each in • Biology and • Chemistry and • Two from Mathematics or Additional Mathematics or Physics, and • One other subject

IGCSE and GCSE	5Bs (or Grade 6) each in • Biology and • Chemistry and • Two from Mathematics or Additional Mathematics or Physics, and • One other subject
UEC	B4s each in 5 subjects • Biology and • Chemistry and • Physics and • Advanced Mathematics I / Mathematics; and • Advanced Mathematics II / Advanced Mathematics *UEC eligibility is only for admission to higher education programs in Private Higher Education Institutions (IPTS) as stated in: <i>Surat Pekeliling Ketua Pendaftar Institusi Pengajian Tinggi Swasta, Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia Bil 2/2004 - Kelayakan dan Kedudukan 'Unified Examination Certificate' (UEC) dated 19 March 2004 No. Ruj: KP(JPS)5181/01/02/Jld.3(6)</i>

****Accredited Foundation – accreditation in the MQA Act 2007 Section 2 refers to: a recognition granted by the Agency after examining and assessing- a) a higher education programme or qualification; or b) a higher education provider under Chapter 4 or 7 of Part VII***

Note:

- i) Any applicants with School Certificates that is not mentioned in this guideline must refer to “The list of Entry Qualifications for International Students’ by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) for the purpose of qualification equivalency;

- ii) For international qualification (in the absence of SPM/O-Level qualification), if the institution is able to provide evidence that the matriculation, foundation or pre-medical programme is equivalent to General Certificate of Education Advanced (“A”) levels, please refer to **C(4)(a)**, General Certificate of Education Advanced (“A”) levels.
- iii) Qualification equivalency shall be conducted by the applicant or the institution. Evidence of equivalency from ENIC NARIC or SCHOLARO may be accepted. The subjects taken must match the subject listed in **C(3)** or **C(4)(a)**, General Certificate of Education Ordinary (“O”) and Advanced (“A”) levels.
- iv) A Combination of SPM and O-Level results are allowed to fulfill the entry requirement as stated in *Keputusan Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Induk MQA-SPIPTS Bil.1/2009* dated 11 May 2009 and *Keputusan Mesyuarat MQA Bil.4/2009* dated 27 May 2009 (*Kompilasi Dasar Jaminan Kualiti Pendidikan Tinggi (2009 – 2020: Edisi Ketiga) (Pindaan 2)*).

4. For **direct entry to an undergraduate medical program**, all applicants shall have passed and attained a minimum of the following at:

a) STPM AND ITS EQUIVALENT

Examinations	Requirements
<i>Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)</i>	At least B or CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0) in 3 subjects of: • Biology; and • Chemistry; and • Physics or Mathematics
<i>General Certificate of Education Advanced (“A”) levels</i>	At least B in 3 subjects of: • Biology; and • Chemistry; and • Physics or Mathematics
Diploma International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme (DP)	Minimum overall score 33 points, 2 science subjects (Biology and Chemistry) at Higher Level (HL) and Mathematics at HL and attained a minimum score of 5 each in: • Biology; and • Chemistry; and • Mathematics *This requirement is effective starting from January 2024.

Note: Combination of A-Level (or any equivalent A Level) with STAM and/or STPM is allowed to fulfill the entry requirement as stated in *Keputusan Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Induk MQA-SPIPTS Bil. 1/2009* dated 11 May 2009 and *Keputusan Mesyuarat MQA Bil. 4/2009* dated 27 May 2009 (*Kompilasi Dasar Jaminan Kualiti Pendidikan Tinggi (2009 – 2020: Edisi Ketiga)*)

OR

b) MATRICULATION, ASASI SAINS, ACCREDITED FOUNDATION OR PRE-MEDICAL PROGRAMME OR ITS EQUIVALENT (all applicants must fulfil the requirement at SPM/ O-level or its equivalent):

Examinations	Requirements
<i>Matriculation, Asasi Sains, Foundation in Science or Foundation in Medicine or Pre-Medical</i>	CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0) in 3 subjects i.e. • Biology; and • Chemistry; and • Physics or Mathematics Minimum grade for each subject is C (GPA 2.0) and Provided the programme is not less than 1 year and completed in the same institution

OR

c) DIPLOMA LEVEL

Examinations	Requirements
Diploma in Health Sciences or equivalent	CGPA 3.5 (out of 4.0) and the programme is; i) Not less than 5 semesters or 2 1/2 years and; ii) Completed in the same institution; iii) ODL mode is not allowed iv) Accredited Program with NEC Code 091 only

OR

d) BACHELOR'S DEGREE LEVEL

Examinations	Requirements
<i>Degree in Health or Pure or Applied Sciences **</i>	CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0) for entry to 5-year medical programme
<i>Degree in Health or Pure or Applied Sciences **</i>	CGPA 3.3 (out of 4.0) for entry to 4-year medical programme
<i>Degree in the Arts or Humanities</i>	CGPA 3.5 (out of 4.0) for entry to 5-year medical programme An additional 6 months or more bridging course to be run by the admitting institution designed for those who did not take the required science subjects.
<i>Degree in the Arts or Humanities</i>	CGPA 3.75 (out of 4.0) for entry to 4-year medical programme An additional 6 months or more bridging course to be run by the admitting institution designed for those who did not take the required science subjects.

*****All the international students are required to provide evidence that their qualification is recognised in the country of origin.***

5. Credit transfer is not allowed for 4-year medical undergraduate programme
6. All international applicants must fulfil the English Proficiency of as set by Ministry of Higher Education.

- 7 The individual medical school has the discretion to **raise** the minimum requirement standards for entry into their medical school which is set by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia.
- 8 Applicants shall be required to undergo an aptitude test and/or an interview and/or a university entrance examination.
- 9 It is the duty of the international applicants to ensure that the qualification awarded by the admitting Malaysian medical school enables them to take the national/qualifying exams (where applicable) and register for medical practice in their home country or the country they wish to practice. The admitting medical school has a duty to advise the international student likewise.
- 10 It is responsibility of the institution to ensure the required subjects are in compliance with this Minimum Qualifications for Entry into a Medical Programme. Clarification shall be sought from the Ministry of Higher Education in situations in which there are **NO PROVISIONS** in this guideline (This may be subjected to a processing fee).

Additional Notes

Applicants who wish to join housemanship training in the Malaysian public sector must fulfil the criteria set by the Public Services Commission of Malaysia (SPA).

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