

CRITERIA FOR CREDENTIALING ON NATIONAL SPECIALIST REGISTER OF MALAYSIA MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY

1. Qualifications

- 1.1 Possess a basic medical degree recognised by the Malaysian Medical Council
- 1.2 Is fully registered as a medical practitioner with the Malaysian Medical Council and possesses a current annual practicing certificate from the Malaysian Medical Council
- 1.3 Holds a postgraduate degree in Pathology with a slant towards Medical Microbiology, recognized by the Government of Malaysia and includes:
 - Member/Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, UK (MRCPATH, FRCPath)
 - Master of Pathology, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia
 - Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (FRCPA)
 - Diploma in Clinical Pathology, University of London (4 modules)
 - Any other equivalent Pathology postgraduate degree recognised by the Medical Microbiology Specialty Committee. **In** such cases, consideration will be on a case by case basis. The following will be considered in the deliberations:
 - i. The total period of training in Pathology should not be less than 4 (FOUR) years and should be equivalent to that in Clause 2.2
 - ii. The training should be carried out in a laboratory recognized for training
 - iii. Evidence of satisfactory training shall include:
 - Curriculum of the training programme
 - Evidence of satisfactory completion of the training programme
 - Reports from supervisor(s) / trainer(s) on satisfactory achievement of Clause 2.2

2. Training

- 2.1 The training programme should have the specific objectives of producing a competent Medical Microbiologist with consultant level skills and competence in the management and organization of diagnostic microbiology services.
- 2.2 The training programme should include at least 3 (THREE) years of supervised training in a laboratory accredited for diagnostic microbiology training with acquisition of competence to perform the following:
 - Laboratory procedures in medical microbiology, including serology and immunology
 - Report on microbiology tests and results
 - Advise on antimicrobial treatment
 - Advise on nosocomial infection

3. Work Experience

3.1 At least 6 (SIX) months of working experience under supervision in a Medical Microbiology laboratory 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 A medical microbiologist IS a Pathologist who practices bacteriology, general virology, mycology, parasitology, and immunology including serology

4.2 The National Specialist Register provides for a medical microbiologist / pathologist who practices exclusively in a branch of medical microbiology to be designated as follows:

- 4.2.1 A virologist is a medical microbiologist /pathologist who practices exclusively in virology
- 4.2.2 A parasitologist is a medical microbiologist / pathologist who practices exclusively in parasitology
- 4.2.3 An immunologist is a medical microbiologist / pathologist who practices exclusively in immunology
- 4.2.4 A mycologist is a medical microbiologist / pathologist who practices exclusively in mycology
- 4.2.5 A bacteriologist is a medical microbiologist / pathologist who practices exclusively in bacteriology

5. The onus lies with the applicant to declare to the Medical Microbiology Specialty Committee any instance (s) of loss of professional good standing

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