

SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL

IMPORTANT NOTES ON THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT 1997 SECOND SCHEDULE – LIST OF REGISTRABLE BASIC MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS

(Effective from 1 January 2025)

1. The Singapore Medical Council (“SMC”) may consider granting medical registration to International Medical Graduates (“IMGs”) whose basic medical qualifications are listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Registration Act 1997 (the “Schedule”).
2. Only the medical programme from the listed medical schools at the time of addition to the Schedule is recognised. Any subsequent significant changes to the medical curriculum of the listed medical school may not be recognised, e.g. GCE Advanced level or Baccalaureate level entry to a Graduate entry programme.
3. Only the main campus that was in existence at the time of addition to the Schedule will be recognised. Any campus that is off-site from the recognised main campus, whether in the same country or a different country and whether the same degree is granted or not, will not be recognised by the SMC.
4. For twinning programmes, doctors must complete their medical studies in the main campuses and undergo the entire duration of their clinical training and final examinations in a medical school listed in the Schedule, before they can be considered for Provisional or Conditional registration in Singapore. Graduates from medical schools in Malaysia, The United States of America (USA) and Canada listed in the Schedule must have undergone the entire medical training on the main campuses of the respective medical schools – i.e. both pre-clinical and clinical for eligibility for registration with the SMC.
5. Graduates from recognised medical schools listed in the Schedule must pass the relevant national licensing examinations in the listed country, e.g. in the USA, medical graduates must pass the USMLE and in Canada, they must pass the MCCQE to be registered to practise in Singapore. For any country that imposes such national licensing conditions on its own medical graduates, the corresponding conditions will also be required for registration to practise in Singapore.
6. For Utrecht University, Faculty of Medicine – UMC Utrecht, Netherlands, the SMC only recognises the “Arts” qualification of the 6-year undergraduate medical programme. The Selective Utrecht Medical Master (SUMMA) Programme will not be recognised.
7. As for the medical schools in the People’s Republic of China listed in the Schedule, the SMC only recognises the direct 7-year Master of Medicine, and 8-year Doctor of Medicine awarded by the Chinese medical schools for medical registration. The two qualifications are primary (basic) medical qualifications, and they differ from the postgraduate training programmes or qualifications that are awarded in conjunction to or after the (common) Bachelor of Medicine.
8. Every application for medical registration will be considered based on its own merits.
9. **The SMC would like to highlight that IMGs who do not hold qualifications which are recognised by the SMC will not be eligible for medical registration to practise in Singapore. This applies to all applicants.**
10. **The SMC strongly advises all interested applicants to ensure that they fulfil all necessary criteria, including but not limited to, holding a qualification which is listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Registration Act 1997 or a registrable postgraduate medical qualification recognised by the SMC.**

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Information on registration of medical practitioners in Singapore is available online. For any queries on universities recognised by the Council, please email to the SMC Secretariat at smc@spb.gov.sg.