



# The Ultimate Guide to Irish Medical Council Registration

## A Step-by-Step Pathway for Pakistani Doctors

### Foreword: The Journey to Irish Medicine

Welcome to your roadmap. Embarking on the Irish Medical Council (IMC) registration pathway is a significant professional step, and we want to be straightforward: **The process is long and requires patience.**

However, patience alone will not secure your post. Your greatest asset will be a strong and diversified curriculum vitae (CV).

While the IMC process validates your credentials, it is your clinical experience, active participation in research, professional certifications (such as BLS, ACLS, etc.), and, most importantly, Audits and Quality Improvement Projects that will set you apart and make you a competitive candidate for job selection in Irish hospitals.

View the time spent on verification not as a delay, but as an opportunity to build the professional portfolio that will make you a good fit for the Irish healthcare system.

# Chapter 1: Initial Eligibility & Language Proficiency

Before you begin paperwork, you must ensure you meet the baseline criteria.

## 1.1 English Language Proficiency

You must prove your English proficiency through one of the following exams. The certificate must be less than 2 years old at the time of application.

Exam	Overall Score Requirement	Minimum Component Score
OET (Medicine)	Grade B	Grade B in Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking
IELTS (Academic)	7.0	6.5 in Reading, Writing, Listening, & Speaking

- **Recommendation:** Many doctors find the OET more relevant as it tests English in a medical context (e.g., writing referral letters), whereas IELTS is general academic English.

## 1.2 Clinical Experience (The "PRES Exemption")

To register in the General Division without taking the PRES exam, your House Job (Internship) in Pakistan must meet these strict criteria:

- **Duration:** Minimum 12 months continuous.
- **Start Date:** Must have commenced after December 31, 2008.
- **Rotations:** You must have completed at least:
  - 3 months in Medicine (General Medicine, Cardiology, Paediatrics, etc.)
  - 3 months in Surgery (General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Trauma, etc.)



# Chapter 2: Document Verification: The EPIC Portal

The IMC requires "Primary Source Verification" via the ECFMG's EPIC (MyIntealth) service.

## 2.1 Setting Up Your Account

1. Create an account on MyIntealth.
2. Cost: Approx. \$100 (includes identity verification).
3. Download the Intealth Identification Form (IIF). **DO NOT sign it yet.**

## 2.2 NotaryCam Identity Verification

You must verify your identity online using NotaryCam.

- **Process:** Upload your passport and unsigned IIF.
- **Video Call:** A US Notary will call you via video. You must show your physical passport and electronically sign the IIF in their presence.
- **Result:** NotaryCam sends the notarized form directly to ECFMG.

## 2.3 Verifying Your Credentials

You must upload and verify two key documents. The cost is approx. \$100 per credential.

- **A. PM&DC Certificate of Experience**
  - Apply for the "Certificate of Experience" via the PM&DC portal.
  - Upload it to EPIC.
  - PM&DC usually verifies this electronically.
- **B. Final Medical Diploma (MBBS)**
  - Upload your scanned degree to EPIC.
  - **Crucial Step:** Contact your University's Degree/Examination Cell immediately. You usually need to pay a local fee and submit a request form for them to process the email from ECFMG.



## Chapter 3: Choosing the Right Register Division

### 3.1 The General Division

This is the gold standard. It grants you a full license to practice independently (as an SHO/Registrar).

- **Eligibility:** You have a verified MBBS and a PRES-compliant House Job.

## 3.2 The Supervised Division

Used for doctors who do not meet the House Job requirements. It allows practice only under direct supervision for a limited time.

## 3.3 The Certificate of Good Standing (CGS)

- **Issuing Authority:** PM&DC.
- **Validity Rule:** Must be issued no more than 3 months before the IMC assesses your application.
- **Action:** Do not apply for this until your EPIC verification is nearly complete. It must be sent directly from PM&DC to the IMC.

# Chapter 4: The Official IMC Application Process

Once your documents are verified in EPIC, you apply to the IMC.

## 4.1 The Online Application (MyIMC)

1. Create an account on the MyIMC portal.
2. Select General Division application.
3. Fee: Pay the assessment fee (approx. €660–€700).

## 4.2 The Statutory Declaration (GENFORM)

Once the IMC assesses your application, they will email you a Statutory Declaration form (Genform).

1. Print the form.

2. Take it to a Notary Public or Commissioner for Oaths in Pakistan.
3. Sign it in their presence. Ensure their stamp/seal is legible and in English.
4. Post the original signed form and a notarized copy of your passport to the IMC office via email.



## Chapter 5: Final Steps & Preparation for Ireland

### 5.1 Final Fees

After your Statutory Declaration (Genform) is accepted, you will be asked to pay:

Fee Type	Description	Cost (Approx.)
Registration Fee	One-time payment	€560
Annual Retention Fee	Yearly payment	€560–€605

## 5.2 The ID Check

You are technically registered provisionally until you complete an In-Person ID Check.

- **Location:** IMC Office, Dublin.
- **Timing:** Schedule this after you arrive in Ireland for your job.
- **Requirement:** Bring your original Passport and IMC Registration Letter.



# Chapter 6: Securing the Job & Visa

## 6.1 Job Titles

- **Senior House Officer (SHO):** The entry-level post for most doctors with <2 years of post-internship experience.
- **Registrar:** For more experienced doctors.
- **Where to Apply:** HSE Website and individual hospital career pages. Consider setting up a reminder to check for new postings around 15 October for January intakes and around 15 February for July intakes.

## 6.2 The Work Permit

Once you have a job offer (contract of 2+ years):

1. Apply for the Critical Skills Employment Permit (CSEP).
2. Cost: €1,000 (often paid by the employer).
3. Visa: Once the CSEP is granted, apply for the Long Stay 'D' Employment Visa at the Irish Embassy.

## 6.3 Interview Tips

- **Format:** Usually online (Zoom/Teams).
- **Focus:** Clinical scenarios, patient safety, and ethics.
- **Preparation:** Know the "STAR" method (Situation, Task, Action, Result) for answering behavioral questions.