

FAQ on the Second Phase Enforcement of the Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) Act 2016 [Act 775]

1. *Who can register under the T&CM Council?*

Only T&CM practitioners practising in the recognized practice areas are allowed to register under the T&CM Council.

2. *What are the recognized practice areas under Act 775?*

- a. Traditional Malay Medicine*
- b. Traditional Chinese Medicine*
- c. Traditional Indian Medicine*
- d. Homeopathy*
- e. Osteopathy*
- f. Chiropractic*
- g. Islamic Medical Practice*

3. *Has the registration of T&CM practitioners commenced?*

Application for registration of traditional and complementary medicine practitioners in recognized practice areas commenced on 15 March 2021. For further information, please visit the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Division (T&CMD) website, [click here](#).

4. *What is meant by transitional period (related to the second phase of the enforcement of Act 775)?*

Transitional period for the purpose of practitioner registration is a duration to allow practitioners under the 'grandfathering' category, namely practitioners with no recognized qualification but is skilled and experienced in a particular recognized practice area, to register under the T&CM Council according to the requirements specified.

*The duration of the **transitional period** refers to subregulation 1(3) of the T&CM Regulations 2021 and subregulation 2 of the T&CM (Amendment) Regulation 2024 from **1 March 2021 until 28 February 2025**.*

5. *How will the registration process be conducted?*

Registration will only be open for recognised practice areas is now open to practitioners from all over the country. Registration guidelines and application forms for local T&CM practitioners according to recognised practice areas can be downloaded from the T&CMD's official website.

Complete applications should be submitted **via post** or **by hand** at the T&CM practitioner registration counter via appointment ([click here to book an appointment slot](#))

6. What registration forms need to be submitted by local T&CM practitioners?

Kindly refer to Application for Local T&CM Practitioner ([click here](#))

7. What registration forms need to be submitted by foreign T&CM practitioners?

Kindly refer to Application for Foreign T&CM Practitioner ([click here](#))

8. I am registered under XYZ Association, do I qualify for Exemption of Provisional Registration and can I directly apply for Registration as a Registered Practitioner?

Only practitioners who are registered with one of the Practitioner Bodies Before The Coming Into Operation Of Act 775 (Before 1 August 2016) will be exempted from making an Application for Exemption of Provisional Registration and can directly apply for Registration as a Registered Practitioner. If you were not registered with one of the eight practitioner bodies before 1 August 2016 you need to make an Application for Exemption of Provisional Registration and then only to make an Application for Registration as a Registered Practitioner.

List of Practitioner Bodies Before the Coming Into Operation of Act 775 is as follows:

Practice area	Practitioners body
Traditional Malay medicine	Gabungan Pertubuhan Pengamal Perubatan Tradisional Melayu Malaysia
Traditional Chinese medicine	Malaysian Chinese Medical Association
	Federation of Chinese Physicians and Medicine Dealers Associations of Malaysia
	Federation of Chinese Physicians and Acupuncturist Associations of Malaysia
Traditional Indian medicine	Malaysian Association of Traditional Indian Medicine
Homeopathy	Malaysian Medical Homeopathic Council
Chiropractic and Osteopathy	Federation of Complementary and Natural Medical Associations, Malaysia
Islamic medical practice	Persatuan Perubatan, Pengubatan dan Kebajikan Islam Malaysia

9. Who needs to go through the Capacity Building Course?

Practitioners without recognized qualifications in Traditional Malay/Chinese/Indian Medicine or Homeopathy and who are less than 50 years of age but complies with the requirement of experience as stipulated by the T&CM Council will need to go through the Capacity Building Course as a criteria to register with the T&CM Council during the transitional period (please refer to the Registration Guidelines for Local T&CM Practitioners in the respective practice areas for further information).

10. Am I still able to practise if I have not registered?

*You may still practise and continue to provide services safely and ethically until the end of the transitional period on **28 February 2025**. The T&CM Act 2016 will be fully implemented in the third phase of the enforcement of this act. However, if you are practicing in a recognized practice area, you are encouraged to come forward to register with the T&CM Council as soon as possible.*

11. Am I allowed to register in more than one recognized practice area?

You are allowed to register for more than one recognized practice area if you fulfil the registration criteria as stipulated in the Registration Guidelines for Local T&CM Practitioners in the respective practice areas. You will also need to pay the fee for each application.

12. Can I still practice a practice in a non-recognized practice area?

At present you may still continue to practice ethically and ensure that all services that are provided are safe and do not adversely affect patients.

13. How would I know if I need to attend the Capacity Building Course?

*An applicant who needs to attend the Capacity Building Course will be informed through email or in writing. You need to send the proof of Attending Capacity Building Course after you have completed the course to the Registrar of the T&CM Council **via post** or **by hand** at the T&CM practitioner registration counter via appointment ([click here to book an appointment slot](#)).*

14. I have submitted an application for voluntary registration with the T&CM Division before the enforcement of Act 775 on 1 August 2016. Do I need to resubmit my application for registration now?

Application for voluntary registration with the T&CM Division prior to 1 August 2016 is NOT CONSIDERED as a valid application to register with the T&CM Council. Therefore, you need to submit all relevant documents as listed in the T&CM Division website for the purpose of your registration under the T&CM Council. Any incomplete document will be rejected.

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