



Malaysia-Ireland Training Programme  
for Family Medicine (MInTFM)

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

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**When MInTFM Intake Open?**

MInTFM Annual Application will open 1st August each year.

**Is there only one Intake per year?**

Yes.

**How long is the duration of the programme?**

4 Years of training:

2 years in Hospital and 2 years in Health Clinic

**Is the programme full-time or part-time?**

The programme is full-time training.

**Is the programme recognised by the National Specialist Register (NSR)?**

Yes, it is recognized by the NSR.

MICGP has been included in the list of qualifications recognised in the NSR with the recent amendments to the Medical Act 1971 (passed in Parliament on 29 July 2024).

MICGP has been listed in the new fourth Schedule of the Medical Act (Amendments) 2024 as one of the registrable specialist qualifications under the specialty of Family Medicine.

**MICGP Qualification is recognised in which other countries?**

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

CSCST - Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training.

***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.

## Entry Requirement?

- Malaysian citizenship or permanent residency
- Doctors employed under the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH), either on contract or permanent basis
- Be registered with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC).
- Three years of complete SKT (Sasaran Kerja Tahunan) and LNPT (Laporan Nilai Prestasi Tahunan) at the time of application to Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan (BPL) – to follow BPL Guidelines.
- Completion of two years of House Officer training and one year as Medical Officer.
- Compliance with Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan (HLP) / Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan (BPL) requirements under TAWARAN D.

Completion of two separate applications for MInTFM and e-HLP:

- a. ***MInTFM Application*** -The application can be completed online through the ***MInTFM website***. <https://www.rumc.edu.my/mintfm/>
- b. ***e-HLP Application*** - Complete this application at Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan (BPL), Ministry of Health (MOH) under TAWARAN D in the ***MOH Website***, HLP official portal <http://ehlp.moh.gov.my/>

## Loans or scholarships available?

***All candidates will receive Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan (BPL) sponsorship.***

Permanent Doctors – Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan (HLP) and

Contract Doctors – Biasiswa Persekutuan.

***NO self-payment or any other scholarship available for MInTFM other than Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan (BPL).***

## When will the e-HLP Application open?

Generally, it opens in September/October but may change annually depending on the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH).

You need to check the MOH Website periodically- HLP official portal <http://ehlp.moh.gov.my/>.

## What are the documents required for e-HLP application?

You need to check the MOH Website and comply with the criteria and documents required under **Tawaran D**.

**Document submission to whom?**

Documents for e-hlp must be submitted to BPL. Any enquiries related to the e-hlp should be directed to BPL.

Documents for MInTFM must be submitted to MInTFM through the website. Any enquiries kindly email/contact MInTFM.

**Deposit Payment for MInTFM?**

RM4,000 - Refundable **only after** HLP funding has come through MInTFM.

***\*Fees include ICGP Assessment Exams for the First Setting\****

**Are there any extra/hidden costs?**

- 1) Travelling to your training place and Day Release Classes throughout the 4-year training period.
- 2) Repeat examinations if you fail the first time.
- 3) Extension fee due to poor performance progress.
- 4) Advanced Life Support course in final year if you do not have an up-to-date certificate.
- 5) Cost pertaining to graduation.

**Will I be paid salary during the programme?**

Yes, your salary will continue throughout the training.

**How long will the gazettement be?**

Gazettement will be 6 months following completion of the programme.

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

No, we do not recognize these arrangements.

**Do I need additional English requirements?**

You need only one evidence of English ability, EITHER in a medical degree that has been taught in English **or** IELTS **or** OET **or** equivalent.

You do not need both a medical degree taught in English and IELTS/OET.

There is a list of pre-approved medical colleges available in the MInTFM Application.

**Do I need to have MEDEX?**

No, but you are required to sit for MInTFM's Clinical Entrance Test (CET).

**What is the Clinical Entrance Test (CET)?**

The Clinical Entrance test (CET) is set at the houseman level. It's a Single Best Answer (SBA) format test.

It will be an online test, conducted on a secure platform with robust security.

The final results given are **only pass/fail**.

**Where will interviews be held?**

Interviews will be held virtually.

Only those who pass the Clinical Entrance test (CET) will be offered an interview.

**Does MInTFM require me to provide Referees?**

You are required to provide details of 2 referees.

There is a standard form which will be circulated to candidates after the official CET results are released.

**How Scheme options are decided in training?**

You will be choosing your scheme options in MInTFM Application - most preferred to least preferred scheme. There's a maximum cap for each scheme.

If your first-choice option is oversubscribed, you will be placed in your second or the following options. Your scheme placement is decided based on your interview merit mark.

Below are the states allocated for each scheme option:

Central Scheme - Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan

Northern Scheme - Penang, Kedah, Perak, Perlis

Southern Scheme - Johor, Melaka

Borneo Scheme - Sarawak, Sabah

East Coast Scheme – Pahang/Kelantan/Terengganu

**How Hospital Placement is decided in training?**

**Training hospitals under MInTFM varies annually depending on the MOH allocation.**

You will be choosing your hospital options in a Google Form which will be sent to candidates later. Please rank from most preferred to least preferred. There's a maximum cap for each hospital.

If your first-choice option is oversubscribed, you will be placed in your second or the following options. Your hospital placement is also decided based on your interview merit mark.

**What hospital rotations will I have to do?**

20 weeks of Paediatrics, 20 weeks Obstetrics and Gynaecology and 20 weeks of General Medicine.

12 weeks of Psychiatry.

4-week short rotations in each department - Otorhinolaryngology (ENT), Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Orthopaedics and Emergency Medicine and General Surgery

**Health Clinic (KK) Training in Year 3 and Year 4?**

This will be communicated at the end of Year 2 based on MInTFM Trainer availability. Year 3 and Year 4 training must be completed in different KK for each year.

**What are the examinations in MInTFM Training?**

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).

The second part can be taken from Year 3 which is the Clinical Competency Test (CCT). The CCT can only be attempted after obtaining a minimum 6 months of training as an FMS trainee in Year 3 Health Clinic (KK).

**Who will examine us?**

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

**Course structure**

<https://www.rumc.edu.my/mintfm/#Course-Structure-Delivery>

**Assessments & Course Completion?**

<https://www.rumc.edu.my/mintfm/#Assessments-Course-Completion>

**Steps to apply MInTFM Application?**

<https://www.rumc.edu.my/mintfm/#How-to-Apply>

**Visit to MInTFM Website to learn more about this program**

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