

## **Frequently Asked Questions on the Eligibility for Provisional Registration with the Medical Council Malta**

**1. I am applying to join the Foundation Programme Malta; do I need to register with the Medical Council Malta?**

Yes, in terms of local Laws, you will need to apply for Provisional Registration and Licence to Practice with the Medical Council Malta (MCM).

**2. Are all Medical Graduates eligible to apply for Provisional Registration?**

No. The MCM only accepts candidates graduating from approved Medical Universities and courses from the EU and EEA countries, notably from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

**3. Which are the approved Medical Universities?**

The approved institutions that are recognised by the MCM are those European Universities or Medical Schools that are listed on the World Directory of Medical Schools, or on the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) and are on EU Territory (see also Q5).

**4. I am attending an overseas/non-EU campus of a European University; will the Medical degree awarded by this Institution be recognised for eligibility in Malta?**

No. Only degrees awarded for courses which are undertaken within the EU are accepted for registration purposes.

**5. Which are the approved Medical Courses?**

As stipulated by the EU Directive 2005/36/EC on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications, the basic degree of Medicine must be a course of:

- Duration of at least five years of study AND
- Shall consist of at least 5,500 hours of theoretical and practical training AND
- Provided by, or under the supervision of, a recognised University.

Original certificates attesting the above should be readily available.

**6. Are Osteopathic degrees considered for Registration?**

Osteopathic medical degrees are considered on a case by case application.

**7. Are four year post-graduate medical courses eligible for registration?**

In line with EU and Maltese law, these courses are NOT automatically recognised by the MCM for registration purposes. These applicants are advised to send in their application with the premedical course transcripts and curriculum for a case by case adjudication process.

**8. If I have been registered in another EU/EEA country, can I apply for provisional registration in Malta?**

No. If one is already registered in another EU/EEA Member State, one does not qualify for Provisional Registration but Full/Permanent Registration is normally granted.

**9. Can I join the Foundation Programme, Malta with Full/Permanent Registration?**

The MCM is not responsible for applications to the Foundation Programme and queries on this matter should be addressed directly to the Foundation School Malta.

**10. Is there a fee for enquiries on eligibility?**

No fee is charged for enquires.

**11. What is the duration of provisional registration?**

Provisional Registration is granted only to Medical Practitioners who have been accepted as Foundation Doctors and one will be removed from the register as soon as one's employment with the Foundation Programme is terminated.

**12. Where can I get further information on this subject?**

One can contact the MCM by sending an email at [medicalcouncil@gov.mt](mailto:medicalcouncil@gov.mt)