

Guidelines and Information

Registration as Pharmacists and Compulsory Service with the Government

On 2 September 2004, the Registration of Pharmacists (Amendment) Act 2003 [Act A1207] comes into operation. Under Section 11C of the Act, pharmacists applying for registration are required to serve in the public services and for a continuous total period of not more than three years [Section 11D]. This service in the public service is commonly referred to as '**compulsory service**' or '**perkhidmatan wajib**'.

For a fresh graduate in pharmacy, he/she will have to

1. apply for **provisional registration** and while being provisionally registered, he/she must obtain 'experience which a provisionally registered person shall be required to obtain' and

Registration of Pharmacists (Amendment) Act 2003.

Section 6A

(2) The provisionally registered person shall, immediately upon being provisionally registered, engage in employment as a pharmacist to the satisfaction of the Board for a period of not less than one year in any of the premises listed in the Second Schedule.

(3) The Board may extend for not more than one year the period of employment of a provisionally registered person if the Board is not satisfied with the performance of the person as a pharmacist.

(4) The provisional registration of a person shall be revoked if the person fails to comply with subsection (2).

2. apply for **full registration** as a pharmacist after he has completed his provisional registration period. With the implementation of compulsory service, he will have to serve the government for not more than 3 years on obtaining full registration.

Registration of Pharmacists (Amendment) Act 2003

Period of service in pursuance of a notice under subsection 11c(1)

11D. A person who commences to serve in a post in a public service in pursuance of a notice issued under subsection 11C(1), shall continue to serve in that post or in such other subsequent post or posts in the same or such other public service as may from time to time be determined by the Director General of Health in his discretion for a **continuous total period of not more than three years** to the satisfaction of the Director General of Health and if he fails to do so, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand ringgit.

In certain cases, there are exemptions from employment while being provisionally registered. Please refer to the Guidelines III.

In certain cases, there are exemptions from the compulsory service and at the present moment, the following individuals or groups of individuals are exempted from the compulsory service.

1. Any person whose name appeared in the register under the principal Act immediately before 2nd September 2004 [Section 12(1) of the Act A1207]
2. Any person who is undergoing apprenticeship and training immediately before 2nd September 2004 [Section 12(2) of the Act A1207]
3. Any person who is registered or undergoing pre-registration training overseas before 2nd September 2004 in countries with pharmacy degrees which the Pharmacy Board of Malaysia [PBM] recognises
4. Any person who holds a basic pharmacy qualification recognised by PBM and who holds a Ph. D qualification in pharmacy
5. Any person who holds a basic pharmacy qualification recognised by PBM and who holds a qualification of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties, United States of America

The guidelines below have been prepared to assist applicants who want to be registered pharmacists in Malaysia. If you should find the guidelines lacking in some manner, please let us know [email = lails@moh.gov.my or baharuddin@moh.gov.my or rosliza@moh.gov.my] and we will rectify the guidelines to make sure that these guidelines are useful.

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Provisional Registration

Guidelines 1:

[How to register and work as a provisional registered pharmacist](#)

Full Registration

Guidelines II

[How to register and work as a fully registered pharmacist](#)

Guidelines III

[How to register and work as a fully registered pharmacist \[for those exempted from employment as a pharmacist to gain experience while under provisional registration\]](#)

Temporary Registration

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[How do foreign spouses of Malaysians/foreigners with work permits and specific foreigners register as pharmacists in Malaysia](#)

Compulsory Service

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