

## **NATIONAL SPECIALIST REGISTER**

### **Criteria for Registering as a Paediatric Dental Specialist in Malaysia**

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

#### **1. A recognized basic dental degree**

- 1.1. A basic dental degree recognized by the Malaysian Dental Council
- 1.2. Registered with the Malaysian Dental Council

#### **2. A recognized post-graduate qualification**

Holds any of the following postgraduate qualifications recognized by The National Credentialing Committee.

- 2.1 Master in Clinical Dentistry (Children Dentistry (University of Malaya) MClin.Dent (Children Dentistry) (Malaya)
- 2.2 Doctor in Clinical Dentistry (National University of Malaysia) DClinDent (Paediatric Dentistry) (UKM)
- 2.3 Master in Paediatric Dentistry (Science University of Malaysia) MPaedDent (USM)
- 2.4 Any other postgraduate qualification recognized by the ***Jawatankuasa Khas Pengiktirafan Kelayakan, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia***, plus recognized membership or fellowship of the professional bodies or colleges (as recommended by the Paediatric Dentistry Specialist Subcommittee)
- 2.5 Holders of any other postgraduate in Paediatric Dentistry qualifications will be considered on a case to case basis

#### **3. Other Recognized Postgraduate Qualifications**

The Subcommittee deliberated on the criteria of Other Recognized Qualifications and agreed on the following:

Those who **have less than 4 years of training**, the Committee can stipulate additional training or experience to make up for the shortfall. However, any supervised clinical experience in recognized centres so that their training can be considered as part of the 4 years.

#### **4. Post Qualification Credentialing Process of Minimum of 6 months**

The Subcommittee agreed that there should be a standardized duration of supervised working experience (credentialing process) after completing their postgraduate qualification **i.e. 6 months**. This is to ensure that paediatric dental specialist can work

independently and able to provide quality oral healthcare to children following acquisition of post graduate qualification.

## **5. Postgraduate training**

3.1 Has satisfactorily completed the postgraduate training of not less than 4 (four)\* years full time and recognized /accredited by NCC.

\* 2 years full time for those qualified before 2001

3.2 Evidence of satisfactory training (acquisition of theoretical background and knowledge required for paediatric dental practice and clinical skills supported by:

3.2.1 Log Book of core procedures and completed clinical cases.

3.2.2 Portfolio eg Master's thesis/dissertation

3.2.3 Accredited supervisor's report /referees' report or testimonial.

3.2.4 Any other evidence as requested by Specialist Subcommittee.

Item 3.2 applies to those with post-graduate paediatric dentistry qualifications that are not listed in the 'List of Recognized Qualifications' and need to be considered on a case to case basis.

## **6. Undergone a 'Credentialing Process' of minimum 6 months as required by the Paediatric Dentistry Specialty Subcommittee.**

The purpose of this exercise is to assess the standard of practice in paediatric dentistry as outlined in the core competence for the paediatric dental specialist. It is also aimed at ensuring that the paediatric dental specialist can work independently and be able to provide quality oral healthcare to children following acquisition of post graduate qualification.

Procedure consists of:

a) completion of procedure log book which consists of 4 components – **Appendix 1 (Credentialing Process Log Book) :**

- clinical case management
- Study/clinical audit
- clinic management
- training

b) Supervisor's report – **Appendix 2 (Supervisor's Report)**

## 7. Exemptions

### Exemption Clause:

Senior paediatric dental specialists who do not fulfill the above criteria but have been practicing full time in the specialty of Paediatric Dentistry may be credentialed subject to either one of the following:

- (i) Gazetted as a specialist by the Ministry of Health or recognized as specialist by Universities (to provide supporting documents e.g. letter of appointment)
- (ii) Have practiced Paediatric Dentistry full time for at least 10 years with record of good standing from the Malaysian Dental Council and recognized by peers (reference from 2 credentialed paediatric dental specialists and other supporting evidence)

All application for such exemption should be submitted latest by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2010**.

6. Applications from any dentist with paediatric dentistry training and experience locally or overseas must be substantiated by documents relating to qualification, training and experience. The Specialty Subcommittee for Paediatric Dentistry may consider such application on a case to case basis and reserves the right to stipulate any conditions which may include additional training or experience.

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