



PRESS STATEMENT MINISTER OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

MALAYSIA REGISTERS FIRST GENETIC PATHOLOGY SPECIALISTS, MARKING MAJOR MILESTONE IN MEDICAL ACT REFORMS

PUTRAJAYA, 1 December 2025 – I am delighted to know that in November 2025, the Malaysian Medical Council has registered a number of specialists in Genetic Pathology, following the recognition and listing of the Master of Pathology (Medical Genetics) offered by Universiti Sains Malaysia in the Fourth Schedule of the amended Medical Act 1971 [Act 50]. This marks yet another important milestone in our reform journey, ending a long-standing legal dispute and providing clarity for our graduates, universities, and the healthcare system at large.

Since assuming office in late 2023, I have made it a priority to address irregularities in specialist recognition and the governance of specialist training programmes. The amendments to the Medical Act, passed by Parliament in July 2024 and enforced through the Medical Regulations signed in July 2025, represent the fastest legislative reform ever undertaken by the Ministry of Health. These reforms have created a strong legal foundation to ensure that every specialist, whether trained through the Ministry's Parallel Pathway programmes or through Master's programmes at local universities, can be recognised fairly and transparently.

In other words, this recent development stands as a clear testament that the amendments to the Medical Act are not only benefiting specialists trained through the Parallel Pathway programmes conducted by the Ministry of Health, but are also significantly strengthening the recognition of those who have completed Master's programmes offered by our local universities.

I am also pleased to note that through Act A1729, the Ministry of Health has now been formally recognised as a training provider. This explicit legal regularisation has ensured that both the Parallel Pathway Specialist Training Programmes and the Master's programmes conducted in MOH hospitals are fully in order from the legal perspective. As Minister, I am encouraged to see that efforts are already underway to align the implementation of these programmes with the Specialty Specific Requirements (SSR) set by the Malaysian Medical Council.

This recent achievement is not isolated. Earlier, in August 2025, we celebrated the registration of cardiothoracic surgeons by the Malaysian Medical Council trained under the Parallel Pathway with the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FRCS Ed), resolving years of uncertainty. On 14 July 2025, I have also announced the introduction of the Bayaran Insentif Pakar Pra-Warta (BIPPW), a monthly allowance of up to RM2,800 for medical officers undergoing Supervised Work Experience (SWE), recognising their specialist-level responsibilities during probation. Furthermore, in August 2025, we formalised the comparability evaluation mechanism under the Malaysian Medical Council, enabling Malaysian doctors trained abroad with qualifications not listed in the Fourth Schedule to be assessed and registered, thereby encouraging our diaspora to return and serve the nation.

These reforms are fully aligned with the Malaysia Health White Paper (HWP), which was passed by Parliament in June 2023. The HWP sets out a 15-year roadmap to strengthen our healthcare system, with one of its pillars focusing on governance, legislation, and workforce sustainability. By regularising specialist registration and enhancing processes related to specialist recognition and training, we are delivering on the HWP's vision of a transparent, accountable, and future-ready health system. Each milestone demonstrates that the Ministry of Health is working hard to translate policy into practice, ensuring that reforms are not only aspirational but tangible in their impact.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the newly registered Genetic Pathology specialists and reaffirm the Ministry's commitment to continue driving reforms that strengthen governance, empower our health workforce, and safeguard patient care. Together, these milestones show that the amendments to the Medical Act are working, and that Malaysia's healthcare system is steadily advancing towards the aspirations of the Health White Paper.

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