

CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION AS A NUCLEAR MEDICINE PHYSICIAN

A doctor may apply to be registered as a Nuclear Medicine Physician if he/she fulfils the requirements of either Category A or Category B as follows:

CATEGORY A

1. A medical practitioner can request to be registered as a Nuclear Medicine Physician if the following requirements are fulfilled:

1.1. Holds a recognised basic medical degree and is **registered with the Malaysian Medical Council**

AND

1.2. Holds the **postgraduate qualification Master of Medicine (Nuclear Medicine) (USM)**

CATEGORY B

2. A physician OR radiologist may also request to be registered as a Nuclear Medicine Physician if the following are fulfilled:

2.1 Holds a recognised basic medical degree and is **registered with the Malaysian Medical Council**

AND

2.2 Holds a **recognised postgraduate qualification in Internal Medicine OR Clinical Radiology** listed under the current respective Specialty Subcommittee of National Specialist Register (NSR) of Malaysia or any postgraduate qualification deemed to be equivalent by the NSR

AND

2.3 **Completed accredited specialty training in Nuclear Medicine** as stipulated in item 3 below.

3. Specialty training in Nuclear Medicine

3.1 **Local accredited specialty training in Nuclear Medicine**

3.1.1 Completion of a minimum of 36 months (three years) of full time, work-based Nuclear Medicine training for physician and 24 months (two years) full time, work-based Nuclear Medicine training for radiologist, in accredited Nuclear Medicine training centre which fulfil the criteria stipulated by the Nuclear Medicine Specialty Subcommittee (NM-SSC) under the supervision of Nuclear Medicine trainers who fulfil the criteria

stipulated by the NM-SSC (ref: Handbook for Specialty Training in Nuclear Medicine); AND

3.1.2 Evidence of satisfactory postgraduate training as supported by:

- i) Logbook of core procedures AND
- ii) Supervisors' reports on the core procedural skills and competencies AND
- iii) Supportive documents of formal postgraduate teaching & training, if any

3.2 **Specialty training certification in Nuclear Medicine form overseas**

3.2.1 Completion of a minimum of 36 months (three years) of full time, work-based Nuclear Medicine training for Physician and 24 months (two years) of full time, work-based Nuclear Medicine training for radiologist in centres which fulfil the criteria stipulated by the SSC-NM, AND

3.2.2 Evidence of satisfactory postgraduate training as supported by:

- i) Logbook of core procedures, AND
- ii) Supervisors' reports on the core procedural skills and competencies AND
- iii) Supportive documents of formal postgraduate teaching & training, if any AND
- iv) Certificate of completion of training (CCT) – Specialty: Nuclear Medicine, United Kingdom OR letter of completion and accreditation to practice in Nuclear Medicine in Australia or New Zealand by Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP) or Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) OR letter of completion of specialist training by the Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST) Singapore
- v) Any other qualification apart from those listed in 3.2.2 (iv) will be determined on a case to case basis by the SSC-NM

4. Post-qualification supervised working experience shall be for period of not less than 2 years

5. Applicants who wish to be registered as a Nuclear Medicine Physician but do not fulfil the requirements of either Category A or Category B above, would be reviewed and determined on a case-to-case basis by the SSC-NM.

6. Applicants who have never worked in Malaysia but deemed to be 'registration eligible' may be required to undergo an assessment period for a duration to be specified by SSC-NM before he could be registered. The period of assessment will depend on the applicant's working experience in the Nuclear Medicine specialty, duration of training undergone and core procedures that have been performed. It may range from a

minimum of 3 months up to one (1) year in an approved facility. Upon completion of this attachment, they should submit:

- i) Logbook of core procedures, AND
 - ii) Supervisors' reports on the core procedural skills and competencies
7. Notwithstanding all the criteria mentioned above (items 1,2,3,4 & 5), the SSC-NM may conduct an assessment on the applicant to ascertain that the applicant possess the appropriate knowledge and competence to practice as an independent specialist in Nuclear Medicine. This may be in the forms of:
- i) Additional training or work experience
 - ii) Interviews, and/or
 - iii) Formal exit examination conducted by the SSC-NM
8. In line with the NSR General Guidelines for Credentialing, the acceptability of an applicant does not depend solely upon possession of the required academic qualification and training but also upon information received by the SSC-NM regarding professional maturity, clinical judgements, technical capabilities and ethical standing. The applicant must be firm and of good character.
9. If applicant has made a false claim on an application, SSC-NM may recommend to the NSR on removal of his/her name from the Register until the deficiency is rectified.

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