

## AMSA's Guide for Returning Singaporeans 2020

Please refer to the Singapore Medical Council or Ministry of Health website for up to date and accurate information. Special thanks to the Singapore Medical Society of Australia and New Zealand (SMSANZ) for their input into this guide.

Credits:

<http://www.physician.mohh.com.sg/>

### 1.0 Routes to internship in Singapore

#### 1. Pre-employment grant (PEG) route

This is a recruitment scheme to encourage Singaporeans studying medicine overseas to return to work as a house/medical officer in Singapore's public healthcare clusters after they graduate.

Singaporeans can apply for the PEG midway through their medical course. The grant covers up to 60% of the remaining years of tuition fees, capped at \$50,000 per year, up to a maximum sum of \$150,000.

Selection is based on merit, and good grades are required. An oral interview with senior clinicians from the public healthcare clusters and MOH Holdings will also be conducted.

Recipients of the grant will have to serve the public system for a minimum period.

- One year grant will serve for 3 years
- Two or three grants will serve for 4 years

The number of PEG spots offered per year varies and is subject to national needs. Interested applicants should keep an eye on application dates and interviews.

#### 2. Non-PEG route

International medical graduates who hold a degree recognised by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) may apply for medical registration, provided they meet the SMC's prevailing criteria. Conditional registration would then allow an IMG to work in an SMC-approved healthcare institution, under the supervision of a fully registered medical practitioner. Please check the website for a full list of conditions.

Note:

- If your medical degree was obtained via a 'twinning programme', you would be considered only if the clinical training years and final examinations are done and completed at the medical school or university that is recognised and in the country where the medical school or university that is recognised is situated.

Should you return to Singapore for your internship, here's a snippet of what it would entail: 12 month PGY1 under provisional SMC registration (able to preference rotation and hospital combinations). Comprises of:

- 4 month General Medicine
- 4 month General Surgery or Orthopaedic Surgery
- 4 month General Medicine or General Surgery or Orthopaedic Surgery or OBGYN or Paediatrics



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## 2.0 Returning to Singapore after your internship

You must still have graduated from a recognised medical school, and must have had

- at least 12 months of broad-based practice in General Medicine or Family Medicine; OR
- 6 months of General Medicine (or Family Medicine) and another 6 months in Internal Medicine related specialties OR
- 6 months of General Medicine (or Family Medicine) and another 6 months in any of the following specialties: Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, General Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery or Paediatric Medicine.

Please check for specific requirements within each rotation too.

## 3.0 Life after Internship

### Medical Officer

- After internship & before enrolling into a specialty training program
- This could take >1 year

### Specialty Training Program

- 3 Sponsoring Institutions (SIs)
- Would have completed PGY1 by commencement date
- Requires submission of portfolio, work-based assignments, multi-mini interviews
- Pathways:
  - GP: 3 year curriculum
  - Internal Medicine: 3 years generalised broad based training followed by entry into senior residency programs requiring 2-3.5 years of additional training. Senior residency programs include cardiology, respiratory, etc.
  - Surgery: Direct entry into a streamed program. Length of training depends on specialty.

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