

**NATIONAL SPECIALIST REGISTER
CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION
SPECIALTY OF DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

A. The Subcommittee had agreed to adopt the General Guidelines for Credentialing in the National Specialist Register as Credentialing Criteria for Dental Public Health, as follows:

The candidate –

1. Has been fully registered with the Malaysian Dental Council and holds a current Annual Practicing Certificate.
2. Must possess postgraduate qualification in Dental Public Health (as recognized by the Malaysian Dental Council (Refer Appendix I)
3. Has satisfied the Subcommittee that he is fit and is of good character.
4. Has completed the period of experience under supervision which may be required by the SSC after obtaining the postgraduate qualification.
5. Must possess 1year (DDPHRCS, DDPH/MCD, MSc DPH or equivalent) + 8 years experience; or
6. Must have 2 years (MPH or equivalent) + 2 years structured residency training program; or
7. 1year (MPH or equivalent) + 3 years in DrPH in a recognized university; or
8. 1year (MPH or equivalent) + 4 years and relevant CPD points or intensive course in the area i.e. Structured DPH programme (list of programmes to be determined)

B. Any applicant who does not possess a recognized postgraduate qualification in the basic specialty may be considered on a case to case basis if he satisfies the SSC that:

1. The training programme he has undergone meets the standard required by the National Credentialing Committee (NCC). In evaluating the programme, it shall be benchmarked against the Masters programme of local universities in terms of duration of training, standard of training and examination system.
2. He has met the professional requirements as evidenced by portfolios, log books, etc.

C. In evaluating an application, the SSC may request for additional information before making its recommendation to the NCC, as follows:

1. Clarification on the training undergone, letters from supervisors or previous Heads of departments.
2. Proof of participation in continuing professional development may be requested to ascertain that he has kept up-to-date in the relevant area of practice.
3. May require referees to provide a confidential report to ascertain capability of candidate to function as an independent specialist. In certain circumstances, the SSC may select a referee other than that named by the candidate to assist the SSC in making a decision.
4. If necessary, the SSC may call the applicant for an interview or stipulate any conditions which may include additional training or experience.
5. Making an on-site visit to the place of practice.
6. If the applicant does not satisfy the registration criteria, the SSC shall reject the application stating the reasons for the rejection. Any appeal shall be made to the Chairman of the NCC.

**APPROVED POST-GRADUATE DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH QUALIFICATIONS,
MALAYSIAN DENTAL COUNCIL**

A. Australia

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| 1. Diploma in Public Health (Dentistry), University of Sydney | DPH (Dent) (Sydney) |
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B. Canada

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| 1. Master of Public Health, University of Toronto | MPH (Toronto) |
| 2. Diploma in Dental Public Health, University of Toronto | DDPH (Toronto) |

C. Malaysia

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| 1. Master of Community Dentistry, University of Malaya | MCD (Malaya) |
| 2. Master of Community Medicine (Oral Health), University Sains Malaysia | MCM (Oral Health) (USM) |
| 3. Master of Public Health (Oral Health) University of Malaya | MPH (Oral Health) (Malaya) |

D. New Zealand

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| 1. Diploma in Dental Public Health, University of Otago | DDPH (Otago) |
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E. United Kingdom

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| 1. Master of Science (Dental Public Health) University of London | MSc (DPH) (London) |
| 2. Master of Science in Dental Public Health, University of Dublin | MSc (DPH) (Dublin) |
| 3. Diploma in Dental Public Health of the Royal College of Surgeons of England | DDPH RCS (England) |
| 4. Diploma in Public Dentistry, University of Dundee | DPD (Dundee) |

United States of America

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| 1. Master of Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles | MPH (UCLA) |
| 2. Master of Public Health, University of Michigan | MPH (Michigan) |
| 3. Doctor of Public Health, University of Michigan | PhD (Michigan)
DrPH (Michigan) |
| 4. Master of Public Health, Columbia University | MPH (Columbia) |
| 5. Master of Public Health, Harvard University | MPH (Harvard) |
| 6. Master of Public Health, John Hopkins University | MPH (Johns Hopkins) |
| 7. Master of Public Health, Loma Linda University | MPH (Loma Linda) |
| 8. Master of Public Health, Tulane University | MPH (Tulane) |
| 9. Master of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley | MPH (California) |
| 10. Master of Public Health, University of Hawaii | MPH (Hawaii) |
| 11. Master of Public Health, University of Minnesota | MPH (Minnesota) |
| 12. Master of Public Health, University of North Carolina | MPH (North Carolina) |
| 13. Master of Public Health, University of Oklahoma | MPH (Oklahoma) |
| 14. Master of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh | MPH (Pittsburgh) |
| 15. Master of Public Health, University of Texas | MPH (Houston) |
| 16. Master of Public Health, Yale University | MPH (Yale) |