

แพทยสภา The Medical Council of Thailand

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Guidelines for Consideration of Foreign Medical Doctors in getting Approval for the Medical Curriculum Certification and Approval of Foreign Medical Teaching Institution to be Qualified for the Medical Professional Examination and Registration in Thailand (Not to be used for the temporary licensing)

At present, around 2,900 medical doctors are certified each year in Thailand. These doctors are practicing in general practice and various specialties. However, in some circumstances, the country may need more specialists in some specific fields of medical profession from abroad to enhance the health care in Thailand or, on the contrary, medical professionals from foreign countries may have intention to work in Thailand either in the governmental or private hospitals or institutions. Approval of the quality of the curriculum and institution of the foreign countries are needed and justified to enable applicants to be qualified for the knowledge and skill examination to acquire registration for the medical license in Thailand.

Referring to the laws and regulations of the Medical Council of Thailand item 1 clause 4: Approval of the degree certification or diploma in medical education for foreign doctors finished their training from foreign medical institution who intend to apply for medical practice certification in Thailand BE 2559, the Medical Council of Thailand, therefore, announces and declares the Guidelines for Consideration of Foreign Medical Doctors in getting Approval for the Medical Curriculum Certification and Approval of Foreign Medical Teaching Institution to be Qualified for the Medical Professional Examination and Registration in Thailand as following

1. The qualification of medical doctors who wish to apply for the approval of the medical curriculum and medical institution in foreign countries must

1.1 Hold the valid license from country of origin more than 10 consecutive years

1.2 Maintain the valid license and continuing their practice in their specialty or subspecialty for at least 5 years.

2. Apply their request to approve the curriculum and medical institution in foreign country to the Medical Council of Thailand to enable eligibility to sit for examination for medical practice in Thailand together with the fee of 200,000 THB (not refundable)

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In case of previously their foreign institution not yet approved, the secretariat office of the Medical Council of Thailand will require the Dean of the institution to fill out the information form of the curriculum for approval (Information of Foreign Medical School for Institute and Curriculum Approval, V. 2013) as desired by the Subcommittee.

4. Examination for approval consists of 3 steps

- 4.1 Basic Medical Sciences
- 4.2 Clinical Sciences
- 4.3 Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), Modified Essay Question (MEQ)

Long case Examination, Manual Skill (reference: www.cmathai.org)

5. The Medical Council of Thailand will consult with the specialist committee of the certain Royal College of each specialty in Thailand to approve the skill of those applied specialist or may need more tests to certify their skillful ability.

6. Registration and acquisition of the medical practice certificate from the Medical Council of Thailand

6.1 Approval of the examination processes by the Center for Medical Competency Assessment.

6.2 Approval from the Medical Council of Thailand for the country's need of foreign medical specialist in Thailand.

6.3 Registration and application for membership of medical practitioners in Thailand

7. Validity of the medical license for foreign medical specialist.

The Initial validation will be 5 years. The reconsideration for lifelong license can be done if applied at least 1 year prior to the expiration of the initial license and must be approved of no professional irregularity conduct and the necessity of the country by the Medical Council of Thailand at the Board Committee.

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