

Department of Health and Medical Services
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CONTINUING EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

DUBAI RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Dubai Residency Training Programme (DRTP) ?

The **DRTP** program is a structured system of training and education which extends from the undergraduate medical course into career positions. It is based on learning objectives where the participants proceed through the training program by demonstrating competence rather than by passage of time.

2. What are the specialties offered by DOHMS in DRTP?

The specialties offered in DOHMS are: Internal Medicine, General Surgery, General Paediatrics, Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Community Medicine (Public Health).

3. Who is eligible to apply to DRTP?

All doctors who have obtained their basic degree from a recognized university and who have either successfully completed or are about to complete a recognised 1- year internship programme. There is a Pre-Entry Evaluation Examination. UAE Nationals are given priority.

4. What is Pre-Entry Evaluation Examination?

It is made up of two Parts. There is 100 question MCQ paper covering the broad topics of undergraduate medical curriculum and set at a level of difficulty approximating the MCCE but in the USMLE format.

Only candidates who achieve the passing score in the MCQ paper are invited for the Oral Interview.

5. Do all candidates who pass the MCQ and the Interview get training positions?

No. The number of applicants far exceeds the number of training slots available. Admission is competitive

6. Do I get to know my scores?

Yes. Your scores in the MCQ, but not the interview (because this is ranked) will be made available to you.

7. Can I carry over my performance scores in the MCQ till next admission if I passed but am not selected on this occasion?

Yes. You can carry –over your scores in the MCQ but not in the interview. All the scores are valid for one year. However, you will need to attend the interview again.

8. How many years is this DRTP Programme?

It's of Four to Six Years duration, depending on the Specialty.

9. What is the remuneration and how many days of leave are given for the DRTP.

For UAE Nationals:

Grade 10 Point 1 of Dubai Government Pay Scale.

For Expatriates:

Starting Point A monthly remuneration of Dhs.7000/=

The annual leave is the same for residents and is 22 days of five day working week.

10. How many intakes are there in a year?

There is one intake in a year with around 50 seats in the 2007-8 Intake.

11. What are the main criteria for selection of DRT?

- a. DOHMS' Needs
- b. Appraisal of Internship
- c. Career Choice
- d. Success at Pre entry Evaluation Examination.

12. Does a clinical attachment help in getting a seat in the DRT program?

No.

13. Do all applicants who apply have a right to be interviewed?

No. A shortlist of applicants is prepared by the selection committee after the written examination.

14. When should the specialty be chosen?

The applicant should make a choice at the time of application via [eJob](http://www.dohms.gov.ae/) link at <http://www.dohms.gov.ae/>. This is important for all the applicants because the number of places allocated to each of the disciplines is fixed according to the perceived requirements of DOHMS.

15. Can the specialty be changed?

No.

16. Can we apply for specialty, such as Ophthalmology, Radiology, etc., which is not available at DOHMS?

No, you should apply for one of the 6 categories.

17. Can we continue the DRT program outside the country?

No.

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