

MedEx

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

NO.	QUESTION AND ANSWER
1.	<p>What is MedEx?</p> <p>MedEx is the short term for Medical Specialist Pre-entrance Examination (Peperiksaan Pra-kemasukan Ijazah Lanjutan Perubatan). It was established by the Medical Deans Council of Malaysia and conducted by the Malaysian Examinations Council (Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia, MPM) under Act 225, hence the authority to conduct examinations. It serves as one of the screening criteria to select suitable candidates to join clinical specialist training in Malaysian public universities. Different specialties apply different lists of Selection Criteria. Please refer to the Selection Criteria specific for the specialisation that you prefer.</p>
2.	<p>How often is MedEx held?</p> <p>MedEx is conducted 1-3 times a year depending on the specialty.</p>
3.	<p>How much is the fee to sit for MedEx?</p> <p>The fee is RM800 for each paper. One paper represents one medical specialty, except for Pathology, which represents both General Pathology and Forensic Pathology.</p>
4.	<p>How long is the validity of a MedEx result?</p> <p>The result is valid for 3 to 5 years, depending on specialty.</p>
5.	<p>If I pass MedEx, will I be guaranteed a place in the clinical specialist training programme?</p> <p>Your MedEx result is one of the requirements to join the clinical specialist training. However, there are other selection criteria to be fulfilled before you can be admitted into the programme. For further details for each programme, please refer to the Selection Criteria accessible in the MedEx Registration Portal.</p>
6.	<p>How is the MedEx results expressed?</p> <p>MedEx does not give a Pass or Fail result. Instead, it is given as Band 1 to 6, similar to the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) examination. In 2019, the cut-off marks for the Bands were pre-determined, and each specialty decides on which Band will be considered as the cut-off requirement before going into the next stage of the selection process, e.g. an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) or interview session. However, from 2020 onwards, each Specialty Committee determines the cut-off marks for the Bands for their own examination paper and Band 4, 5 and 6 will be selected for the next stage of the selection process.</p>
7.	<p>Do I have to pay for the next stage in the selection process, i.e., the interview?</p> <p>Special payment may be required for certain specialties that impose additional screening methods, e.g. OSCE, besides interview.</p>

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8.	Can I sit more than one MedEx paper at one time?
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	Yes, you can sit for as many papers as you wish based on the MedEx schedule provided but make sure you refer to the schedule to ensure that the papers do not clash with one another.
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9.	I am a House Officer – can I sit for MedEx?
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	Yes. Anyone can sit for the examination but please check the Selection Criteria for any additional pre-requisites to join the clinical specialist training programme of your preference
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10.	Is there a limit to how many times I can sit for MedEx?
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	No.
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11.	If I do well in MedEx, will I automatically qualify for training scholarships e.g. the Federal Training Award (Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan, HLP)?
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	HLP or any other training scholarship is managed by the sponsor (e.g. Ministry of Health), therefore it is subject to their terms and conditions. Please check with the respective sponsors.
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12.	Is MedEx a compulsory requirement for entry into the medical specialist programme?
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	MedEx is one of the compulsory requirements. For further details regarding each programme, please refer to the Selection Criteria accessible in the MedEx Registration Portal.
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13.	How many medical specialist programmes offer MedEx?
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	All 23 medical specialist programmes offer MedEx, including Forensic Pathology which shares the same MedEx paper with Pathology. The rest are Anaesthesiology, Clinical Oncology, Emergency Medicine, ENT, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Nuclear Medicine, Paediatric Surgery, Paediatrics, Plastic Surgery, Psychiatry, Public Health, Radiology, Rehabilitation Medicine, Sport Medicine and Transfusion Medicine.
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14.	Is MedEx limited to Malaysian citizens only?
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	No. Foreign citizens can also sit for MedEx as preparation to enter the Malaysian medical specialist programme. For further details on pre-requisites for entry into each programme, please refer to the Selection Criteria accessible in the MedEx Registration Portal.
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15.	My basic degree is from an unrecognised university. If I take the MedEx examination for a speciality, do I still need to take the Examination for Provisional Registration (EPR) examination?
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	Yes, you still have to sit for EPR.
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16.	Is it true that to pass my housemanship (HO), one of the examinations that I must take is the MedEx?
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	No, it is not true.
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17. Will there be any preparatory courses for MedEx candidates?

MedEx preparatory courses are the initiatives of the individual Specialty Committees. Information regarding preparatory courses can be obtained via links in the MPM MedEx portal. Please check regularly for updates.

18. If a candidate sits for MedEx over several consecutive sittings in order to improve their achievement, which result will the Specialty Committee choose in the selection process?

The Specialty Committee will choose the best result that is still valid.