

## Criteria for Registering as Intensivist

Any doctor can apply to be registered as an Intensivist if he/she fulfils ALL the following requirements:

**1. Fully registered with the Malaysian Medical Council with current Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) and,**

**2. Posses a recognised postgraduate qualification:**

Holds any of the postgraduate qualification registrable under the National Specialist Register in the following disciplines:

2.1 *Anaesthesiology and Critical Care*

2.2 *Internal Medicine*

2.3 *Surgery*

2.4 *Emergency Medicine*

Refer to respective specialty post-graduate qualification listed in the National Specialist Register.

**3. Completed subspecialty training in intensive care recognised training centres**

### **3.1 Minimum duration of training**

Have completed a minimum of 3 years of full-time training in intensive care. These 3 years include 24 months of recognised supervised training in accredited centres in intensive care followed by an additional 12 months of full-time practice in intensive care.

The training requirements, criteria for accreditation of training centres and trainers are as in **Appendix A**. This period of training does not include the time the applicant spent during his/her housemanship nor the period when undergoing training for the basic postgraduate degree.

### **3.2 Evidence of satisfactory subspecialty training in intensive care such as:**

3.2.1 Log book of core procedures

3.2.2 Portfolio with supporting document where relevant, e.g. a valid certificate of completion of training in the subspecialty, published

research papers of abstracts, certificates of attendance at conferences, courses or workshops

- 3.2.3 Satisfactory supervisors' report on Clinical Core Competency and core procedures as in **Appendix B**.

### **3.3 Exemption Clause (Grandfather Clause)**

A specialist may apply to be credentialed as an intensivist and be exempted from clause 3.1 and 3.2 if he/she fulfils either 3.3.1 or 3.3.2 :

- 3.3.1 Pioneer (instead of senior) anaesthetists who have contributed significantly to the development of intensive care in Malaysia.

- 3.3.2 Has been gazetted as a intensivist by the Ministry of Health or appointed as a intensivist by the University before 1 July 2006,

**OR**

Has had at least one year of formal training in intensive care in an accredited overseas centre

**OR**

Has obtained a fellowship qualification or diploma in intensive care (e.g. EDIC, FJFICM)

**OR**

Has reports from two intensivists (as in 3.3.2) on his/her clinical competence in the field of Intensive Care

**AND**

Has devoted at least half of his/her clinical time in intensive care in the last 5 years and shows proof that he or she possesses the level of competency expected of an intensivist. In addition, he or she must maintain an active practice in intensive care with a reasonable patient load. (Intensive care units with minimum admission of 500 per year with diverse case-mix and capabilities for invasive mechanical ventilation and other organ system support)

- 3.3.3 This privilege is only accorded to specialists who qualified before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 and the last date for application under this clause is 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009

#### **4. Successful completion of the competency examination**

- 4.1 For applicants who have been trained in the Fellowship programme of the Ministry of Health, this is equivalent to the exit examination.
  - 4.2 For applicants who have passed the Fellowship of the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand are exempted from the competency examination.
5. Doctors without a postgraduate qualification as in (2) but have obtained a base degree in intensive care with structured training e.g Fellowship of the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (FCICM) are eligible to be credentialed as intensivist.
  6. Applicants with training and experience overseas must be substantiated by documents relating to qualification, training and experience. The Specialty Subcommittee for Intensive Care 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.