

# Guidelines for Registration of Traditional and Complementary Medicine Practitioners in Brunei Darussalam



## **INTRODUCTION**

All Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) practitioners who wish to work or are presently working in Brunei Darussalam are to register with the Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) Unit, Boards Management Office (BMO), Ministry of Health.

Foreign T&CM practitioners applying for work permit with the Labour Department of Brunei Darussalam will need to apply for a supporting letter from T&CM Unit. All foreign T&CM practitioners must be employed by a local company, either registered under the Business Names Act (Chapter 92) or incorporated and registered under the Companies Act (Chapter 39). The company should have a business license related to T&CM practices. The Immigration Department retains the rights for approval of entry into Brunei Darussalam.

The purpose for registration is to ensure the competence of the practitioner and the safety of T&CM practice in Brunei Darussalam.

## **DEFINITION OF T&CM PRACTICE**

Traditional and Complementary Medicine practice is a form of health-related practice used in the maintenance of health as well as in the prevention, diagnosis, improvement or treatment of physical and mental illnesses, and excludes medical or dental practices utilized by registered medical or dental practitioners.

## **WHAT TYPE OF T&CM PRACTICE SHOULD REGISTER WITH T&CM UNIT?**

- Traditional Malay Medicine
- Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Traditional Indian Medicine
- Acupuncture
- Osteopathy
- Chiropractic
- Homeopathy
- Manipulative therapy (Massage & Reflexology)
- Cupping
- Herbalist/ Herbal medicine dispenser

*The above list of T&CM practices is not exhaustive but is priority areas for registration. For practice not listed above, kindly contact T&CM Unit, Boards Management Office, Ministry of Health for further information.*

## **HOW TO REGISTER?**

An application form can be obtained from the Boards Management Office, Ministry of Health or simply download it from Ministry of Health's website [www.moh.gov.bn](http://www.moh.gov.bn).

Both application forms for company and practitioner will need to be filled up by the owner/ manager and practitioner.

### ***Documents required to be submitted:***

#### ***For company:***

- ◆ Completed Application form for company
- ◆ A copy of the owner's Brunei Darussalam identity card
- ◆ A copy of the company's certificate of incorporation/ certificate of registration or business license
- ◆ A copy of the company's previous approval letter for employing foreign workers (for renewal/ additional quota)

#### ***For practitioner:***

- ◆ Completed Application form for practitioner
- ◆ A copy of the practitioner's proof of identity (passport, or Brunei Darussalam identity card)
- ◆ Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
- ◆ A copy of the practitioner's certificate of qualification, including registration with relevant professional body and latest practicing certificate.
  - Certificate must be in English or Malay language.
  - Certificate must be certified by country from which the certificate is issued.
  - Qualification must be relevant to T&CM (Table 1).
  - The practice applied for must be in accordance to the qualification possessed.
  - Original certificate must be shown for documentation (for renewal application).

All completed forms and supporting documents are to be submitted to the Boards Management Office, Ministry of Health.

A supporting letter will be issued to Labour Department, Brunei Darussalam for foreign T&CM practitioners that meet the registration requirement. Approval for entry into Brunei Darussalam is under the jurisdiction of the Immigration Department of Brunei Darussalam.

**TABLE 1: BASIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR T&CM PRACTICE IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

	<b>Type of Practitioner</b>	<b>Minimum Basic Qualification</b>	<b>Post- Qualification Experience*</b>
1	Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioner	Degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine	5 years^
2	Acupuncturist	Degree in Acupuncture	5 years^
3	Chiropractor	Degree in Chiropractic	5 years^
4	Osteopath	Degree in Osteopathy	5 years^
5	Homeopath	Diploma in Homeopathy	5 years
6	Masseur	Certificate/ Diploma Wellness: <1,000 hours Therapeutic: >1,000 hours	6 months 2 years^
7	Reflexologist	Certificate/ Diploma Wellness:<1,000 hours Therapeutic: >1,000 hours	6 months 2 years^
8	Cupping practitioner	Certificate/ Diploma in Cupping	2 years

*\*applicable for all foreign practitioners*

*^with valid practice certificate in last country of practice*

*Note: For any practice not listed, kindly refer to T&CM Unit for further information and advice.*

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For any enquiries, please contact:

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