SELECTION FOR POSTGRADUATE ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING (SPOT) 2022

[GENERAL INFORMATION and GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS]
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Selection for Postgraduate Orthopaedic Training (SPOT) 2022. This selection process for entry into the postgraduate Orthopaedic training program is organized by the Orthopaedic Specialty Committee (OSC), Malaysia.

The content of this document outlines the process of SPOT 2022 and instructions for candidates when applying for a position in the postgraduate Orthopaedic training program 2022. Candidates are advised to read this guide thoroughly before attempting SPOT 2022. Please note that this document is only valid for entry into the postgraduate Orthopaedic training programme in 2022.

SPOT 2022 is open to eligible medical officers who intend to enter postgraduate Orthopaedic training in Malaysia. The purpose of SPOT is to select suitable applicants for entry into the Orthopaedic training program and it 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 have the following criteria:

a. Basic medical knowledge and surgical principles expected of a junior Orthopaedic medical officer

b. Clinical competency expected of a first line medical officer in Orthopaedics

c. Attitude, aptitude and interest befitting an Orthopaedic trainee

In future, applicants must have valid certification in OSC-accredited courses in the following areas:

a. Basic Orthopaedic surgical skills

b. Basic fracture fixation

c. Trauma and Life Support
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO POSTGRADUATE ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING

Candidates must:

1. possess a medical degree (MD, MBBS, MBBCh or equivalent medical qualification).
2. be registered for medical practice by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) under the Medical (Amendment) Act 2012 and Medical Regulations 2017.
   Non-Malaysian candidates must obtain a Temporary Practicing Certificate from MMC.
3. have a minimum of 6 months experience in Orthopaedics.
4. be below 40 years of age at the time of registration for the programme. However, candidates applying to the training programme at University of Malaya must be below 37 years of age at the time of registration for the programme.
5. fulfill 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. fulfill the minimum grade at the Medical Specialist Pre-entrance Examination (MedEx) OR equivalent examination as determined by the Orthopaedic Specialty Committee, i.e. BSE, OSC Part 1 – This exemption is only applicable up to postgraduate intake in 2025. From 2026 onwards, ALL candidates must attempt 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,

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

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

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

Private candidates must apply directly to the university of choice and fulfill all its entry criteria.
ENTRANCE TO POSTGRADUATE ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING

SPOT 2022 is divided into two components:

1. A Written Examination known as Medical Specialist Pre-Entrance Examination (MedEx)
2. An Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

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

However, candidates who have passed the following are **EXEMPTED FROM MedEx**:

- b) Orthopaedic Specialty Committee (OSC) Part 1: passed from 2018 onwards.

The eligibility for exemption (validity period) for the above examinations are as listed:

- a) BSE/OSC Part 1: 10 years for those who have passed prior to 2018 – until 2025 only*.
- b) OSC Part 1: 5 years for those who have passed in 2018 onwards – until 2025 only*.

* The exemption for BSE & OSC Part 1 is only applicable until postgraduate intake in 2025. From 2026 onwards, ALL candidates must attempt MedEx.

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

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

2. successful candidates from MedEx
   
   **AND/OR**

3. exempted from MedEx as candidates have passed BSE/OSC Part 1.

Names of candidates eligible for SPOT-OSCE 2022 will be listed on the SPOT website: www.myorthospot.com. This list will be available when the MedEx results are released by MPM from 28 April 2022.

As part of the preparations for SPOT 2022, candidates are strongly advised to download the template logbook and curriculum vitae early on, even if they have not yet been informed of their eligibility for SPOT. The logbook and curriculum vitae are required for the OSCE and selection stages. Downloading the templates earlier means that candidates have more time to fill the necessary information and can keep the records updated regularly in the run up to SPOT-OSCE.
SPOT 2022 EXAMINATION

The SPOT 2022 Syllabus can be obtained from the MedEx and the SPOT websites.

**Written Examination-MedEx (MedEx) Format**

The Orthopaedic MedEx consists of 100 Best Answer Questions (BAQs). The duration for this examination is 3 hours. The questions will be based on the SPOT 2022 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 MedEx, is available at the MPM website: [www.mpm.edu.my](http://www.mpm.edu.my)

**Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) Format**

There will be 10 interactive stations, with the examination conducted over two (2) days. The topics are as per the SPOT 2022 syllabus. Candidates are required to complete all the OSCE questions. The duration of assessment per question will be six (6) minutes. At the end of the sessions, total marks will be calculated for candidates’ ranking and selection.

The OSCE will be held on **14 and 15 June 2022** and will be conducted physically at **Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Serdang, Selangor**.

To ensure the smooth running of OSCE, 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 OSCE registration of attendance on both dates, applicants are required to bring:

1. MyKad (for Malaysian candidates) or Passport (for international candidates)  
2. Own stationery
SPOT-OSCE 2022 REGISTRATION

All candidates who are eligible for SPOT-OSCE 2022 will need to register and pay the registration fee for it. Registration is opened as outlined in the table below. The links to the necessary forms and templates are provided at www.myorthospot.com.

The registration process differs between candidates with BSE/OSC Part 1 and candidates who have attempted MedEx. 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-OSCE. Candidates who are not on the list by BPL or Universities will not be allowed to register for SPOT-OSCE 2022.

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<td><strong>Submit via Google Form anytime between 1 – 14 April 2022:</strong></td>
<td><strong>DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM IN APRIL.</strong></td>
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<td>1. SPOT-OSCE Registration Form &amp; Institutional Preference Form (IPF) with HOD acknowledgement attached</td>
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<td>2. Proof of passing BSE/OSC Part 1</td>
<td>Eligibility for SPOT-OSCE will be informed via the SPOT website: <a href="http://www.myorthospot.com">www.myorthospot.com</a></td>
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<td>e.g: copy of certificate or letter stating result, copy of website listing candidates who have passed</td>
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<td>Secretariat verifies that candidates were shortlisted by BPL or Universities.</td>
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<td>Candidates will be informed of their status by the secretariat and requested to complete registration for SPOT-OSCE.</td>
<td>Eligible candidates allowed to submit remainder of documents (CV, logbook) and pay registration fee for SPOT-OSCE.</td>
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<td>Names of candidates will also be listed at SPOT website from <strong>28 April 2022.</strong></td>
<td>Submit documents and proof of payment to secretariat email (<a href="mailto:myspotcandidates@gmail.com">myspotcandidates@gmail.com</a>) between 1 – 15 May 2022.*</td>
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To finalize registration for SPOT-OSCE, the following documents need to be submitted by the deadlines listed above:

A. **Via Google Form (link available at [www.myorthospot.com](http://www.myorthospot.com))**
   1. SPOT 2022 Registration Form and Institution Preference Form (IPF)
   2. HOD acknowledgement form – to print, signed by HOD, and uploaded into Google Form
   3. (if applicable) Proof of passing BSE/OSC Part 1 – certificate/ email/ website image – to be uploaded into Google Form

B. **Via email to secretariat ([myspotcandidates@gmail.com](mailto:myspotcandidates@gmail.com))**
   1. Curriculum vitae (according to template)
   2. Logbook (according to template)
   3. Proof of payment for SPOT-OSCE (evidence of transfer or bank statement)

The links to the forms and templates are provided at [www.myorthospot.com](http://www.myorthospot.com).

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.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Candidates are required to pay a registration fee of **RM 700** for SPOT-OSCE. Payment must be made by **15 May 2022**. Payments not made in time will result in the candidate being barred from entering SPOT-OSCE. The payment details are as below:

**College of Surgeons of Malaysia**

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<td>Reference</td>
<td>OSCESPOT2022, [Candidate name]</td>
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RESULTS

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

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<td>List of applicants from BPL/MOH and universities forwarded to OSC</td>
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* Candidates with OSC Part 1 are **exempted** from MedEx and will be allowed to register for SPOT- OSCE if shortlisted by BPL or the Universities
1. Validity periods: BSE between 2012-2017 valid for 10 years from passing the exam or until 2025 (whichever is earlier). OSC Part 1 from 2018 onwards valid for 5 years from passing the exam or until 2025 (whichever is earlier).

2. Registration is only for candidates exempted from MedEx. Submit Registration Form, IPF and proof of passing BSE/OSC Part 1.

   Submission period: 1 – 14 April 2022

3. Results to be released by MPM on 28 April 2022.

4. All candidates will be informed of their status from 28 April 2022.


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.