

SPECIALTY OF ORTHODONTICS NATIONAL SPECIALIST REGISTER

Introduction

Specialty Sub-committee (SSC) in Orthodontics was established to advise and assist the National Credentialing Committee (NCC) in the credentialing process of Orthodontists in Malaysia.

Functions of the SSC (Orthodontics)

The main functions of the SSC (Orthodontics) are:-

1. To develop a set of core criteria for the credentialing of Orthodontists.
2. To act as an advisory body and continuously evaluate and make appropriate recommendations pertaining to the credentialing of Orthodontists to the NCC.
3. To continuously explore the credentialing requirements for the specialty of Orthodontics as well as;

3.1 To determine the 'core clinical activities' within the specialty.

3.1.1 Which includes detailed evaluation of:-

3.1.1.1 Qualifications of applicants

3.1.1.2 Training duration requirements

3.1.1.3 Facilities of training centers/institutes

3.1.1.4 Identification of training requirements

3.1.1.5 The organisation of recognised training courses and workshops

3.2 To look into the accreditation of orthodontic postgraduate training programmes, recognised training hospitals and its trainers

3.3 To establish performance monitoring mechanisms.

3.4 To establish a review mechanism.

The criteria and registration protocol will be made public upon endorsement/approval by the relevant authorities.

Please note that all criteria formulated for the specialty of orthodontics by SSC (Orthodontics) were based on guidelines set by National Credentialing Committee and have taken into consideration all qualifications and training obtained either locally or abroad.

All practising orthodontists who wish to register with the NSR are advised to access the NSR website (www.nsr.org.my) or contact NSR Secretariat at 03-4023 5700 for further information on the procedures for registration.

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CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ORTHODONTIC SPECIALIST IN MALAYSIA

Any dental officer/dental practitioner can apply to be registered as an orthodontic specialist if he/she fulfils ALL the following requirements:

1.0 A recognised basic dental degree

- 1.1 A basic dental degree recognised by the Malaysian Dental Council
- 1.2 He/she is registered with the Malaysian Dental Council and holds a current annual practising certificate.

2.0 A recognised post-graduate qualification

- 2.1 Holds any of the following postgraduate qualifications recognised by the NCC (**Appendix A**).
- 2.2 The Specialty Subcommittee reserves the right to stipulate any conditions which may include additional training / exams or experience.

3.0 Postgraduate training

The applicant must have satisfactorily completed full-time postgraduate clinical orthodontics training in a tertiary academic institute recognised/accredited by the NCC:

- i. Not less than four (4) years for local postgraduate programme
- ii. Not less than three (3) years for overseas-trained with a Membership in Orthodontics of Royal College of Surgeons or its equivalent.

4.0 Recognized Working Experience after Postgraduate Qualification

In line with the National Credentialing Committee (NCC) requirement for good Clinical practice in Orthodontics, a minimum of **12 months** recognized working Experience is required to be eligible for registration with submission of log book.

5.0 Evaluation Criteria for NSR Re-registration

In future, to re-evaluate an application under this category, the Subcommittee (SSC) may request for the following before making its recommendation to the NCC :

- i. Proof of participation in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) may be requested to ascertain that that he/she has kept up-to-date in the relevant area of practice.
- ii. Clarification on the new related training undergone, letters from supervisors or previous Heads
- iii. Confidential report from referees 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.
- iv. If necessary, the SSC may call the applicant for an interview or stipulate any conditions which may include additional training or experience.
- v. Making an on-site visit to the place of practice.
- vi. Log book of cases.

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APPENDIX A

LIST OF RECOGNISED POST GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS (ORTHODONTICS)

<p>i. Doctor of Orthodontics Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (After June 2013)</p> <p>(previously Master of Orthodontics)</p>	<p>Doctor of Ortho.(UKMalaysia)</p> <p>MOrth (UKMalaysia)</p>
<p>ii. Master of Orthodontics, University of Malaya</p>	<p>MOrth (Malaya)</p>
<p>iii. Membership in Dentofacial Orthopaedics of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow</p>	<p>MDO RCPS(Glasgow)</p>
<p>iv. Membership in Orthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh</p>	<p>MOrth RCS(Edinburgh)</p>
<p>v. Membership of Orthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of England</p>	<p>MOrth RCS(England)</p>
<p>vi. Diploma in Dental Orthopaedics of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow</p>	<p>D.D.Orth RCPS(Glasgow) *</p>
<p>vii. Diploma in Orthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh</p>	<p>Dip.Orth RCS (Edinburgh) *</p>
<p>viii. Diploma in Orthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of England</p>	<p>Dip.Orth RCS (England) *</p>

* *Applicable only to those with qualifications obtained prior to 1992*