



ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALTY COMMITTEE (OSC)



**SELECTION FOR POSTGRADUATE
ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING**

(SPOT)

2027

General Information & Guide for Applicants

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INTRODUCTION

The Orthopaedic Specialty Committee (OSC) organizes the annual Selection for Postgraduate Orthopaedic Training (SPOT) to select eligible candidates for entry into the postgraduate Orthopaedic training programme.

The content of this document outlines the eligibility criteria and process of registration and selection for SPOT 2027. It contains instructions for candidates when applying for a position in the postgraduate Orthopaedic training program 2027. Candidates are advised to read this guide thoroughly before attempting SPOT. Please note that this document is only valid for entry into the postgraduate Orthopaedic training programme in 2027.

SPOT 2027 is open to eligible medical officers who intend to enter postgraduate Orthopaedic training in Malaysia. The selection process is designed to test the candidates' ability to apply basic science and Orthopaedic knowledge in their clinical practice.

Candidates entering the postgraduate Orthopaedic training programme are expected to demonstrate the following:

- a. A solid foundation of basic medical knowledge and surgical principles, as expected of a junior Orthopaedic medical officer
- b. Clinical competency at the level of a first-line medical officer in Orthopaedics
- c. Appropriate attitude, aptitude, and genuine interest befitting an Orthopaedic trainee

By 2029, all applicants must have a valid certification/completion in the following courses:

- a. Basic Fracture Fixation
- b. Basic Life Support

Having certification in Trauma and Life Support would be beneficial, but not mandatory.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO POSTGRADUATE ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING

Candidates must:

1. possess a medical degree (MD, MBBS, MBBCh, or equivalent medical qualification).
2. be fully registered for medical practice by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) under the Medical (Amendment) Act 2012 and Medical Regulations 2017.
 - International candidates must obtain a Temporary Practicing Certificate from MMC.
3. have a minimum of 2 years' experience in a surgical field, with at least 18 months experience as a medical officer in Orthopaedics. (post-internship/post-housemanship) at the time of application for postgraduate training.
4. be < 40 years of age at the time of registration for the programme.
5. fulfil the criteria set by the respective sponsoring body e.g. Ministry of Health, Universities, Ministry of Defense, etc. (Applicable to Malaysian candidates (excluding private candidates)).
6. achieve Band 4 - 6 at the Medical Specialist Pre-entrance Examination (MedEx).
7. undergo a further entrance evaluation, Selection for Postgraduate Orthopaedic Training (SPOT), the components of which are determined by the Orthopaedic Specialty Committee.

International candidates: in addition to the above,

1. must achieve acceptable level of English proficiency (IELTS / TOEFL / MUET) as defined by each university.
2. must be fully registered with and have Certificate of Good Standing from respective country Medical Council/Board/Authority

Applicants from Ministry of Health must fulfil all the criteria required by "Bahagian Perkembangan Latihan" (BPL), Ministry of Health (MOH).

University academic trainees / medical officer must fulfil all the criteria required by their respective university.

Private candidates must apply directly to the university of choice and fulfil all its entry criteria.

ENTRANCE TO POSTGRADUATE ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING

The selection process is divided into two components:

1. Medical Specialist Pre-Entrance Examination (MedEx)
2. Selection for Postgraduate Orthopaedic Training (SPOT) comprising Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), Structured Viva Voce Examination (SVVE) and Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)

All candidates wishing to enter postgraduate Orthopaedic training must take MedEx Orthopaedics, organized by Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia (MPM). Details of this examination is available at the MPM website: www.mpm.edu.my.

However, candidates who have Band 4 - 6 in previous MedEx are **EXEMPTED FROM MedEx Orthopaedics 2026** for the following duration:

- a. MedEx Orthopaedics 2023: Valid for 3 years - until end 2026
- b. MedEx Orthopaedics 2024: Valid for 3 years - until end 2027
- c. MedEx Orthopaedics 2025: Valid for 3 years - until end 2028

Candidates are only allowed to register for SPOT based on the following criteria:

1. **MOH candidates:** Must have already applied to and are shortlisted by BPL.
University candidates (academic trainees & private candidates): Must have already applied to and are shortlisted by the University.

AND

2. Achieved Band 4 - 6 at MedEx Orthopaedics 2023 - 2026.

Names of candidates eligible for SPOT 2027 will be listed on the SPOT website: www.myorthospot.com from 22 December 2026.

As part of the preparations for SPOT 2027, we strongly advise that candidates download the syllabus (Scope of Knowledge), template logbook, logbook summary and curriculum vitae early, even if they have not yet been informed of their eligibility for SPOT. **The logbook must be filled with at least 2 years' record of cases.** The logbook, logbook summary and curriculum vitae are required for the selection stage. Downloading the syllabus and templates earlier means that candidates have more time to study, to fill the necessary information and can keep the records updated regularly in the run up to SPOT.

FORMAT OF ASSESSMENT

The SPOT 2027 Syllabus can be obtained from the MedEx and SPOT websites.

The selection process consists of 2 parts:

A. Medical Specialist Pre-entrance Examination (MedEx)

MedEx Orthopaedics consists of 100 Best Answer Questions (BAQs). The duration for this examination is 3 hours. The questions will be based on the SPOT 2027 syllabus. The distribution of the questions will be as follows:

- a. Anatomy: 30 questions
- b. Physiology: 20 questions
- c. Pathology: 20 questions
- d. Principles of Surgery: 20 questions
- e. Biomechanics: 10 questions

Details of this examination, including registration for and date of MedEx, is available at the MPM website: www.mpm.edu.my. The registration fee for MedEx is RM800.00, payable to MPM.

B. Selection for Postgraduate Orthopaedic Training (SPOT)

It is an interactive assessment that consists of 22 interactive and non-interactive stations divided into the following formats:

Format	Interactive (I) or Non-interactive (NI)	No of stations	Timing per station (mins)
Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)	I and NI	10	NI: 6 I: 10
Structured Viva Voce Examination (SVVE)	I	6	6
Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)	I	6	5

At the end of the sessions, marks will be calculated for candidates' ranking and selection.

The registration fee for SPOT is RM700.00, payable to SPOT/OSC (details below).

To ensure the smooth running of SPOT, applicants are required to be present earlier than the stipulated time on the day of examinations. Late arrivals will be barred from taking the examinations.

For recording SPOT attendance each day, applicants are required to bring:

1. MyKad (for Malaysian candidates) or Passport (for international candidates)
2. Own stationery

SPOT 2027

A. Date & Venue

SPOT 2027 will be held on **26 - 28 January 2027** and will be conducted physically over two (2) days at **UITM Selayang Campus**. Further details of this examination will be made available in the confirmation email to eligible candidates. Only eligible candidates who receive a confirmation email from the SPOT secretariat will be allowed to sit for this interactive examination.

B. Registration

All candidates who are eligible for SPOT 2027 will need to register and pay the registration fee for it. Registration period is opened as outlined in the table below. The links to the necessary forms and templates are provided at www.myorthospot.com.

The timing of registration differs between candidates with MedEx Orthopaedics 2023 - 2025 and candidates who have attempted MedEx Orthopaedics 2026. In both instances, **candidates must have already applied to BPL (MOH candidates) or the Universities (academic trainee & private candidates) before they can register for SPOT**. Candidates who are not on the list by BPL or Universities will not be allowed to register for SPOT 2027.

BAND 4-6 MEDEX ORTHO 2023 - 2025
(Exempted from MedEx Ortho 2026)

Fill the Google form anytime between **15 - 31 July 2026**:

- 1. SPOT Registration Form including Institution Preference.**
- 2. Proof of obtaining Band 4-6 at MedEx Orthopaedics 2023 - 2025**

e.g: copy of certificate or letter stating result, copy of website listing candidates who have passed

The other documents and proof of payment are not required at this stage.

Secretariat verifies that candidates were shortlisted by BPL or Universities.

Names of candidates will be listed at SPOT website from **22 December 2026**.

Candidates will also be informed of their status by the secretariat and requested to complete registration for SPOT 2027 by submitting the remaining required documents and paying the SPOT registration fee of RM700, as below.

Eligible shortlisted candidates must submit the required documents and pay the SPOT registration fee within two (2) weeks of the shortlist announcement. Proof of payment must be emailed within this timeframe.

CANDIDATES WHO ATTEMPTED MedEx Ortho 2026

DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM IN JULY 2026.

Eligibility for SPOT 2027 will be informed via the SPOT website:

www.myorthospot.com

from **22 December 2026**.

Eligible shortlisted candidates must submit the required documents and pay the SPOT registration fee within two (2) weeks of the shortlist announcement. Proof of payment must be emailed within this timeframe.

* Candidates must register for SPOT by submitting:

- SPOT 2027 Registration Form and Institution Preference via Google form:
 - Please provide **TWO (2)** names and contact details of appraisers:
 - Head of Orthopaedic Department - current / last Orthopaedic HOD
 - A gazetted Orthopaedic specialist who has been working with candidate for the most recent 18 months
- documents by email to mypotcandidates@gmail.com:
 - Curriculum vitae (according to template)
 - Logbook (using the prescribed template) with a **minimum** of **TWO (2) years'** record of cases
 - Logbook Summary - signed and endorsed by Orthopaedic HOD
 - Proof of payment for SPOT (evidence of transfer or bank statement).

All candidates who have successfully completed the registration process will receive a confirmation email with details of the examination within 5 working days after receiving the softcopy of the above-mentioned documents. Late applications will not be entertained, and incomplete registration forms will not be accepted.

C. Fees

Candidates are required to pay a registration fee of RM 700.00 for SPOT. Payment must be made within two (2) weeks of the shortlist announcement. Payments not made in time will result in the candidate being barred from entering SPOT. The payment details are as below:

College of Surgeons of Malaysia

Name of Bank : CIMB Bank Berhad

Address of Bank : Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, Kuala Lumpur

Account Number : 80-0112598-2

Swift Code : CIBBMYKL

Reference : OSCSPOT2027, [Candidate name]

RESULTS OF SPOT 2027

Successful Ministry of Health (MOH) applicants will be informed by “Bahagian Pengurusan Latihan, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia”.

Applicants from universities will be informed by their respective institutions.

Applicants who are not selected will have to reapply and go through the above process during their next application.

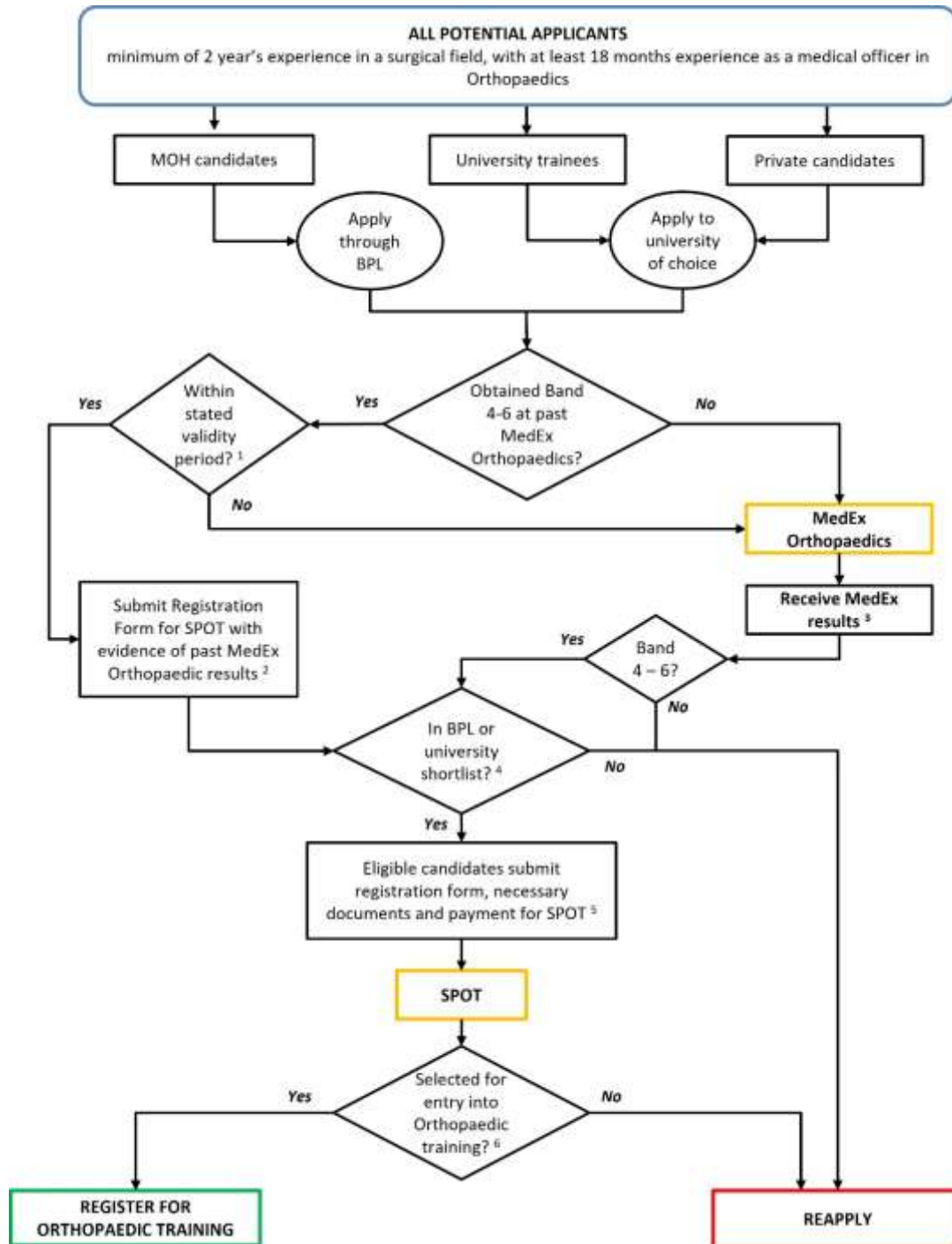
THE SPOT COMMITTEE WILL NOT RELEASE ANY INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.

SUMMARY OF TIMELINES

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Application to universities (for university and private candidates)	All Year-round
Application to Bahagian Perkembangan Latihan (BPL) for all MOH candidates	As per MOH notification
Register for MedEx Orthopaedics* (online)	30 April - 4 June 2026 (As per MPM website: www.mpm.edu.my)
Registration for candidates who possess Band 4-6 MedEx Ortho 2023 - 2025	15 - 31 July 2026
MedEx Orthopaedics (online)	4, 5 or 6 August 2026 (As per MPM website: www.mpm.edu.my)
Release of MedEx 2026 results	27 August 2026 (As per MPM website: www.mpm.edu.my)
List of applicants from BPL/MOH and universities forwarded to OSC	December (estimate)
Release of name list of eligible candidates for SPOT 2027	From 22 December 2026 (As per SPOT website: www.myorthospot.com)
Submission of registration documents and payment of registration fee for SPOT for eligible MedEx candidates	within two (2) weeks of the SPOT 2027 shortlist announcement.
Confirmation email with details of SPOT 2027 sent to applicants	Within 5 days of submission of documents and proof of payment
SPOT 2027 at UITM Selayang Campus	26 - 28 January 2027
Notification of acceptance into postgraduate Orthopaedic training	As per MOH and university notification

* Candidates with Band 4-6 MedEx Ortho 2023 - 2025 are **exempted** from MedEx Ortho 2026 and will be allowed to register for SPOT if shortlisted by BPL or the Universities.

FLOWCHART FOR SELECTION PROCESS FOR POSTGRADUATE ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING 2027



1. MedEx Ortho 2023 - 2025 results are valid for 3 years from the examination.
2. Submission period: 15 - 31 July 2026
3. Results to be released by MPM on 27 August 2026.
4. All candidates can verify their status at the SPOT website from 22 December 2026.
5. Candidates from MedEx Ortho 2023 - 2025: submit Logbook, CV and proof of payment. Submission period: within two (2) weeks of the shortlist announcement.
Candidates from MedEx Ortho 2026: submit Registration Form, Logbook, CV and proof of payment. Submission period: within two (2) weeks of the shortlist announcement.
6. Results of final selection will be informed to applicants by BPL (MOH applicants) and the Universities (academic trainee & private applicants). **This information will NOT be provided by the SPOT Secretariat.**