

MEDICAL COUNCIL MALTA
REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

**Explanatory notes for prospective applicants for registration and issuing of a licence
with the Medical Council of Malta – Medical Practitioners.**

In line with the Medical Council Malta's mission statement, these requirements for registration have been drawn up to ensure the highest standards of practice thereby ensuring patient health & safety

A. Registration

1. Provisional Registration

- May be granted upon application to new graduates in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Malta who are required to undergo two years of internship via the Foundation Programme Malta before being eligible for full registration with the Medical Council of Malta (Health Care Professions Act 2003, Cap 464).
- May be granted upon application to graduates who are in possession of a recognised primary medical qualification conferred by a University in an EU/EEA member state and who would normally be required to undergo a period of internship in a recognized medical institute before being eligible for full registration in that EU/EEA state. It is not applicable to those graduates who are already registered in other Member States (Health Care Professions Act 2003, Cap 464).
- Basic medical training shall comprise a total of at least five years of study, which may in addition be expressed with the equivalent European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits and shall consist of at least 5,500 hours of theoretical and practical training. Evidence of duration of theoretical and practical training must be provided. Hours provided as self-study are not recognised. Primary medical qualifications shall be compared to the respective title for the EU Member state as per the current Annex V list (EU Directive 2005/36/EC updated by EU Directive 2013/55/EC).
- Qualifications submitted after four years of completion of studies will not be recognized for the purposes of Provisional Registration.
- Proof of Medical Maltese Certification obtained prior to the start of Clinical years in undergraduate medical studies (foreign applicants) is required for Clinical practice undertaken with Maltese patients.

2. Full Registration

- May be granted upon application to all graduates in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Malta after satisfactory completion of two years Foundation Programme Malta.
- May be granted upon application to EU/EEA nationals (including Maltese nationals) in possession of a primary medical qualification conferred by a University in an EU/EEA member state and who are fully registered in an EU/EEA state.
- May be granted upon application to applicants in possession of a primary medical qualification from a non-EU/EEA state but who have been fully registered and practising in that EU/EEA state for a minimum of three years. Qualifications may be assessed for equivalence prior to full registration with the Medical Council of Malta as per EU Directive 2005/36/EC Article 3 Paragraph 3.
- May be granted upon application to applicants who are in possession of a primary medical qualification obtained in a ‘third country’ and are nationals of an EU/EEA state or have acquired rights and who have been successful in either a statutory examination or an adaptation period.
- May be granted upon application to applicants who are in possession of a primary medical qualification conferred by a University in a non-EU/EEA state and are non-EU/EEA nationals and who have been successful in the statutory examination of the Medical Council Malta (MCMSE).
- Proof of Medical Maltese Certification completed prior to the start of studies is required of foreign applicants for clinical practice in undergraduate studies undertaken with Maltese patients.

Notes:

- Nationals of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, who obtained a primary medical qualification from any of these countries before the 1st May 2004, will be required to provide a certificate of compliance with Council Directive 93/16/EEC from their respective medical regulatory authority.
- Nationals of Bulgaria and Romania, who obtained a primary medical qualification from any of these countries before the 1st January 2007, will be required to provide a certificate of compliance with Council Directive 93/16/EEC from their respective medical regulatory authority.

3. Temporary Registration

- May be granted upon application in extreme cases for a period of up to two years to non-EU/EEA nationals in possession of a recognized primary medical qualification, whose services are required by the Public National Health Service. These applicants may be subjected to an interview/examination in their specialty and a linguistic test. This provision does not apply to applicants who have failed the Medical Council Malta Statutory Exam (MCMSE).

4. Temporary Service Provision

- May be granted upon application to EU/ EEA nationals in possession of a primary medical qualification conferred by a University in an EU/ EEA state and fully registered in an EU/EEA state to provide medical services in Malta on an occasional basis. Conditions may apply.

Please note that the following fees apply as per the Budget Measures Implementation Act 2015:

- (a) in respect of every new registration in the Medical Council Registers: Medical, Dental and Specialist.....€ 51.30
- (b) in respect of every new registration in the Medical Council Registers: Provisional..... € 12.90
- (c) in respect of an annual retention fee in the Medical or Dental Register..... € 38.50
- (d) in respect of an annual retention fee in each of the Specialist Register.....€ 51.30

B. Licences

- For the attainment of a licence to practice in Malta the profession of medical practitioner, proficiency in the Maltese and English languages is required, save in exceptional circumstances.

(An exceptional circumstance would for example be the case of a foreign medical practitioner accompanying a foreign head of state visiting Malta).

C. Specialities

- All medical practitioners are required to have their speciality recognised by the Specialist Accreditation Committee (SAC) prior to working in the said Speciality. Family Medicine/General Practice is registered as a Speciality in Malta and is context specific.

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