

CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION IN ENDOCRINOLOGY IN MALAYSIA

Any medical practitioner may apply to be registered as an endocrinologist if he/she fulfils ALL the requirements listed in any of the 3 categories listed below:

Category A (Applicants with a recognised postgraduate training in endocrinology from recognised local institutions*)

Applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

1. A recognised basic medical degree

Possess a basic medical degree recognised by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) and is currently registered with the MMC.

2. A recognised postgraduate qualification in Internal Medicine

Possess a postgraduate qualification in Internal Medicine that is recognised by the National Specialists Registry (NSR) set up by the Academy of Medicine and Ministry of Health Malaysia.

3. Completed endocrinology training in recognized centres*

3.1 The training period must be of 3 years minimum duration with satisfactory completion of all the requirements of the training programme in endocrinology

3.2 Submission of a log book of clinical cases managed and procedures performed during their training which is verified by the supervisors

3.3 Submission of 3 first-author published case reports or 6 unpublished case reports.

3.4 Possess satisfactory yearly progress reports by supervisors who are accredited endocrine trainers

3.5 Submission of a research manuscript which is examined via a viva-voce by a panel of examiners. The research must be conducted during the period of training. Those with a research qualification such as an MD or a PhD in any endocrine subjects will be exempted from the research viva-voce.

Medical practitioners who are registered with MMC and have completed their endocrine training in recognized centres before May 2008 may choose to register themselves as an endocrinologist by submitting testimonials from two endocrinologists, one of whom vouched for their training in endocrinology. They may be required to undergo an interview conducted by the Specialty Subcommittee of Endocrinology, NSR.

** These refer to training centres which are recognised by the Endocrine Subspecialty Training Committee set up by the Academy of Medicine and Ministry of Health Malaysia.*

Category B (Applicants with a recognised postgraduate training in endocrinology from the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, UK and USA)

Applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

1. A recognized basic medical degree

Possess a basic medical degree recognized by the MMC and is currently registered with the MMC.

2. A recognized postgraduate qualification in Internal Medicine

Possess a postgraduate qualification in Internal Medicine that is recognized by the National Specialists Registry (NSR)

3. Satisfactory completion of endocrine training

3.1 At least 3 years of structured supervised residency training in endocrinology deemed equivalent by the Endocrine Subspecialty Training Committee to the training stipulated in category A (3.1-3.5).

3.2 Furnish testimonials from two endocrinologists under whom they have completed their training.

3.3 For applicants who have the Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) or its equivalent and have been employed for less than two (2) years as a full-time endocrinologist, they are required to pass the exit examination conducted by the Endocrine Subspecialty Training Committee.

3.4 For applicants who have the Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) or its equivalent and have been employed for more than two (2) years as a full-time endocrinologist, they are required to undergo an interview conducted by the Specialty Subcommittee of Endocrinology, NSR.

3.5 Those that are unsuccessful in the exit examinations after 3 attempts OR the interview may need to undergo remedial measures such as supervised training at accredited centre(s) for a specified period that will be determined by the panel.

Category C (Applicants with a postgraduate training in endocrinology from countries not listed in category B)

Applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

1. A recognized basic medical degree

Possess a basic medical degree recognized by the MMC and is currently registered with the MMC.

2. A recognized postgraduate qualification in Internal Medicine

Possess a postgraduate qualification in Internal Medicine that is recognized by the National Specialists Registry (NSR)

3. Satisfactory completion of endocrine training

3.1 At least 3 years of structured supervised residency training in endocrinology deemed equivalent by the Endocrine Subspecialty Training Committee to the training stipulated in category A (3.1-3.5).

3.2 Furnish testimonials from two endocrinologists under whom they completed their training.

3.3. After completing their endocrine training programme in the respective countries applicants with less than 5 years of working experience as a full-time endocrinologist must undergo a (1) year of probationary training period in locally recognised training centres, and upon completion of training;

(a) Submit of a log book of cases and procedures performed during the one year probationary training period.

(b) Furnish satisfactory three(3) monthly progress reports by supervisors who are accredited endocrine trainers

(c) Submit one (1) first-author published case report or 2 unpublished case reports.

(d) Pass the exit examination conducted by the Endocrine Subspecialty Training Committee

4. Applicants with more than 5 years of working experience as a full-time endocrinologist after completing their endocrine training will be asked to attend an interview conducted by the Specialty Subcommittee of Endocrinology, NSR. Those who are unsuccessful in the interview may need to undergo remedial measures such as supervised training at accredited centre(s) for a specified period that will be determined by the panel.