



MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
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Dear Pharmacists,

**ACCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR SPECIALIST PHARMACISTS**

The grandfathering period for accreditation of specialist pharmacists by the Pharmacy Specialists Accreditation Board (PSAB) was already closed on 30 September 2013.

2. All pharmacists who intend to apply to PSAB for accreditation as a specialist pharmacist will now need to fulfil the relevant accreditation requirements as stipulated by PSAB.

3. Please be informed that the updated accreditation criteria as set out in **Annex A** will take effect from **15 August 2014** onwards.

4. The updated criteria for specialists accreditation can also be found at the following link:

[http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/content/hprof/psab/en/topnav/specialist\\_accreditation/specialist\\_pharmacist\\_accreditation.html](http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/content/hprof/psab/en/topnav/specialist_accreditation/specialist_pharmacist_accreditation.html)

5. For further enquiries, please contact PSAB via email at [psab\\_enquiries@spc.gov.sg](mailto:psab_enquiries@spc.gov.sg).

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## ANNEX A

Pharmacists must meet the criteria below for specialist accreditation at the point of application:

- a) Fully registered with the SPC, holds a valid practising certificate, and is practising in Singapore;
- b) Possesses a relevant postgraduate qualification that is recognised by the PSAB;
- c) Possesses a current specialty certification<sup>1</sup> that is recognised by the PSAB; and
- d) (i) Has accumulated at least 3 years (continuous or otherwise) of working experience\* in the same specialty as the specialty certification referred to in (c) in the five years immediately preceding the application AND has undergone one year of full-time residency training in that specialty (PGY2); or  
(ii) Has working experience\* in the same specialty as the specialty certification referred to in (c) in the year immediately preceding the application AND has undergone:
  - One year of full-time residency training in broad-based pharmacotherapy (PGY1), and
  - One year of full-time residency training in that specialty (PGY2).

\* Note: Working experience does not include any time spent in full-time residency training (i.e. PGY1 and/or PGY2)

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<sup>1</sup> Specialty certification refers to one of the following qualifications:

### Advanced Pharmacotherapy (Cardiology)

- Board certification in Pharmacotherapy with Added Qualifications in Cardiology Pharmacy from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, USA

### Advanced Pharmacotherapy (Geriatrics)

- Board certification in Geriatric Pharmacy from the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy, USA

### Advanced Pharmacotherapy (Infectious Diseases)

- Board certification in Pharmacotherapy with Added Qualifications in Infectious Diseases from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, USA

### Advanced Pharmacotherapy (Psychiatry)

- Board certification in Psychiatric Pharmacy from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, USA

### Oncology Pharmacy

- Board certification in Oncology Pharmacy from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, USA