

ASEAN Member States' Policy for Temporary Licensing and Registration

The provisions for temporary licensing or temporary registration have been in existence for many years. There are differences in the category of activity. The common provision among AMS is on allowing temporary permit or license for humanitarian services. There are also provisions for limited practice, training, expert visits.

The ten ASEAN Member States have already agreed on conferring **temporary licensing or temporary registration** on the following 5 areas:

1. Limited Practice
2. Expert Visits
3. Education and Training
4. Humanitarian Missions
5. Research

and below matrices lay out the different policies of ASEAN Member States on the above 5 areas.

There are different **mechanisms of mobility** and the matrices below will indicate which will be applicable to the different areas of temporary licensing:

1. refers to an independent medical practitioner who applies directly to a healthcare institution. Once approved, he/she will then inform the PMRA of the country of origin, and request for a certificate of good standing. He/She will then present his credentials to the PMRA of the host country, and request for "endorsement or clearance" to be admitted by the institution.
2. refers to an independent medical practitioner applies to the PMRA of his/her country of origin, providing information on his plans to apply for foreign employment in a country of his choice. The PMRA evaluates his qualifications, and favourably endorses the professional. The PMRA provides a certificate of good standing. He/She then applies to the PMRA of the host country, for endorsement and clearance, after which he applies to the healthcare institution.
3. refers to an independent medical practitioner applies directly to healthcare institution. The institution will communicate with PMRA of host country for endorsement or clearance. If endorsed or cleared, the healthcare institution can proceed to bring in the independent medical practitioner.

Regardless of the mechanisms of mobility, the letter/certificate of good standing has to be issued by the PMRA of the country of origin directly to the PMRA of the host country.

1. Limited Practice¹

Country	Temporary Licensing/Registration	Private or Government	Mechanism of Mobility ² (1,2 and/or 3)	Requirements and conditions	Duration
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations 	Up to one year
Cambodia	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations, Subject to monitoring and evaluation of performance annually, Submission of annual formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) 	1 year (renewable)
Indonesia	Yes	Both	2 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations Subject to monitoring and evaluation of performance annually Submission of annual formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) For the license valid only for specialized institutions not at primary care level (GP) 	1 year (renewable subject to evaluation by institution, Ministry of Health and Indonesia Medical Council)
Lao PDR	Yes	Both	1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations 	According to the period of the project but up to 1 year (renewable).
Malaysia	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulation, Supervised practice by fully registered medical practitioner, Limited to place, duration and area of practice 	6 months (renewable) to one year
Myanmar	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulation Limited to place, duration and specialty of practice 	1 year (renewable)

¹ Please refer to the above headnote on five areas of temporary licensing and registration.

² Please refer to the above headnote on different mobility mechanisms.

				and specialty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National fully registered counterpart required 	
Philippines	Yes	Both	1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations, Subject to monitoring and evaluation of performance Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) Limited to institution, duration and purpose of practice 	1 year (renewable)
Singapore	Yes	Government	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore Medical Council (SMC) approved employers/institutions, supervisors Supervision reports as stipulated by SMC Demonstrates professionalism, competency Compliance to registration requirements and domestic regulations and laws Subject to regulatory changes Refer to Singapore Medical Council website for details 	1 year
Thailand	Yes	Government	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under supervision of fully license medical practitioner, Limited to place, specialty and period of practice Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) 	Not more than 1 year (renewable)
Viet Nam	license for Foreign MD based on case-by-case basis	Both	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In compliance with the domestic regulations 	1 year and renewable

2. Expert Visit¹

Country	Limited Practice	Private or Government	Mechanism of Mobility (1,2 and/or 3)	Requirements and conditions	Duration
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations 	Up to one year
Cambodia	yes	both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration at Medical Council Cambodia Letter of endorsement from the hosting agency/Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health Limited practice in terms of scope, period and place 	1 year renewable
Indonesia	Yes	Government	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only for foreign medical qualification which is not available or limited in the country Submission a formal report Endorsement by the host institution required 	Maximal 1 month
Lao PDR	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under supervision of host institution, Limited to place, specialty and period of practice Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) 	According to the period of the activity, up to one year (renewable on request)
Malaysia	yes	both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adhere to domestic regulations. Refer to Malaysian Medical Council website www.mmc.gov.my 	6 months (renewable) to one year
Myanmar	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With collaboration of comparatively qualified national practitioner Limited to place, speciality and period of practice 	Up to one year (renewable)
Philippines	Yes	Both	1, 2 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special procedures (except for lecturing) 	3 months to not more than one year
Singapore	yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved institution/conditions by Singapore Medical Council Compliance to registration requirements and domestic regulations and laws 	Up to one year

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Singapore Medical Council website for details 	
Thailand	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Joint project between Government and Private 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under supervision of fully license medical practitioner, Limited to place, specialty and period of practice 	According to the period of the project but not more than 1 year (renewable)
Viet Nam	yes	Government and Private	1 and 2	Must be approved by the Ministry of Health, under the supervision of the local institutions. Limited in terms of scope.	According to the period of the project.

3. Education and Training¹

Country	Limited Practice	Private or Government	Mechanism of Mobility (1,2 and/or 3)	Requirements and conditions	Duration
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations 	Up to one year
Cambodia	yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration at Medical Council Cambodia Letter of endorsement from the host agency/university of health sciences/human resource development department, Ministry of Health Limited practice in terms of scope, period and place 	1 year renewable
Indonesia	Yes	Both	3	<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a trainee: Collaboration with teaching institution or professional medical institution or professional organisation counter parts, As a trainer: Should be Specialist or equivalent with the specific additional qualification <p>Education Foreign student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only with accredited university/institution Limited number (not more than quota) Have a temporary licencing <p>Lecturer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be Specialist or equivalent with the specific additional qualification Have a temporary licencing Comply with ministry of labor administration requirements 	<p>Training: not more than 60 days</p> <p>Education: depend on duration of study/program</p> <p>One year</p>
Lao PDR	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under supervision of host institution, Limited to place, specialty and period of practice 	According to the period of the activity, up to one

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) 	year (renewable on request)
Malaysia	yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adhere to domestic regulations. Refer to both requirements of MMC and Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia 	6 months (renewable) to one year
Myanmar	Yes	Both	3	<p>As a trainer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the collaboration of comparative qualified national practitioner, Limited to place, specialty and period of the education course/ training program Submission of training materials <p>As a trainee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under supervision of fully license medical practitioner, Limited to place, specialty and period of the education course/ training program <p>Adhere to domestic regulations. Refer to both requirements of MMC and Ministry of Health and Sports.</p>	According to the period of the education course/ training program
Philippines	Yes	Both	1,2 and 3	Refer to prc.gov.ph for current information	Depend on study/training programme One year (renewable)
Singapore	yes	Government	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore Medical Council (SMC) approved employers/institutions, supervisors Supervision reports as stipulated by SMC Demonstrates professionalism, competency Compliance to registration requirements and domestic regulations and laws 	Up to one year

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to regulatory changes • Refer to Singapore Medical Council website for details 	
Thailand	yes	Government Joint project between Government and Private	3	<p>As a trainer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under supervision of fully license medical practitioner, • Limited to place, specialty and period of the education course/ training program <p>As a trainee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under supervision of fully license medical practitioner, • Limited to place, specialty and period of the education course/ training program • Submission of formal report 	<p>According to the period of the education course/ training program.</p> <p>Renewable every year</p>
Viet Nam	Yes	Both	1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be approved by the Ministry of Health 	<p>According to the training period.</p>

4. Humanitarian Missions¹

Country	Limited Practice	Private or Government	Mechanism of Mobility (1,2 and/or 3)	Requirements and conditions	Duration
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations 	Up to one year
Cambodia	yes	both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration at Medical Council Cambodia Letter of endorsement from the hosting agency/Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health Limited practice in terms of scope, period and place 	Depend on the duration of the mission
Indonesia	Yes	Both	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration with government hospital and professional medical institution Under Supervised by licensed medical practitioners and designated by PMRA Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) from the country of origin 	1 week
Lao PDR	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under supervision of host institution, Limited to place, specialty and period of practice Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) 	According to the period of the activity, up to one year (renewable on request)
Malaysia	yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adhere to domestic regulations. Refer to Malaysian Medical Council(MMC) website 	6 months (renewable) to one year
Myanmar	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulation Limited to place of practice and specialty National fully registered counterpart required 	1 year (renewable)
Philippines	yes	Both	1, 2 and 3	For requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of request with date and venue of the mission, certificate of training/competences in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration of the mission not more than one

				<p>discipline/area of specialty.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Updated registration/license from country of origin 3. Submission of post-mission report <p>For conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subject to clearance/confirmation from the Department of Health one month prior to conduct of missions 2. Limited to place, duration and scope of mission 3. Must have a local host/partner organisation/institution and Filipino physician counterpart for every foreign medical practitioner 	<p>year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • renewable
Singapore	yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance to registration requirements and domestic regulations and laws • Subject to regulatory changes 	To be stipulated by the Council
Thailand	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • Joint project between Government and Private 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under supervision of fully license medical practitioner, • Limited to place, specialty and period of practice • Maybe exempted for emergencies, disaster situations 	According to the period of the project but not more than 1 year (renewable)
Viet Nam	Yes	Both	1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must work with a local institution and under supervision of fully licensed medical practitioner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the period of the project. • 1 to 3 months

5. Research¹

Country	Limited Practice	Private or Government	Mechanism of Mobility (1,2 and/or 3)	Requirements and conditions	Duration
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance to domestic regulations 	Up to one year
Cambodia	yes	both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need the approval of the National Ethical Committee for human research Need to have Local institution to be involve Submission of report 	1 year renewable
Indonesia	Yes	Government	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfill the requirements of the ministry of labor Fulfill the requirements of the ministry of research Fulfill the protocol of health research Have a material transfer agreement (in case of transfer of Genetic resources) Have a research permit from authority bodies Have a competency certification from the PMRA country of origin Have a temporary licencing Minimum Doctoral degree and he/she has at least international research publication in a professional journal 	1 year
Lao PDR	yes	Government	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need Bio-ethic clearance Need to have Local institution to be involve Submission of report 	Up to 1 year renewable.
Malaysia	yes	both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adhere to domestic regulations. Refer to Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) website and Clinical Research Centre (CRC) www.crc.gov.my 	6 months (renewable) to one year

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Country	Limited Practice	Private or Government	Mechanism of Mobility (1,2 and/or 3)	Requirements and conditions	Duration
Myanmar	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the Ethical Review Board of Myanmar Updated registration from country of origin Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) through Ethical Review Board of the country 	Depending on the research project
Philippines	Yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification of the requested specialty Updated registration from country of origin Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) 	1 year renewable
Singapore	yes	Government	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore Medical Council (SMC) approved employers/institutions, supervisors Supervision reports as stipulated by SMC Demonstrates professionalism, competency Compliance to registration requirements and domestic regulations and laws Subject to regulatory changes Refer to Singapore Medical Council website for details 	Up to one year
Thailand	yes	Government	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the Research Ethical Committee Under supervision of fully license medical practitioner Limited to place, specialty and period of the research Submission of formal report (i.e. patient outcomes) 	According to the period of the project but not more than 1 year (renewable)
Viet Nam	yes	Both	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval by the Ministry of Health and Medical Ethical Board 	Depend on the research project