

NATIONAL SPECIALIST REGISTER
Criteria for Registration in Neurosurgery

Any doctor can request to be registered in Neurosurgery if he/she fulfils ALL the following requirements:

- 1.0 Fully registered with the Malaysian Medical Council with current Annual Practicing Certificate (APC), and
- 2.0 Posses a recognized postgraduate qualification
 - 2.1 List of recognized postgraduate qualifications
 - i. Master of Medicine (Neurosurgery), Universiti Sains Malaysia
 - ii. Master of Surgery, University Malaya
 - iii. Master of Medicine (Surgery), Universiti Sains Malaysia
 - iv. Master of Surgery (General Surgery), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
 - v. Doctor of General Surgery, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (Starting June 2013)
 - vi. Master of Surgery (General Surgery), Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia
 - vii. Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Eng/Edin/Glas/Ire/Canada (General Surgery)
 - viii. Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, FRACS (General Surgery)
 - ix. Diplomate American Board of Neurosurgery (DABNS)
 - x. Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Surgical Neurology, FRCS(SN)
 - xi. Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Neurosurgery) Intercollegiate Fellowship, United Kingdom and Ireland, FRCS (Neurosurgery)
 - xii. Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Neurosurgery, FRACS (Neurosurgery)
 - xiii. Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Neurosurgery) Canada
 - xiv. Certificate of Specialization in Neurosurgery, University of Leuven, Belgium
 - xv. Certificate of Specialization in Neurosurgery, University of Ghent, Belgium
 - 2.2 Any other equivalent neurosurgery postgraduate degree recognized by the Neurosurgery Specialty Subcommittee. Consideration will be on a case by case basis. These candidates must produce certified evidence of at least 4 years of postgraduate Neurosurgery training in an overseas tertiary centre.

- 3.0 Completed Postgraduate training in recognized centres
- 3.1 For applicants with recognized postgraduate qualification from FRCS/FRACS(General Surgery) & MS(General Surgery) are required to undergo further Neurosurgery training for at least four (4) years in a local or overseas recognized centre. For local trainees the Neurosurgery training period should preferably include one (1) year in an overseas recognized centre.
- 3.2 Post Qualification Experience shall be for a period of not less than 2 years.
- 4.0 Evidence of satisfactory postgraduate training as supported by:
- 4.1 Certificate/Letter of satisfactory completion of training.
- 4.2 Log of Cases of procedures on core competencies such in Appendix A.
(Log of cases should be summarized for easy reference)
- 4.3 Reports from 2 specialists named as Referee in the NSR Application Form.
Please note that the Referee must comply the following requirements:
- i. Must have post graduate qualifications recognised in Malaysia
 - ii. Must be peer or senior to the applicant
 - iii. Must have qualified as a specialist in the specialty for a minimum of 5 years.
 - iv. Must have worked with/had the opportunity to observe the applicants professionally.
- 5.0 A confidential supporting letter report from supervisor or Head of Department of candidate whom he works for last 6 month.
- 6.0 Candidates may have to present for an assessment/interview conducted by the NSR Specialty Subcommittee of Neurosurgery.
- The total training period should be 6 years. Any candidate who undergone a Neurosurgical programme of less than 6 years will be required to undergo additional work experience to complete the 6 years, before presenting for the interview/exam.
- 7.0 Evidence of active Neurosurgical practice and clinic work in the last two (2) years.
- 8.0 Notwithstanding the above, the SSC may stipulate any condition, including additional training or work experience, on the applicant if deemed necessary.

Revised

First : 24th May, 2014
Second : 31st October, 2015
Third : 12th December, 2015

APPENDIX A

LIST OF PROCEDURES

After 2 Years Post Qualifications Experience

Principle of Management

1. Aneurysm (Subarachnoid Haemorrhage)
2. AUM-Base of skull
3. Spine-Complex Fix & Trauma
4. Paediatrics tumors
5. Endoscopy

NO	PROCEDURES	FREQUENCY
1	All infections	unlimited
2	All traumas	unlimited
3	All Shunts	unlimited
4	Pituitary	5
5	Intrinsic Brain Tumor (Excluding-Biopsy and craniotomy)	
6	Simple anterior Skull base	3
7	Posterior Fossa Tumour other than CPangle	3
8	Paediatrics -Shunts -Simple tumours	5
9	Basic spine-Ante/Post decomp	
10	Cranioplasties	