

**NATIONAL SPECIALIST REGISTER  
ORAL PATHOLOGY & ORAL MEDICINE  
CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION**

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## 1. Qualifications

1.1 Possess a basic dental degree recognised by the Malaysian Dental Council

1.2 Is fully registered as a dental practitioner with the Malaysian Dental Council and possesses a current annual practicing certificate from the Malaysian Dental Council

1.3 Holds a postgraduate degree in oral pathology /oral medicine recognized by the Government of Malaysia

- Membership of Royal College of Pathologists (MRCPATH)
- Fellowship in Faculty of Oral Pathology of the Royal Australasia College of Pathologists (FFOP RACPATH)
- Master in Clinical Dentistry in Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine (University of Malaya)
- Diplomate from American Board of Oral Maxillofacial Pathology
- Master of Science(MS)(Oral Pathology/Oral Maxillofacial Pathology) in USA and Fellow, Academy of Oral Maxillofacial Pathology
- Membership of the Faculties of Dental Surgery, Royal Colleges of Surgeons (MFDSRCS) and Master in Clinical Dentistry (MCLINDENT) or MSc (Oral Pathology or Oral Medicine) in United Kingdom.
- Fellowship of Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS) and Master in Clinical Dentistry (MCLINDENT) or MSc (Oral Pathology or Oral Medicine) in Australia / New Zealand.
- Any other equivalent postgraduate degree recognised by the Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine Subspecialty Committee. In such cases, consideration will be on a case by case basis. The following will be considered in the deliberations:
  - a) The total period of training in Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine should not be less than 4 (FOUR) years and should be equivalent to that in Clause 2.2 and satisfy Clause 2.3
  - b) The training should be carried out in a centre accredited for training
  - c) Evidence of satisfactory training shall include:
    - i. Curriculum of the training programme
    - ii. Evidence of satisfactory completion of the training programme
    - iii. Reports from supervisor (s) / trainer (s) on satisfactory achievement of Clauses 2.2 and 2.3

## 2. Training

2.1 The training programme should have the specific objectives of producing a competent specialist with consultant level skills in management of oral medicine cases and producing oral histopathology reports.

2.2 The training programme should include at least 3 (THREE) years of supervised training in a laboratory accredited for Anatomic Pathology training with acquisition of competence to perform the following:

Practical Skills	Level of competence
Reporting of routine surgical pathology including histochemistry and immunohistochemistry	Able to perform unsupervised
Recognise common ultrastructural changes of diagnostic significance	Able to perform under indirect supervision
Frozen sections	Able to perform under indirect supervision
Reporting of cytological smears	Able to perform unsupervised

Fine needle aspiration and reporting of FNA smears	Able to perform unsupervised
Record keeping and disease indexing (eg SNOMED)	Able to perform unsupervised
Manage a diagnostic anatomic pathology laboratory	Able to perform unsupervised
Provide active consultancy services for patient care	Able to perform unsupervised

2.3 The training programme should ensure that the following procedures have been undertaken and assessed during the training period.

Procedure	Number to be undertaken
Routine surgical pathology reporting	2000
Frozen section reporting	Not specified
Reporting of smears	50
Case reports (Oral Medicine)	At least 5 in each category of disease

### 3. Work Experience

3.1 At least 6 (SIX) months of working experience under supervision in an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine facility after acquisition of the postgraduate professional qualification as in Clause 1.3.

3.2 The above clause (3.1) should be evidenced by a supervisor (s) report (s) indicating satisfactory completion of the supervised working experience

### 4. Designations

4.1 An Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist is a specialist who is competent to report oral biopsies and manage oral medicine cases.

### 5. Exemptions

5.1 A senior Dental Specialist practicing in Malaysia for at least 5 (FIVE) years and recognized by his/her peers can be credentialed as Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist without the need for submission of details of training (Clause 2) and a supervisor's report (Clause 3) if he/she fulfils the following criteria:

5.1.1 Has been gazetted as Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist by the Ministry of Health and currently practices as an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist in Malaysia

5.1.2 Is currently registered as a Dental Specialist under the Specialist Register of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia and currently practices as an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist in Malaysia

5.1.3 Is currently appointed as an academic staff of a local university and currently practices as an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist in Malaysia

5.2 Notwithstanding any of the above, the Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Subspecialty Committee reserves the right to assess applications which do not conform to Clauses 2, 3 and 5.1 on a case-by-case basis

### 6. Professional Good Standing

6.1 The onus lies with the applicant to declare to the Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Subspecialty Committee any instance (s) of loss of professional good standing