

Questions on Medical studies in Vietnam

() Reference to Law No. 40/2009/QH12 dated 23/11/2009 which is enclosed.*

1. What is the duration of a Medical Doctor Degree or MBBS in Vietnam for local students?

6 years

2. What is the duration of a Medical Doctor Degree or MBBS in Vietnam for foreign students?

Hong Bang Int'l University: 6 years (language of training: English)

Vin University: 6 years (English)

3. What is the Language of instruction for a Medical Doctor Degree or MBBS in Vietnam (English or other language)?

Vietnamese/English

4. What is the provision & Duration of Internship? What is the procedure for doing internship in Vietnam?

Article 24. Certification of the practice duration

1. Before obtaining a medical practice certificate, holders of professional diplomas in health granted or recognized in Vietnam must practice at the following medical examination and treatment establishments for:

a/ 18 months at hospitals or research institutes with patient beds (below referred to as hospitals), for medical doctors;

b/ 12 months at hospitals, for assistant doctors;

c/ 9 months at hospitals with obstetrics wards or obstetrics clinics, for midwives;

d/ 9 months at medical examination and treatment establishments, for nurses and technicians.

2. Heads of medical examination and treatment establishments shall certify in writing the practice duration and professional capacity and ethics for practitioners at their establishments.

5. Can an Indian student obtain a license to practice in Vietnam and is this at par with the Registration granted to local citizens in Vietnam?

Article 19 (Conditions for foreigners and overseas Vietnamese to obtain a medical practice certificate in Vietnam)

1. *To meet all the conditions specified in Article 18 of this Law.*
2. *To meet requirements on language skills in medical examination and treatment specified in Article 23 of this Law.*
3. *To have judicial history records certified by competent authorities of their own countries.*
4. *To possess a work permit granted by a competent Vietnamese state agency in charge of labor under the labor law*

6. What is the complete Process of Registration in Vietnam?

Article 27 (Dossiers of application for new and re-granted medical practice certificates)

1. *For a Vietnamese applicant, a dossier of application for a new medical practice certificate comprises:*
 - a/ *An application for a medical practice certificate;*
 - b/ *Copies of diplomas or certificates of professional qualifications;*
 - c/ *Written certification of the practice duration;*
 - d/ *Health certificate for professional practice issued by an eligible medical examination and treatment establishment under the Health Minister's regulations;*
 - e/ *Judicial history card;*
 - f/ *A resume certified by the People's Committee of a commune, ward or township (below referred to as commune level) where the applicant resides or by the head of the agency where the applicant works.*
2. *For a foreign or overseas Vietnamese applicant, a dossier of application for a medical practice certificate comprises:*
 - a/ *An application for a medical practice certificate;*
 - b/ *Copies of professional diplomas;*
 - c/ *Written certification of the practice duration;*
 - d/ *Written certification of Vietnamese proficiency or dossier of the translator under Clause 3, Article 23 of this Law;*
 - e/ *Health certificate for professional practice issued by an eligible medical examination and treatment establishment under the Health Minister's regulations;*
 - f/ *Judicial history card;*
 - g/ *Work permit granted by a competent Vietnamese state agency in charge of labor.*

Article 28. Procedures to grant and re-grant medical practice certificates

1. *Dossiers of application for new or re-granted medical practice certificates under Article 27 of this Law shall be submitted to the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of National Defense or provincial-level Health Departments.*
2. *Within 60 days after receiving a complete dossier, the Minister of Health, the Minister of National Defense, or the director of a provincial-level Health*

Department shall grant a medical practice certificate. For cases which require verification for applicants being trained overseas or possessing foreign medical practice certificates, the time limit to grant certificates may be extended up to no more than 180 days. In case of refusal, a written reply shall be issued, clearly stating the reason.

3. Within 30 days after receiving a complete dossier, the Minister of Health, the Minister of National Defense, or the director of a provincial level Health Department shall re-grant a medical practice certificate. In case of refusal, they shall issue a written reply clearly stating the reason.

4. The Minister of Health shall set up an advisory council which is composed of representatives of the health socio-professional organization, the lawyers association, medical training institutions, medical examination and treatment establishments, the social organization for protection of consumers' rights and some other social organizations to advise the Minister of Health in granting, re-granting and revoking medical practice certificates; suspending professional operation of practitioners; setting criteria to recognize contents and forms of continued updating of medical knowledge and conditions on establishments providing continued updating of medical knowledge; prescribing contents and forms of, and organizing, examinations to make written certification of Vietnamese proficiency and qualification for translation in medical examination and treatment. Directors of provincial-level Health Departments shall set up advisory councils composed of representatives of the health socio-professional organization, the lawyers association, medical training institutions, medical examination and treatment establishments, the social organization for protection of consumers' rights and some other social organizations to advise directors of provincial-level Health Departments in granting, regranting and revoking medical practice certificates and suspending professional operation of practitioners.

5. The Minister of National Defense shall provide procedures to grant and re-grant medical practice certificates to those working at medical examination and treatment establishments under his/her management.

7. Do they have any licensing exam in Vietnam and if Yes, in which language?

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8. A medical student completed 5 years of MBBS course in China. He / She is currently not able to return back to China as the University is not issuing NOC. He/She has not yet completed one year internship. He/She would like to do internship for one year in Vietnam. Is it possible?

Refer to Question 4 & 5.

9. Which are the Universities in Vietnam, that accept international students for MBBS course?

- Hong Bang International University (HIU) (<https://hiu.vn/>)
- Vin University (<https://vinuni.edu.vn/>)

10. Is there any organization/centralized department in government of Vietnam, that can be approached for MBBS counselling or related issues?

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