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## MInTFM FAQs

Some of the frequently asked questions about the programme are listed below

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### **[1] Do I need IELTS?**

Not necessarily. You need only one evidence of English ability. EITHER a medical degree that has been taught in English OR IELTS OR OET or equivalent. You do not need a medical degree taught in English and IELTS together. There is a list of pre-approved medical colleges available.

### **[2] My university did not issue centile rankings. What do I do?**

If your university did not issue centile rankings, state this on the application form.

### **[3] What type of reference are you requesting? Is there a standard form?**

There is a standard form. You require 2 references before an offer is finalised. They are only needed if offered an interview.

### **[4] Are there any loans or scholarships?**

All candidates will receive only Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan (BPL) sponsorship.  
Permanent Doctors – Hadiah Latihan Perseketuan (HLP) and  
Contract Doctors – Biasiswa Perseketuan  
MUST APPLY FOR THIS SEPARATELY with Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan (BLP)  
under TAWARAN D <http://ehlp.moh.gov.my/>

### **[5] Are there any extra costs?**

The only additional cost would be for:  
Repeat examinations if you fail the first time.  
Extension fee due to poor performance progress  
Advanced Life Support course in final year if they do not have an up-to-date certificate.  
Cost pertaining to graduation

### **[7] Will I be paid during the programme?**

Yes, current MoH employees will continue with their current pay.

### **[8] Is the programme full-time or part-time?**

The programme is full-time training.

### **[9] Is the programme recognised for the National Specialist Register?**

MInTFM has applied to the Education Committee of the Medical Council for NSR recognition and we are confident that our first graduates will be registered with the NSR. Currently graduates may apply for equivalency and will be entitled to their specialist allowance immediately.

### **[10] How long will gazettment be?**

Gazettment will be 6 months following completion of the programme.

**[11] Where will interviews be?**

Interviews will be held virtually. A Clinical Entrance Test (CET) will be conducted online before an interview is offered. Only those who pass the CET will be offered an interview.

**[12] Can I get transfer credit from other programmes or have previous experience recognised?**

No. We do not have arrangements for this as yet.

**[13] Which hospitals will I be in?**

Our training is locally based. Hospital allocations will follow the scheme sites i.e KL for the Central Corridor, the Northern Corridor (centred on Penang and Kedah), the Southern Johor Scheme and Sabah /Sarawak scheme.

**[14] What rotations will I have to do?**

You will be expected to do 20 weeks of Paediatrics, O&G and Internal Medicine, 12 weeks of Psychiatry followed by 6 x 4-week short rotations including ENT, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Orthopaedics and Emergency Medicine.

**[15] What are the examinations?**

The MICGP examinations are modular in 2 parts. The first part can be taken from 2<sup>nd</sup> year onwards which is the Core Knowledge Test Module (CKT) and the second part can be taken in Year 3 which is the Clinical Competency Test (CCT). The CCT can only be attempted after 6 months minimum of working as an FMS trainee in a Health Clinic.

**[16] Who will examine us?**

Examiners will be from Malaysia with support from Irish examiners. All questions are contextualised for Malaysia.

**[17] In which other countries is this MICGP exam recognised?**

The MICGP combined with the Irish College of General Practitioners CSCST or the MInTFM CSCST is recognised for registration purposes as a specialist in Ireland.

The purpose of the MInTFM Programme is to train Family Medicine Specialists for Malaysia.

As with all qualifications in medicine, individual medical registration authorities across the world will manage recognition of the MICGP on an independent basis. Candidates should check recognition of the MICGP directly with the relevant medical registration authority and ask whether additional certification, such as the CSCST, and/or a defined period of postgraduate experience, is required for registration as a specialist in that country.

**[18] What is the Clinical Entrance Test (CET)?**

The Clinical Entrance test (CET) is set at the houseman level. It is an SBA-type format. It will be online on a secure platform with robust security. The result is pass/fail and only those who pass will be offered an interview.