

SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL

IMPORTANT NOTES ON THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ACT 1997 **SECOND SCHEDULE – LIST OF REGISTRABLE BASIC MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS***

(Effective from 2 September 2026)

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1. The Singapore Medical Council (“SMC”) may consider granting medical registration to International Medical Graduates (“IMGs”) whose basic medical qualifications are listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Registration Act 1997 (the “Schedule”).
2. In general, doctors who hold qualifications from programmes involving twinning arrangements and who are applying for Provisional or Conditional registration must have completed their entire clinical training, taken their final examinations, and received their final qualification at the respective medical schools listed in the Second Schedule.
3. Graduates from recognised medical schools listed in the Schedule must pass the relevant national licensing examinations in the listed country, e.g. in the USA, medical graduates must pass the USMLE and in Canada, they must pass the MCCQE to be registered to practise in Singapore. For any country that imposes such national licensing conditions on its own medical graduates, the corresponding conditions will also be required for registration to practise in Singapore.
4. For Utrecht University, Faculty of Medicine – UMC Utrecht, Netherlands, the SMC only recognises the “Arts” qualification of the 6-year undergraduate medical programme. The Selective Utrecht Medical Master (SUMMA) Programme will not be recognised.
5. For the medical schools in the People’s Republic of China listed in the Schedule, the SMC only recognises the direct 7-year Master of Medicine, and 8-year Doctor of Medicine awarded by the Chinese medical schools for medical registration. The two qualifications are primary (basic) medical qualifications, and they differ from the postgraduate training programmes or qualifications that are awarded in conjunction to or after the (common) Bachelor of Medicine.
6. The SMC strongly advises all interested applicants to ensure that they fulfil all necessary criteria, including but not limited to, holding a qualification which is listed in the Second Schedule of the Medical Registration Act 1997 or a registrable postgraduate medical qualification recognised by the SMC.

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Information on registration of medical practitioners in Singapore is available online. For any queries on universities recognised by the Council, please email to the SMC Secretariat at smc@spb.gov.sg.