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**GUIDELINES ON THE
SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES RECOGNISED
BY THE
KENYA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS
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FOREWORD

In an era of rapid advancements in medical science and evolving healthcare demands, it is imperative that our regulatory framework adapts to ensure the highest standards of professional competence and patient care across Kenya.

These revisions reflect our commitment to aligning with global best practices while addressing the unique health challenges facing our nation, such as emerging diseases, technological innovations, and the need for specialized expertise in underserved areas. By expanding and clarifying the recognized fields, we empower practitioners to pursue advanced training that directly contributes to building a resilient healthcare system.

I commend the dedicated team at KMPDC, our stakeholders, and the broader medical community for their invaluable contributions to this revision. May this document serve as a cornerstone for excellence in medical and dental practice, fostering a future where every Kenyan has access to world-class care.

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PREFACE

The revised Guidelines on the Specialties and Subspecialties Recognized for Medical and Dental Practitioners, is a pivotal document that underscores the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council's (KMPDC) role in safeguarding public health through rigorous professional standards.

This edition incorporates feedback from extensive consultations with practitioners, academic institutions, and healthcare partners, ensuring that our list of recognized specialties and subspecialties is comprehensive, evidence-based, and responsive to Kenya's dynamic healthcare landscape. Updates include new subspecialties in critical areas like digital health integration and specialized paediatric care, alongside streamlined recognition processes to facilitate timely specialist registration.

These guidelines are designed not only as a regulatory tool but as a resource to guide training programs, career development, and ethical practice. We acknowledge the collaborative efforts of our Council members, technical committees, and external experts in bringing this revision to fruition.

As we implement these changes, KMPDC remains dedicated to continuous improvement, transparency, and partnership in advancing medical and dental excellence for the benefit of all Kenyans.

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

Practice of medicine or dentistry	Activities undertaken by any person, health professional or organisation involved in the prescription and/or administration of any procedure or treatment, with the aim of alleviating or preventing physical or mental ill health, restoring functionality or promoting habits that prevent ill health.
Clinical practice	Field of work that involves the direct care of an individual patient or groups of patients, including diagnostic services.
Non-clinical practice	Field of work that supports the provision of healthcare without directly providing care to a patient or groups of patients. It includes administrative and preventive services provided within the health facility or at community/population level.
Scope of practice	Delineates the extent of a practitioner's practice and describes their roles, responsibilities, functions and activities, based on the individual practitioner's credentials, competence, performance and professional suitability.
Internship	A prescribed period of employment during which a medical, dental or community oral health graduate works under supervision to fulfil registration requirements. During this period, the graduates have an opportunity to consolidate their knowledge, skills and attitudes. During the internship training period, the graduate is referred to as an Intern .
Residency	A clinical residential programme whereby a general practitioner undertakes theoretical and practical training leading to qualification as a specialist. Examples include Master of Medicine or Master of Dental Surgery programmes or their equivalents, and collegiate training programmes. During this period of training, the practitioner is referred to as a Registrar or Resident .
Fellowship	A clinical residential programme whereby a specialist practitioner undertakes advanced theoretical and practical training leading to qualification as a subspecialist. During this period of training, the practitioner is referred to as a Fellow .
Training	The organised act or process of teaching or developing, in oneself or others, any knowledge, skills and attitudes that relate to specific competencies for a definite purpose
Full-time training	A structured training programme undertaken within a given period during which the learner attends classes or sessions in person and has constant contact with the designated trainers.

Part-time training	A mode of training in which the learner has a flexible schedule that allows them to attend classes for a shorter period every week but for a longer duration to complete the training requirements, and allows the trainees to take part in other activities, such as work, while undergoing the training.
Full-time equivalent	A unit of measurement equivalent to an individual student's exposure of one unit of a school day used to equate part-time training to full-time training
General practice	The broad practice of medicine or dentistry which focusses on the overall physical and mental health and is not confined within a particular field or branch.
Specialised practice	The practice of medicine or dentistry within/ confined to a recognised specialty.
Subspecialised practice	The practice of medicine or dentistry within/ confined to a recognised subspecialty.
Specialty	Branch of medical or dental practice that is focused on a defined group of patients, diseases, skills, or philosophy
Subspecialty	A narrow or concentrated area of professional knowledge or skills that exists within a recognised specialty field
General Practitioner	A Medical or Dental Practitioner whose practice is not limited to any specific branch of medicine or dentistry
Registrar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An official responsible for keeping a register or official records. In KMPDC, this role assigned to the CEO. 2) A Medical or Dental Practitioner undertaking a postgraduate specialty training programme. Also referred to as a Resident.
Senior Registrar	A Medical or Dental Practitioner, who has successfully completed postgraduate specialty training, and is working under supervision in order to fulfil the requirements for recognition as a Specialist.
Specialist	<p>A Medical or Dental Practitioner who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) has completed an approved postgraduate training programme in a particular field of medicine or dentistry; 2) has thereafter gained sufficient experience and demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction adequate knowledge and skill in his/her chosen field, AND 3) has subsequently been recognised by the Council as a Specialist.
Fellow	A Medical or Dental Practitioner undertaking a subspecialty training programme.

Subspecialist	A Medical or Dental Practitioner who: 1) having first been recognised as a Specialist, has successfully completed an approved subspecialty training programme; 2) who has thereafter gained sufficient experience and demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction adequate knowledge and skill in his/her chosen field, and 3) who has subsequently been recognised by the Council as a Subspecialist.
Registration	The act or process of insertion of an individual's or institution's name into an official record, list or directory. i.e. The act or process of insertion of an individual's or institution's name into any of the registers maintained by KMPDC pursuant to Section 5 of Cap. 253.
Registration Certificate	A document issued by KMPDC to ascertain that an individual is duly registered as a medical practitioner, dental practitioner or COHO, or that an institution is duly registered as a health institution, as provided for by Cap. 253
Licensing	The act or process of giving an individual or institution the permission to undertake the training or practice of medicine, dentistry or community oral health.
Licence	A document issued by KMPDC to ascertain that an individual or institution is permitted to undertake the training or practice of medicine, dentistry or community oral health within a given period
Recognition	The act or process of ensuring that a practitioner has the prerequisite competencies and is eligible to provide services within a given field of specialty or subspecialty practice
Recognition Certificate	A document issued by KMPDC to ascertain that a practitioner is eligible to engage in specialty or subspecialty practice.
Professional association	A group that usually seeks to further a particular profession, the interests of individuals and organisations engaged in that profession, and the public interest.
Training institution	Institutions which provide undergraduate, postgraduate and in-service training in medicine and dentistry, including: universities and colleges; teaching hospitals; collegiate and fellowship training sites; internship training centres, and CPD providers.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Cap. 253	Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act, Chapter 253 Laws of Kenya (also referred to as “the Act”)
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COHO	Community Oral Health Officer
CPD	Continuing professional development
CUE	Commission for University Education
KMPDC	Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (also referred to as “the Council”)
TVETA	Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority
Dip. COH	Diploma in Community Oral Health
BDS/ DDS	Bachelor of Dental Surgery
BSc. OH	Bachelor of Science in Oral Health
MBChB/ MBBS	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MDS	Master of Dental Surgery
MDPH	Master of Dental Public Health
MHM	Master of Health Management
M.Med.	Master of Medicine
MMSc.	Master of Medical Sciences
MPH	Master of Public Health
MPhil.	Master of Philosophy
MSc.	Master of Science
PGCert.	Postgraduate Certificate
PGDip.	Postgraduate Diploma
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy

The Hippocratic Oath

"I solemnly pledge myself to consecrate my life to the service of humanity.

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due.

I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity.

The health of my patient will be my first consideration.

I will respect the secrets which are confided in me, even after the patient has died.

I will maintain, by all the means in my power, the honour and the noble tradition of the medical profession.

My colleagues will be my brothers and sisters.

I will not permit considerations of religion, nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, party politics or social standing to intervene between me and my patient.

I will maintain the utmost respect for life from its beginning, even under threat, and I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity.

I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honour.

So, help me God."

The Declaration of Geneva – The Physician’s Pledge

Adopted by the 2nd General Assembly of the World Medical Association, Geneva, Switzerland, September 1948 and as amended by the 68th WMA General Assembly, Chicago, United States, October 2017

The Physician’s Pledge

As a member of the medical profession:

I solemnly pledge to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

The health and well-being of my patient will be my first consideration;

I will respect the autonomy and dignity of my patient;

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life;

I will not permit considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I will respect the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I will practise my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I will foster the honour and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I will give to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I will share my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I will attend to my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I will not use my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honour.

1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives an overview of the KMPDC, its functions, and the purpose of recognition of specialties and subspecialties.

1.1 ABOUT KMPDC

The Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) is a body corporate established under Section 3 of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (Chapter 253, Laws of Kenya), which was enacted in 1977. The Council is mandated to regulate the **training and practice** of medicine, dentistry and community oral health, and to regulate health institutions within the Republic of Kenya.

Its corporate philosophy is as indicated below:

Vision

Excellence in regulation of training and practice of medicine and dentistry

Mission

To regulate the training and practice of medicine and dentistry through registration, licensing and inspections for provision of people-centred, quality and ethical healthcare

Core values

- Excellence
- Professionalism
- Integrity and Impartiality
- Collaboration and Partnerships

Goal

Enhancing quality healthcare

The functions of the Council as indicated in Section 4 of Cap. 253 are to:

- a. establish and maintain uniform norms and standards on the learning of medicine and dentistry in Kenya;
- b. approve and register medical and dental schools for training of medical and dental practitioners, and community oral health officers;

- c. prescribe the minimum educational entry requirements for persons wishing to be trained as medical and dental practitioners, and community oral health officers;
- d. maintain a record of medical, dental and community oral health students;
- e. administer internship qualifying examinations, preregistration examinations, and peer reviews as deemed appropriate by the Council;
- f. inspect and accredit new and existing institutions for medical, dental and community oral health internship training in Kenya;
- g. license eligible medical, dental and community oral health interns;
- h. determine and set a framework for professional practice of medical and dental practitioners, and community oral health officers;
- i. register eligible medical and dental practitioners, and community oral health officers;
- j. regulate the conduct of registered medical and dental practitioners, and community oral health officers and take such disciplinary measures for any form of professional misconduct;
- k. register and license health institutions;
- l. carry out inspection of health institutions;
- m. regulate health institutions and take disciplinary action for any form of misconduct by a health institution;
- n. accredit continuous professional development providers;
- o. issue certificate of status to medical practitioners, dental practitioners, community oral health officers and health institutions; and
- p. do all such other things necessary for the attainment of all or any part of its functions.

1.2 LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

The legal provisions for the recognition of specialties and subspecialties by KMPDC are contained in the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act and its subsidiary legislation.

The Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (Cap. 253) provides as follows:

- a. Section 2 provides definitions of "Specialist" and "Specialist practice", as follows:
 - "specialist" means a medical practitioner or dentist who has completed an approved post graduate training programme in a

- particular field of medicine or dentistry, and who has thereafter gained sufficient experience and demonstrated to the Council's satisfaction adequate knowledge and skill, in his chosen field, and
- "specialist practice" means the practice of medicine or dentistry in a specialized field;
- b. Section 4 provides the functions of the Council, including among others:
- (a) establish and maintain uniform norms and standards on the learning of medicine and dentistry in Kenya;
 - (c) prescribe the minimum educational entry requirements for persons wishing to be trained as medical practitioners, dental practitioners and community oral health officers;
 - (e) conduct internship qualifying examinations, preregistration examinations, and peer reviews as deemed appropriate by the Council;
 - (h) determine and set a framework for professional practice of medical practitioners, dental practitioners and community oral health officers;
 - (i) register eligible medical practitioners, dental practitioners and community oral health officers, and
 - (o) issue certificate of status to medical practitioners, dental practitioners, community oral health officers and health institutions;
- c. Section 5 provides that the CEO shall be the Registrar and a list of the registers that he/she shall maintain annually, including:
- (b) a register of medical and dental practitioners;
 - (c) a register of community oral health officers;
 - (d) a register of general practitioners;
 - (e) a register of specialist practitioners, and
 - (f) a register of foreign medical and dental practitioners;
- d. Section 6 provides the criteria for registration of medical and dental practitioners;
- e. Section 11 provides for the insertion into the register of higher qualifications for medical and dental practitioners (defined as a higher degree or qualification than the qualification in respect of which the practitioner has been registered by the Council) in addition to the qualifications previously registered;
- f. Section 11A provides the supervisory functions of the Council in relation to training in medicine and dentistry, and the institutions providing such training;

- g. Section 11B provides for:
- the recognition of fields of specialty and subspecialty practice, and
 - the recognition of specialists and subspecialists in these fields;
- h. Section 12 provides for the Council to issue general, specialist and other practice licences to eligible medical and dental practitioners;
- i. Section 15A states that every practitioner shall in each year take a professional indemnity cover;
- j. Section 16 states that the issue, cancellation, revocation or withdrawal of a licence shall be published in the Kenya Gazette;
- k. Section 17 states that no person shall be entitled to recover a charge for medical or surgical advice or attendance, or for the performance of an operation as a medical or dental practitioner, or for medicine which he/she has prescribed and supplied as a medical or dental practitioner, unless he/she is at the time appropriately licensed;
- l. Section 18 states that no certificate or other document required by Law to be signed by a duly qualified medical or dental practitioner shall be valid unless signed by a person registered as a medical or dental practitioner under the Act or, where the context so admits, by a person who is licensed by the Council, and
- m. Section 22 provides the penalties for offences such as:
- Practicing, professing to practice, or publishing one's name as practicing medicine or dentistry by a person who is not registered or licensed as a medical or dental practitioner under Cap. 253;
 - Any false or fraudulent representation or declaration either orally or in writing that a person is a medical or dental practitioner (and any person who aids or assists herein);
 - Falsely taking or using a name, title or addition implying a qualification to practice medicine or dentistry;
 - Using the title "doctor" when one is not a registered medical or dental practitioner, and does not hold doctoral or other qualifications that entitle him/her to use that title;
 - Any person who, while in charge of a health institution, employs or engages the services of another person as a medical or dental practitioner who is not registered and licenced under Cap. 253, and
 - A person who uses premises as a health institution which premises is not licensed as a health institution.

The *Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Training, Assessment and Registration) Rules, 2022* unpack the provisions in Cap. 253, including:

- a. Rule 8 provides for a specialist assessment examination for:
 - Kenyan and EAC citizens who have attained specialist qualification outside Kenya, and
 - Foreigners who hold specialist qualifications attained outside Kenya;
- b. Rule 25 provides for insertion of additional qualifications into the register, and states that “for purposes of this rule, “higher qualification” means a postgraduate qualification recognised by the Commission for University Education”;
- c. Rule 26 provides for the recognition of specialists and subspecialists, including the criteria for such recognition. Subrule (12) further provides that “the Council shall in each year publish in such manner as the Council may determine a list of all recognised medical and dental specialties and subspecialties”, and
- d. Rule 27 lists the registers that the Council is required to maintain.

The *Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Inspection and Licensing) Rules, 2022* further unpack the provisions in Cap. 253, as follows:

- a. Rule 5 provides for the different kinds of licences that the Council shall issue to eligible medical and dental practitioners, including general practice, registrar, senior registrar and specialist practice licences;
- b. Rule 10 provides the criteria for issuance of a general medical or dental practice licence;
- c. Rule 11 provides the criteria for issuance of medical and dental registrar and senior registrar licences;
- d. Rule 13 provides the criteria for issuance of specialist licences;
- e. Rule 14 provides for issuance of temporary specialist licences to medical or dental specialists who are foreigners, and
- f. Rule 18 provides for issuance of non-clinical practice licences to eligible medical or dental practitioners.

1.3 RATIONALE FOR THE RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

In undertaking its mandate of professional regulation of the training and practice of medicine, dentistry and community oral health in the country, KMPDC periodically publishes *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties*, with the previous review undertaken in 2019.

Advancements in the training and practice of medicine and dentistry have led to the emergence of new fields of specialist and subspecialist practice, while others have been superseded. In addition, durations of specialty and subspecialty training vary widely across jurisdictions. Further, there has been emergence of training programmes that aim to produce academic and scientific experts, rather than impart clinical skills. KMPDC undertook this review of *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties* with these in mind.

Recognition of fields of specialty and subspecialty practice serves as a guide to KMPDC as it endeavours to standardise the training and practice of medicine, dentistry and community oral health with the goal of enhancing the quality of healthcare in the country.

1.4 OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives of the recognition of specialties and subspecialties are:

- a. to standardise the practice of medicine and dentistry in Kenya, and
- b. to improve the quality of healthcare in the country.

1.5 SCOPE/ APPLICATION

This Guidelines applies to the training, registration, licensure and practice of all persons that are registrable under Cap. 253 in Kenya. It is intended to influence the Laws, policies and procedures related to the training and practice of medicine and dentistry in the country.

1.6 EFFECTIVE DATE

The recognition of Medical or Dental Specialists and Subspecialists based on the approved disciplines in [*The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties*](#) is applicable **with immediate effect**, provided that the practitioners hold the recognised qualifications and meet the criteria for recognition.

However, the indicated minimum duration of specialty and subspecialty training indicated in *The List* shall be applicable for practitioners graduating from specialty or subspecialty training programmes **after 31st December 2025**.

1.7 DISSEMINATION OF THE LIST OF RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

The *Guidelines* are available in print and electronic versions. The intended distribution list is as follows:

- a. Council Members and staff;
- b. Medical and Dental Practitioners, and Community Oral Health Officers (COHOs);
- c. Professional associations;
- d. Health facilities;
- e. Health facility associations;
- f. Training institutions (including universities and colleges offering qualifications registrable under the Act; teaching hospitals; internship training centres, and collegiate and fellowship training sites);
- g. Ministry of Health;
- h. Ministry of Education, Commission for University Education (CUE) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA);
- i. Council of Governors (COG), and
- j. The public.

1.8 FEEDBACK AND REVIEW OF THE RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

Feedback on any aspect of the implementation of the Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties is welcome. Such feedback should be addressed to the CEO/Registrar, KMPDC and can be submitted through standards@kmpdc.go.ke.

The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties shall be reviewed every five (5) years or as the need may arise, as guided by prevailing Laws and regulations, and advancements in the training and practice of medicine and dentistry at local, regional and international levels.

2 CRITERIA AND PROCESS OF RECOGNITION OF SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

The recognition of fields of practice as specialties or subspecialties is a regulatory function that has far-reaching implications on the training and practice of medicine and dentistry in the country. As such, strict criteria have to be set, a rigorous assessment done, and adequate opportunity for public participation provided before any field can be recognised by the Council as a specialty or subspecialty in medicine or dentistry. This chapter provides an overview of the criteria used for the recognition of specialties and subspecialties, and process undertaken in this review.

2.1 CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION OF A FIELD OF PRACTICE AS A SPECIALTY OR SUBSPECIALTY

The criteria that should be met so that a field of medical or dental practice can be recognised as a specialty or subspecialty are as follows:

- a. Compliance with the provisions of the Law as enshrined in Cap. 253 and its subsidiary legislation, and any other relevant legislation;
- b. The specialty/ subspecialty field must be a distinct field of specialised/ subspecialised practice and not just additional skills (e.g. laser, endoscopy, laparoscopy, etc.);
- c. The specialty/ subspecialty field must be relevant to the training and practice of medicine and/or dentistry;
- d. The contribution of the specialty/ subspecialty field towards improvement of quality of healthcare can be demonstrated;
- e. The contribution of the specialty/ subspecialty field towards the health of the population can be demonstrated;
- f. Training programmes leading to qualifications in that field should be available, with clear entry pathways for medical or dental practitioners registered under Cap. 253;
- g. Benchmarking with other regulatory authorities at local, regional and international level on what fields are recognised and/or approved, and
- h. The economic implications of recognition of the specialty/ subspecialty at individual, community and country level have been considered.

2.2 MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS LEADING TO SPECIALIST AND SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION

The emergence of training programmes that aim to produce scientific or academic experts in fields of medicine and dentistry, rather than impart specialised or subspecialised clinical skills, has warranted the stipulation of which training programmes can be recognised as qualifications leading to specialist or subspecialist recognition. The table below summarises the minimum requirements for a programme to be considered as an approved speciality or subspecialty training programme:

	Specialty training	Subspecialty training
Recognised programmes	M.Med., MDS, Collegiate or Residency training	Fellowship or Clinical MSc.
Recognised disciplines	As indicated in <i>The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties</i>	As indicated in <i>The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties</i>
Minimum duration of training	3 or more years on a full-time basis	At least 1 year on a full-time basis, or at least 2 years on part-time basis
Conduct of training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person training Direct contact with patients is demonstrable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person training Direct contact with patients is demonstrable
Limitations		The pathway to most subspecialties is limited to practitioners who hold qualifications within a given speciality.

2.3 PROCESS OF REVIEW OF THE LIST OF RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

This section elucidates the process undertaken in the review of The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties as summarised in Figure 1:

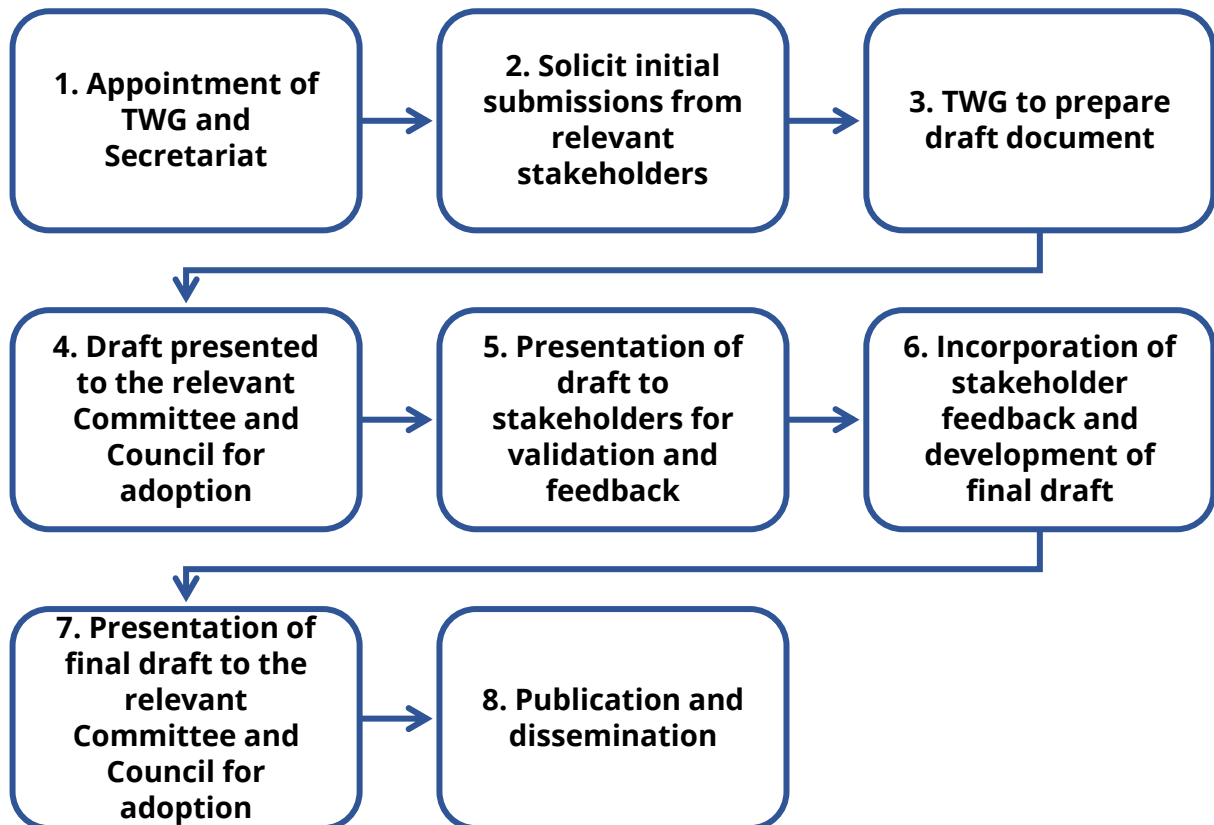


Figure 1: Process flow for review of The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties

- a. The process began with the appointment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) to spearhead the process of review, and a Secretariat team to provide technical and logistic support to the TWG in this review.
- b. Relevant stakeholders were then requested to submit their feedback on *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties 2019* and inputs for consideration in the revised *List*. These stakeholders included individual practitioners, professional associations, and the institutions that train medical and dental practitioners in Kenya.
- c. The TWG then convened to consider these submissions and produced a Draft Zero of the revised List.

- d. The Draft Zero was then presented to the Council through the relevant Committee, the Training, Assessment, Registration and Human Resource Committee (TAR&HRC).
- e. After adoption by the Council, the Draft Zero was then subjected to stakeholder validation at a workshop.
- f. The TWG then considered the feedback received orally or in writing from the stakeholders and incorporated the feedback to produce a Draft One of the revised List.
- g. The Draft One was then presented to the TAR&HRC, which validated and adopted the Final Draft.
- h. The final draft *List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties 2024* was then presented to the Council and adopted for publication and dissemination.

3 RECOGNITION OF SPECIALISTS AND SUBSPECIALISTS

This chapter provides details on the requirements for a medical or dental practitioner to be recognised as a specialist or subspecialist; the process for specialist or subspecialist recognition, and the process for insertion of additional qualifications.

3.1 PREREQUISITES FOR RECOGNITION OF A PRACTITIONER AS A SPECIALIST OR SUBSPECIALIST

This section provides the criteria that the Council considers when authorising the recognition of a Medical/ Dental Practitioner as a Specialist or Subspecialist.

NOTE

Section 22 of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act provides that it is a punishable offence for a person to falsely take or use a name, title or addition implying a qualification in medicine or dentistry that they do not hold, and/or are not registered or licensed to use.

3.1.1 PREREQUISITES FOR RECOGNITION AS A MEDICAL OR DENTAL SPECIALIST

The candidate must:

- a. have met the minimum entry requirements for training programmes leading to qualifications registrable under the Act (Cap. 253);
- b. hold a basic qualification that is registrable under Cap. 253 i.e. MBChB, BDS, or their equivalents;
- c. have successfully completed internship training prior to registration as a Medical or Dental Practitioner;
- d. be duly registered and licensed as a Medical or Dental Practitioner;
- e. have successfully completed a recognised clinical specialty training programme for the minimum duration of training of three years or as specified in [The List](#) for each discipline;
- f. produce evidence of working under the supervision of a recognised Specialist in the field for a period of at least two years;
- g. be duly licensed as a **Registrar** during the duration of specialty training, and as a **Senior Registrar** during the post-qualification period when he/she is working under supervision, and

- h. present the required documents and apply for recognition as a Specialist.

3.1.2 PREREQUISITES FOR RECOGNITION AS A MEDICAL OR DENTAL SUBSPECIALIST

The candidate must:

- a. be duly recognised and licensed as a **Medical or Dental Specialist** prior to recognition as a Subspecialist;
- b. have successfully completed a recognised subspecialty training programme for the minimum duration of training as indicated in [The List](#) for each discipline;
- c. produce evidence of working under the supervision of a recognised or recognisable Subspecialist in the field for a period of at least one year;
- d. be duly licensed as a Specialist during the duration of subspecialty training and during the post-qualification period when he/she is working under supervision, and
- e. present the required documents and apply for recognition as a Subspecialist.

3.1.3 RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CITIZENS AS SPECIALISTS OR SUBSPECIALISTS

Foreign citizens who are seeking to practice as Specialists or Subspecialists in Kenya are required to undergo a specialist assessment examination (also known as peer review assessment process). If successful, they are eligible for temporary registration as medical or dental practitioners, after which they may apply for recognition and temporary licensure as medical or dental specialists or subspecialists.

3.2 PROCESS OF RECOGNITION OF A PRACTITIONER AS A SPECIALIST OR SUBSPECIALIST

Practitioners who have met the requirements for recognition as Specialists or Subspecialists may apply to the Council. The process of recognition is summarised in Figure 2 below.

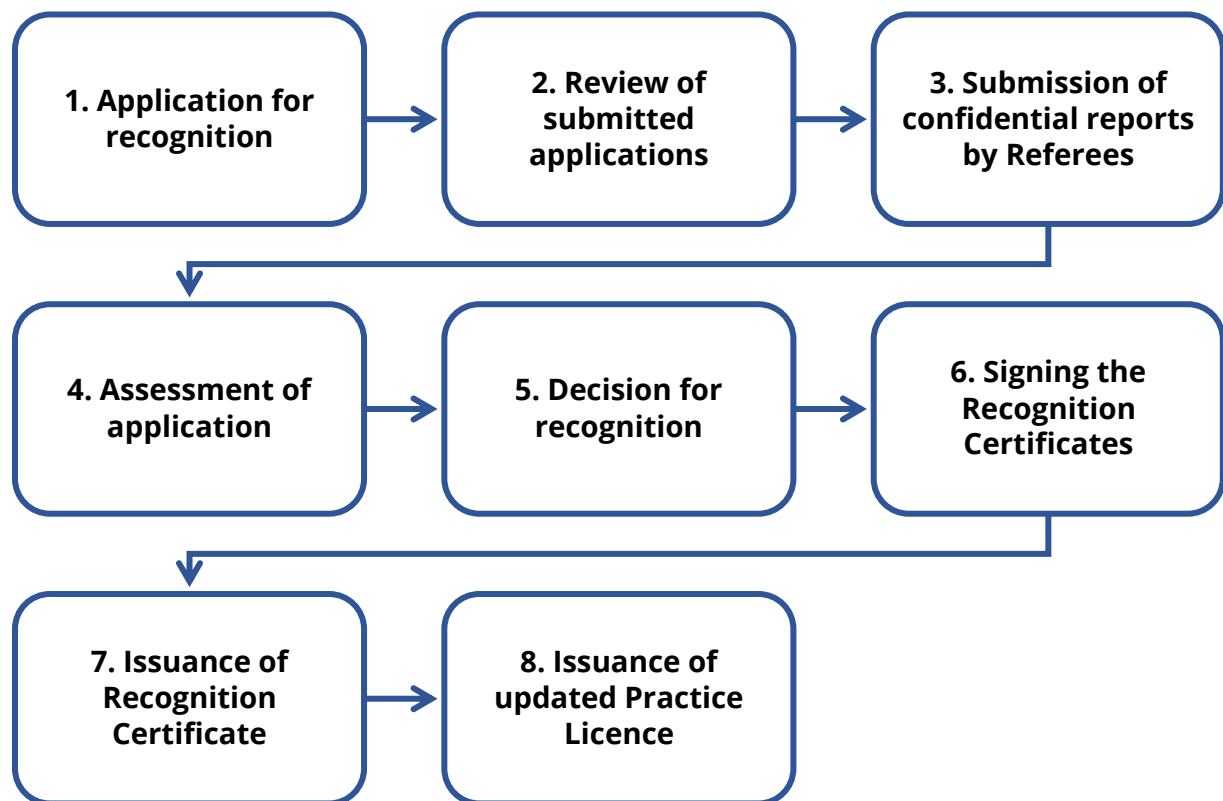


Figure 2: Process flow for recognition of Practitioners as Specialists or Subspecialists

3.2.1 APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION

- a. The Practitioner will fill in and sign the Council's *Form VI A: Application for Recognition of Specialist/Sub-Specialty* form available from:
https://kmpdc.go.ke/resources/Specialist_Recognition_Form.pdf

NOTE

The Practitioner should ensure that the specialty or subspecialty applied for appears on *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties* as in [Section 5.1](#).

- b. The Applicant will attach to the filled form the following:

- i. Recent coloured passport size photo
- ii. Copy of their current Practice Licence
- iii. Certified copies of postgraduate qualification and official transcripts
- iv. Evidence of completion of the prescribed post-training supervised practice period at a recognised facility and under supervision.
- v. Supportive recommendation letters from two (2) professional Referees;

NOTE

- 1) The original Certificate and Transcripts must be sighted at acceptance of the application documents.
- 2) Where the certificates and transcripts are written in a language other than English, they must be translated into English and the translation certified by the Embassy.
- 3) The duration of the post-training supervised practice is two (2) years after completion of training programme for Specialist Recognition, and one (1) year after completion of training programme for Subspecialist Recognition.
- 4) The evidence of this supervised practice should be structured giving details of the procedures and activities that the Practitioner undertook during the rotation.
- 5) The Referees should be recognised Specialists or Subspecialists in the same discipline.
- 6) Where the specialty or subspecialty is new, at least one of the Referees should be from the institution where the Practitioner trained.
- 7) The Referees will fill in and sign the Specialist Referee Request Form available from:
https://kmpdc.go.ke/resources/Specialist_Referee_Request_Form.pdf
- 8) The Referees are advised that they will be responsible for any legal consequence arising from the Council registering or recognising unqualified persons based on their reference.

- c. In addition to the documents listed in b) above, foreign citizens seeking recognition as Specialists or Subspecialists are expected to submit the following documents:
 - i. Evidence of passing the Council's Peer Review Assessment;
 - ii. Evidence of verification of professional qualifications by the ECFMG;
 - iii. Evidence of registration and/or recognition by the regulatory body in the country of origin or training;
 - iv. Certificate of Status (proof of good professional standing) from the regulatory body in the country of origin or training;
 - v. Testimonials from a minimum of two (2) professional referees from the country of origin, training or previous practice;
 - vi. Letter of commitment for support or supervision by a local Specialist or Subspecialist in same field;
 - vii. Letter of appointment, invitation or admission by a local health facility or training institution indicating the projected activity or scope of practice and duration of stay, and
 - viii. Evidence of proficiency in English and/or Kiswahili e.g. undergraduate training in English or Kiswahili; English proficiency certificate (TOEFL/ IELTS).
- d. The Applicant will be required to pay to the Council the prescribed non-refundable application fee.
- e. The Applicant will submit the application documents and proof of payment to the Council's Professional Assessment Department.

3.2.2 OUTCOME OF THE APPLICATION

- a. The Professional Assessment Department will inform all Applicants of the outcome of the assessment of their application.
- b. Successful Applicants will be issued with a *Certificate of Recognition as a Specialist* or *Certificate of Recognition as a Subspecialist*, which must be collected in person, and will be advised on the requirements to update their annual practice licence.
- c. The Practitioners can then submit their original Registration Certificate to be updated with the specialty or subspecialty qualification.

3.3 INSERTION OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS

The Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act and the *Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Training, Assessment and Registration) Rules* provide that the Council shall insert or note in the register any higher qualifications obtained by a practitioner in addition to the qualification previously registered, upon submission of the certificate of the higher qualification and payment of the prescribed fee. This allows for postgraduate qualifications that do not meet the criteria for approved specialty or subspecialty training to be inserted into the Council's register as additional qualifications. **However, such qualifications must be in a health-related field for which there is a demonstrable benefit to the health sector and the health status of Kenyans.** Broadly, these fields encompass public health, leadership, management, academia, policy and research. These additional qualifications in health-related fields can be:

- a. Postgraduate certificates, diplomas and higher diplomas;
- b. Bachelor of Science (BSc.) degrees;
- c. Other masters (MSc., MMSc., MPH, MDPH, MBA, MHM, MPhil.) or doctorate (PhD) degrees that are not recognised as approved qualifications for specialist or subspecialist recognition, and/or
- d. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in any field of Medicine or Dentistry.

The list of health-related fields in which additional qualifications are recognised by KMPDC for insertion into the register is provided in [Section 5.3](#).

3.3.1 PROCESS OF INSERTION OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Practitioners who attain qualifications that they wish to be included in the register will submit evidence of this qualification to the Professional Assessment Department. The document bundle will include:

- a. A duly filled Change of Particulars Form (available on the Council's website under Downloads);
- b. Copy of their current Practice Licence;
- c. Certified copies of the postgraduate qualification and official transcripts, and
- d. Where the training has been received outside the country, evidence of verification of professional qualifications by the ECFMG or the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA).

NOTE

- 1) The original Certificate and Transcripts must be sighted at acceptance of the application documents.
- 2) Where the certificates and transcripts are written in a language other than English, they must be translated into English and the translation certified by the Embassy.

The submitted documents will be verified and authenticated. Then, the Professional Assessment Department will inform the applicants of the outcome of this assessment of their application.

Successful applicants will have their qualifications updated immediately in the Council database, and these will appear on the online Council register and the annual practice licence downloaded through the online service portal. The applicants can then submit their original registration certificate to be updated with the additional qualification.

3.4 IMPLEMENTING CHANGES IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

Advancements in the training and practice of medicine and dentistry have led to the emergence of new fields of specialist and subspecialist practice, while others have been superseded. This has led to several changes in *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties* which can be categorised as:

- a. Insertion of newly specialty and subspecialty fields that will be recognised by the Council;
- b. Recognition of specialty fields that were previously recognised as a subspecialties;
- c. Recognition of subspecialty fields that were previously recognised as specialties, and
- d. Deletion of previously recognised specialty or subspecialty fields that will no longer be recognised by the Council.

This section provides guidance on how the implementation of these changes may affect practitioners in those fields. It is worth noting that the Law cannot be applied retrospectively. As such, these changes will affect Practitioners who are

yet to receive Specialist or Subspecialist recognition in the affected fields of practice.

3.4.1 NEWLY RECOGNISED SPECIALTY AND SUBSPECIALTY FIELDS

Practitioners who hold the recognised qualifications in the newly recognised specialty and subspecialty fields and who meet the criteria listed in [Section 3.1](#) above will be eligible for recognition as Specialists or Subspecialists **with immediate effect** and their names will be included in the respective registers.

3.4.2 WHEN A FIELD THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY RECOGNISED AS A SUBSPECIALTY IS NOW RECOGNISED AS A SPECIALTY

Practitioners who hold Subspecialist Recognition in the affected fields will retain this recognition. However, a grace period of one year will be afforded to Practitioners who may be undertaking fellowship training or the supervised post-training practice at the time of this publication. Subsequently, the Council will not issue Subspecialist Recognition in the affected fields to practitioners who graduate from these programmes after **31st December 2025**.

3.4.3 WHEN A FIELD THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY RECOGNISED AS A SPECIALTY IS NOW RECOGNISED AS A SUBSPECIALTY

Practitioners who hold Specialist Recognition in the affected fields will retain this recognition. However, a grace period of two years will be afforded to Practitioners who may be undertaking residency training or the supervised post-training practice at the time of this publication. Subsequently, the Council will not issue Specialist Recognition in the affected fields to practitioners who graduate from these programmes after **30th June 2026**.

3.4.4 WHEN A FIELD IS NO LONGER RECOGNISED AS A SPECIALTY OR SUBSPECIALTY

Practitioners who hold Specialist or Subspecialist Recognition in the affected fields will retain this recognition. However, the Council will no longer issue Specialist or Subspecialist Recognition in the affected fields **with immediate effect**. Practitioners who hold qualifications in the affected fields may apply for their insertion into the register as additional qualifications as outlined in [Section 3.3](#).

4 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This chapter outlines the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in the development, implementation and review of the Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties.

4.1 KMPDC

The roles and responsibilities of KMPDC in regulating the training and setting a framework for professional practice of medicine, dentistry and community oral health in Kenya, include:

- a. Prescribe the minimum educational entry requirements for persons wishing to be trained as Medical and Dental Practitioners, and COHOs;
- b. Establish and maintain uniform norms and standards on the learning of medicine, dentistry and community oral health in Kenya, which includes:
 - i. developing core curricula for training;
 - ii. establishing the standards of training institutions;
 - iii. publishing training guidelines for the training institutions and trainees;
 - iv. conducting periodic inspections of training institutions;
 - v. accrediting training institutions, and
 - vi. approving training programmes;
- c. Register and licence eligible medical and dental practitioners, and community oral health officers, which includes:
 - i. temporary and permanent registration;
 - ii. issuance of internship, general practice, registrar, senior registrar, specialist and subspecialist licences;
 - iii. specialty and subspecialty recognition of eligible practitioners, and
 - iv. publish the registers of interns, general practitioners, specialist and subspecialist practitioners, COHOs and approved training institutions annually;
- d. Undertake periodic reviews, publication and dissemination of *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties*;
- e. Define, review and publish the scopes of practice for the regulated cadres;
- f. Conduct pre-internship examinations, pre-registration examinations, peer review assessments, fitness-to-practise assessments, and other examinations deemed appropriate by the Council;
- g. Enforce its regulatory mandate by ensuring appropriate licensure, and

- h. Collaborate with all relevant stakeholders in prescribing the minimum requirements for entry into the regulated professions, setting standards of training, and establishing a framework for professional practice.

4.2 PRACTITIONERS

The roles and responsibilities of individual practitioners include:

- a. Ensure that they are appropriately registered, licensed and indemnified for their practice;
- b. Be aware of the Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties;
- c. Prior to enrolling, consult the Council to ensure that they are enrolled in approved training programmes and will be eligible for specialist or subspecialist recognition upon successful completion;
- d. Inform the Council upon successful completion of specialty or subspecialty training, achievement of additional qualifications or attainment of additional credentials in the prescribed manner;
- e. When called upon, be ready to offer their expertise and provide technical support to the Council in carrying out its mandate of professional regulation, including such related functions as:
 - i. Development and review of core curricula for undergraduate, specialty and subspecialty training programmes;
 - ii. Inspection of training institutions;
 - iii. Review and approval of training programmes, and
 - iv. Conduct of pre-internship examinations, pre-registration examinations, peer review assessments, fitness-to-practise assessments, and other examinations deemed appropriate by the Council;
- f. Submit feedback to KMPDC on the implementation of the *List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties*, and
- g. Participate in stakeholder engagement organised by KMPDC on Recognition of specialties and subspecialties; Review of specialty and subspecialty training programmes; Specialist and Subspecialist recognition; Review of scopes of practice, and other related purposes.

4.3 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The roles and responsibilities of medical and dental professional associations include:

- a. Encourage their members to be appropriately registered, licensed and indemnified for their practice;
- b. Be aware of the Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties;
- c. Encourage their members to ensure that they are enrolled in approved training programmes so as to be eligible for specialist or subspecialist recognition upon successful completion;
- d. Encourage their members to inform the Council upon achievement of additional/higher qualifications in the prescribed manner;
- e. Periodically nominate persons to offer their expertise and provide technical support to the Council in carrying out its mandate of professional regulation, including such related functions as
 - i. Development and review of core curricula for undergraduate, specialty and subspecialty training programmes;
 - ii. Inspection of training institutions;
 - iii. Review and approval of training programmes, and
 - iv. Conduct of pre-internship examinations, pre-registration examinations, peer review assessments, fitness-to-practise assessments, and other examinations deemed appropriate by the Council;
- f. Submit feedback to KMPDC on the implementation of the *List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties*, and
- g. Participate in stakeholder engagement organised by KMPDC on Recognition of specialties and subspecialties; Review of specialty and subspecialty training programmes; Specialist and Subspecialist recognition; Review of scopes of practice, and other related purposes.

4.4 TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

These include universities and colleges; teaching hospitals, and collegiate and fellowship training sites which provide undergraduate and postgraduate training in medicine and dentistry. Their roles and responsibilities include:

- a. Be aware of the Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties;
- b. Comply with the standards and guidelines set by KMPDC, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Commission for University Education, and other relevant authorities governing the provision of medical and dental training at different levels;
- c. Seek approval from KMPDC prior to offering undergraduate, specialty and subspecialty training programmes in medicine and dentistry;

- d. Submit feedback to KMPDC on the implementation of the List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties, and
- e. Participate in stakeholder engagement organised by KMPDC on Recognition of specialties and subspecialties; Review of specialty and subspecialty training programmes; Specialist and Subspecialist recognition; Review of scopes of practice, and other related purposes.

4.5 EMPLOYERS AND SPONSORS

The roles and responsibilities of employers and training sponsors include:

- a. Be aware of the List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties and the approved associated specialist and subspecialist titles;
- b. Not permit persons who are not duly registered and/or licensed by KMPDC to practice as Medical Practitioners, Dental Practitioners or Community Oral Health Officers within their institutions;
- c. Not permit persons who are not licensed by the Council as such, to hold the approved general, specialist or subspecialist designations or titles within their institutions;
- d. Liaise with the Council to ensure that Practitioners are enrolled in approved or recognisable postgraduate training programmes prior to sponsoring or facilitating such training;
- e. Submit feedback to KMPDC on the implementation of the *List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties*, and
- f. Participate in stakeholder engagement organised by KMPDC on Recognition of specialties and subspecialties; Review of specialty and subspecialty training programmes; Specialist and Subspecialist recognition; Review of scopes of practice, and other related purposes.

4.6 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

The Commission for University Education (CUE) is mandated by the Universities Act (Cap 210) to regulate university education in Kenya, among other functions. This includes the inspection and approval of universities and university academic programmes. The Universities Act at Section 5A (3) further provides that “The Commission may, before approving any academic programme consult with any relevant body established by written law to regulate the profession to which the academic programme relates where such law empowers the professional body to approve or accredit courses offered at any university or colleges”.

Therefore, the CUE should:

- a. Collaborate with KMPDC in accrediting training institutions providing training in medicine, dentistry and community oral health;
- b. Collaborate with KMPDC in reviewing and approving training programmes leading to qualifications that are registrable under Cap. 253, and
- c. Participate in stakeholder engagement organised by KMPDC on Recognition of specialties and subspecialties; Review of specialty and subspecialty training programmes; Specialist and Subspecialist recognition; Review of scopes of practice, and other related purposes.

4.7 MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The Ministry of Health provides policy framework for the progressive realisation of the right of Kenyan citizens to the highest attainable standard of health. The Health Act (Cap.241) at Section 15 (1) provides for the functions of the national ministry responsible for health, which include:

- (a) develop health policies, laws and administrative procedures and programmes in consultation with county governments and health sector stakeholders and the public for the progressive realisation of the highest attainable standards of health including reproductive healthcare and the right to emergency treatment;
- (g) develop and promote application of norms and standards for the development of human resources for health including affirmative action measures for health workers working in marginalized areas;
- (j) develop, through regulatory bodies, standards of training and institutions providing education to meet the needs of service delivery;
- (l) through respective regulatory bodies to develop and ensure compliance on professional standards on registration and licensing of individuals in the health sector, and
- (w) collaborate in the common interest with the health authorities of other countries and with regional and international bodies in the field of health;

It is expected that the Ministry of Health will work together with KMPDC and other relevant stakeholders to ensure successful undertaking of these functions.

5 LISTS OF RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES, ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS, ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND APPROVED TITLES

This chapter provides *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties*, the list of approved additional clinical credentials, the list of approved additional qualifications, and the list of approved associated titles.

5.1 RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

This section contains *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties 2024* as ratified by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council at its 141st Full Council meeting held on Friday, 11th October 2024.



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THE LIST OF RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

(REVISED 2024)

NOTE

- 1) As provided for the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (Cap. 253, Laws of Kenya), KMPDC can recognise a Medical or Dental Practitioner as a Specialist or Subspecialist in any of the recognised fields, provided that they meet the requirements for registration and recognition to practice in Kenya.
- 2) *The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties 2024* is applicable for the recognition of Medical or Dental Specialists and Subspecialists permitted to practice in Kenya as provided for in the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act and the Rules thereunder.
- 3) The recognition of Medical or Dental Specialists and Subspecialists based on the approved disciplines in this *List* is applicable **with immediate effect**, provided that the practitioners hold the recognised qualifications and meet the criteria for recognition.
- 4) However, the indicated minimum duration of specialty and subspecialty training indicated in this *List* shall be applicable for practitioners graduating from specialty or subspecialty training programmes after **31st December 2025**.
- 5) The period of supervised post-training practice shall be undertaken by the practitioner under the supervision of recognised specialists or subspecialists in the field.

ABBREVIATIONS:

M.Med.	Master of Medicine
MDS	Master of Dental Surgery
MMSc.	Master of Medical Science
MSc.	Master of Science

5.1.1 MEDICAL SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

A. MEDICAL SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES								
S/No.	SPECIALIST RECOGNITION				SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION			
	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
1.	Anaesthesia	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Ambulatory Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					c. Cardiac Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Critical Care Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Neuro-Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Obstetric Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Paediatric Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Paediatric Critical Care Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					j. Pain Management	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					k. Regional Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					l. Transplant Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					m. Thoracic Anaesthesia	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
2.	Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-
3.	Clinical Genetics and Genomics	M.Med./ Clinical M.Sc.	3 years	2 years	a. Clinical Biochemical Genetics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Clinical Cytogenetics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Clinical Molecular Genetics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
4.	Clinical Oncology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency in Clinical Oncology	3 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-

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S/No.	SPECIALIST RECOGNITION				SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION			
	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
5.	Radiation Oncology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency in Radiation Oncology	3 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-
6.	Dermatology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Cosmetic Dermatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Dermato-Oncology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Dermatopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Dermatosurgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Paediatric Dermatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
7.	Emergency Medicine	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					b. Medical Toxicology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					c. Paediatric Emergency Medicine	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					d. Critical Care Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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S/No.	SPECIALIST RECOGNITION				SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION			
	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					e. Emergency Medical Services	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Palliative Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Pre-hospital and Retrieval Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Wilderness Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
8.	Family Medicine	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Allergy and Immunology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					b. Dermatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Emergency Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Geriatric Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. HIV Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Palliative and Pain Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Sleep Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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S/No.	SPECIALIST RECOGNITION				SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION			
	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					i. Tropical and Travel Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					j. Preventive Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
9.	Family and Emergency Medicine	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Allergy and Immunology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					b. Dermatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Geriatric Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. HIV Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Palliative and Pain Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Preventive Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Sleep Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Tropical and Travel Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
10.	General Surgery	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Breast and Endocrine Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Cardiothoracic Surgery	Fellowship	3 years	1 year

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S/No.	SPECIALIST RECOGNITION				SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION			
	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					c. ENT Surgery	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					d. Neurosurgery	Fellowship	3 years	1 year
					e. Orthopaedic Surgery	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					f. Paediatric Surgery	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					g. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					h. Surgical Oncology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					i. Surgical Gastroenterology - Colorectal Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					j. Surgical Gastroenterology - Hepato-pancreaticobiliary Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					k. Surgical Gastroenterology - Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					l. Transplant Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					m. Trauma and Critical Care Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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S/No.	SPECIALIST RECOGNITION				SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION			
	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					n. Urology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					o. Vascular Surgery	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
11.	Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	5 years	2 years	Paediatric Cardiac Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
12.	Neurosurgery	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	6 years	2 years	a. Cerebrovascular and Skull Base Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Functional and Epilepsy Neurosurgery/ Stereotactic Neurosurgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Neuro-Oncology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Neurotrauma and Neurological Critical Care	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Neuro-Endovascular Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Paediatric Neurosurgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Spinal Neurosurgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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13.	Otorhinolaryngology (ENT), Head and Neck Surgery	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	5 years	2 years	a. Allergy and Rhinology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Audiology and Vestibular Services	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Facial Plastic Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Head and Neck Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Laryngology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Lateral Skull Base Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Otology/ Neurology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Otorhinolaryngology Oncology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Paediatric Otolaryngology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					j. Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
14.	Orthopaedic Surgery		4 years	2 years	a. Arthroplasty	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Foot and Ankle	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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		M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency			c. Hand	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Orthopaedic Oncology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					e. Paediatric Orthopaedics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Orthopaedic Reconstructive Microsurgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Sports Orthopaedics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Spine Orthopaedics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
15.	Paediatric Surgery	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	5 years	2 years	a. Foetal Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Neonatal Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Paediatric Colorectal Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Paediatric Hepatobiliary Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Paediatric Surgical Oncology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					f. Paediatric Transplant Surgery	Fellowship	2 years	1 year

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					g. Paediatric Trauma Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Paediatric Urology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
16.	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	5 years	2 years	a. Reconstructive Breast Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Burns	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Cosmetic Surgery and Aesthetic Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Facial Plastic Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Hand Surgery and Upper Limb	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Head and Neck Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Paediatric Plastic Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Reconstructive Microsurgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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					j. Wound and Regenerative Management	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
17.	Urology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	5 years	2 years	a. Andrology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Endourology and Interventional Urology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Female and Functional Urology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Paediatric Urology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					e. Reconstructive Urology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Transplant Urology	Fellowship	18 months	1 year
					g. Trauma and Reconstructive Urology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Urologic Oncology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
18.	Internal Medicine		3 years	2 years	a. Allergy and Immunology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year

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		M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency			b. Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					c. Cardiology	Fellowship	3 years	1 year
					d. Chest Medicine/ Respiratory Medicine/ Pulmonology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					e. Clinical Genetics and Genomics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Clinical Hepatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Critical Care Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Diabetology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					i. Emergency Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					j. Endocrinology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					k. Gastroenterology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					l. Geriatric Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					m. Haematology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					n. Haemato-Oncology	Fellowship	3 years	1 year
					o. Infectious Disease	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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					p. Medical Oncology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					q. Nephrology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					r. Neurology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					s. Rheumatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					t. Sleep Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					u. Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					v. Tropical and Travel Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					w. Electrophysiology <i>(further subspecialisation for Cardiologists)</i>	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					x. Imaging in Cardiology <i>(further subspecialisation for Cardiologists)</i>	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					y. Interventional Cardiology <i>(further subspecialisation for Cardiologists)</i>	Fellowship	2 years	1 year

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					z. Interventional Pulmonology <i>(further subspecialisation for Pulmonologists)</i>	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					aa. Transplant Hepatology <i>(further subspecialisation for Gastroenterologists or Clinical Hepatologists)</i>	Fellowship	6 months	1 year
19.	Medical Microbiology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	None	-	-	-
20.	Nuclear Medicine	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	None	-	-	-
21.	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Gynaecologic Oncology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
b. Maternal and Foetal Medicine					Fellowship	2 years	1 year	
c. Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology					Fellowship	1 year	1 year	

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					d. Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					e. Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
22.	Occupational Medicine	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
23.	Ophthalmology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Anterior Segment Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Cataract and Refractive Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Glaucoma	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Medical Retina and Uveitis/ Uveitis/ Uveitis and Ocular Immunology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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					e. Neuro-Ophthalmology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Ocular Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Oculoplastics and Orbit	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Vitreoretinal Surgery/ Vitreoretinal Surgery and Uveitis	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
24.	Paediatrics and Child Health	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Adolescent Medicine	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					b. Developmental Paediatrics	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					c. Emergency Paediatrics	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					d. Neonatology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					e. Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year

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					f. Paediatric and Adolescent Sports Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Paediatric Allergology and Immunology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					h. Paediatric Cardiology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					i. Paediatric Critical Care/ Paediatric Emergency and Critical Care	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					j. Paediatric Dermatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					k. Paediatric Gastroenterology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					l. Paediatric Genetics and Genomics	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					m. Paediatric Haematology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					n. Paediatric Haemato-Oncology	Fellowship	3 years	1 year
					o. Paediatric Infectious Disease	Fellowship	2 years	1 year

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					p. Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Medicine	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					q. Paediatric Nephrology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					r. Paediatric Neurology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					s. Paediatric Oncology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					t. Paediatric Pulmonology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					u. Paediatric Rheumatology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					v. Tropical and Travel Paediatrics	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					w. Electrophysiology <i>(further subspecialisation for Paediatric Cardiologists)</i>	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					x. Imaging in Cardiology <i>(further subspecialisation for Paediatric Cardiologists)</i>	Fellowship	2 years	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					y. Paediatric Interventional Cardiology <i>(further subspecialisation for Paediatric Cardiologists)</i>	Fellowship	2 years	1 year

25.	Palliative Medicine	Master of Palliative Medicine/ MSc. Palliative Medicine	3 years	2 years	a. Paediatric Palliative Care	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Pain Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
26.	General Pathology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Chemical Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Clinical/ Medical Microbiology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Cytopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Dermatopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Forensic Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Haematology and Blood Transfusion	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					g. Histopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Immunopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Molecular Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					j. Ocular Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					k. Onco-pathology	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
					l. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					m. Transplant Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					n. Toxicology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
27.	Anatomic Pathology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Cytopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Dermatopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Forensic Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Molecular Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Ocular Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Onco-Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
28.	Clinical Pathology	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Chemical Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Clinical/ Medical Microbiology and Parasitology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Haematology and Blood Transfusion	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Immunopathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Molecular Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Transplant Pathology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Toxicology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
29.	Psychiatry	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Addiction Psychiatry	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	2 years	1 year
					c. Forensic Psychiatry	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Geriatric Psychiatry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					e. Liaison Psychiatry/ Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Military Psychiatry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year
					g. Neuropsychiatry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year
					h. Palliative Care and Thanatology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Psychotherapy/ Medical Psychotherapy	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year
					j. Sleep Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
30.	Radiology and Imaging	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	a. Breast Radiology/ Breast Imaging	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Cardiovascular Radiology/ Cardiothoracic Imaging	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Chest Radiology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Emergency and Trauma Radiology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Forensic Imaging	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					f. Head and Neck Radiology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Imaging Informatics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Interventional Radiology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					i. Materno-Foetal Ultrasound	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					j. Musculoskeletal Imaging	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					k. Neuroradiology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					l. Nuclear Radiology/ Nuclear Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					m. Oncologic Imaging	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					n. Paediatric Radiology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					o. Ultrasound	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					p. Women's Imaging	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
31.	Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	M.Med./ Collegiate/ Residency	4 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-

5.1.2 DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES

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S/No.	SPECIALIST RECOGNITION				SUBSPECIALIST RECOGNITION			
	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
1.	Dental Oral Anaesthesiology	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-
2.	Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-
3.	Endodontics	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-
4.	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	5 years	2 years	a. Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Cranio-maxillofacial Trauma Surgery/ Cranio-maxillofacial Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
					c. Facial Cosmetic Surgery/ Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					d. Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					e. Implantology	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					f. Orthognathic Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					g. Paediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					h. Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Surgery	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
5.	Oral Medicine	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	Orofacial Pain Care	Fellowship	2 years	1 year
6.	Oral Pathology/	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	Forensic Odontology/ Forensic Dentistry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology							
7.	Oral Surgery	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	<i>None</i>	-	-	-
8.	Orthodontics	MDS/ Clinical MSc./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	Craniofacial Orthodontics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
9.	Paediatric Dentistry	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	Special Care Paediatric Dentistry	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
10.	Periodontology	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Advanced Periodontics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					b. Dental Implantology/ Implantology and Tissue Regeneration	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year
					c. Geriatric Dentistry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	2 years	1 year

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	Specialty	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience	Subspecialties	Recognised/ Approved training programmes	Minimum duration of training	Minimum duration of supervised post-training experience
11.	Prosthodontics	MDS/ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Aesthetic Dentistry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year
					b. Dental Sleep Medicine	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
					c. Dental Implantology	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	1 year	1 year
					d. Geriatric Dentistry	Fellowship/ Clinical MSc.	2 years	1 year
					e. Maxillofacial Prosthodontics	Fellowship	1 year	1 year
12.	Restorative Dentistry	MDS/ Clinical MSc./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	a. Aesthetic Dentistry	Fellowship/ MSc.	1 year	1 year
					b. Dental Implantology	Fellowship/ MSc.	1 year	1 year
					c. Geriatric Dentistry	Fellowship/ MSc.	2 years	1 year
13.	Special Care Dentistry	MDS/ Clinical MSc./ Collegiate/ Residency	3 years	2 years	None	-	-	-

5.2 RECOGNISED CLINICAL CREDENTIALS

Practitioners who acquire credentials in specific clinical skills which improve their practice and performance but do not qualify for specialist or subspecialist recognition can have these credentials added to their practice licence provided that they submit evidence of qualification in the credential from a recognised accreditation body. These include:

- a. skills whose duration of training is less than the minimum required for specialty or subspecialty recognition;
- b. skills that are limited to a single modality of treatment, or
- c. skills that are limited to the treatment of a single disease.

Some of the additional clinical credentials are limited to practitioners who hold specific specialty qualifications.

The List of Additional Clinical Credentials recognised by KMPDC includes:

a. For Medical Practitioners:

1. Advanced Airway Management
2. Perioperative Management
3. Aviation Medical Examiner
4. Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy
5. Preventive Cardiology
6. Minimally Invasive Gynaecologic Surgery
7. Cosmetic Gynaecology
8. Minimally invasive surgical procedures such as: Endoscopy, Laparoscopy, Laser.

b. For Dental Practitioners:

1. Dental Implantology
2. Mucogingival Surgery
3. Periodontal Plastic Surgery

5.3 ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act and the *Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Training, Assessment and Registration) Rules* provide that the Council shall insert or note in the register any higher qualifications obtained by a practitioner in addition to the qualification previously registered, upon submission of the certificate of the higher qualification and payment of the prescribed fee. This allows for postgraduate qualifications that do not meet the criteria for approved specialty or subspecialty training to be inserted into the Council's register as additional qualifications. **However, such qualifications must be in a health-related field for which there is a demonstrable benefit to the health sector and the health status of Kenyans.** Broadly, these fields encompass public health, leadership, management, academia, policy and research. These additional qualifications in health-related fields can be:

- e. Postgraduate certificates, diplomas and higher diplomas;
- f. Bachelor of Science (BSc.) degrees;
- g. Other masters (MSc., MMedSc., MPH, MDPH, MBA, MHM, MPhil.) or doctorate (PhD) degrees that are not recognised as approved qualifications for specialist or subspecialist recognition, and/or
- h. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in any field of Medicine or Dentistry.

ABBREVIATIONS:

BSc.	Bachelor of Science
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MDPH	Master of Dental Public Health
MHM	Master of Healthcare Management
MMSc.	Master of Medical Science
MSc.	Master of Science
MPH	Master of Public Health
MPhil.	Master of Philosophy
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
PGCert.	Postgraduate certificate
PGDip.	Postgraduate diploma

Health-related fields in which additional qualifications are recognised by KMPDC for insertion into the register include:

S/No.	Field/ Discipline	Recognised options within field
1.	Bioethics	a. Clinical Ethics
		b. Medical Ethics and Law
		c. Research Ethics
		d. Public Health Ethics
2.	Biostatistics/ Medical Statistics	<i>None</i>
3.	Clinical Trials/ Clinical Research	<i>None</i>
4.	Community Health/ Community Health Sciences	<i>None</i>
5.	Disaster Management/ Disaster Medicine	<i>None</i>
6.	Epidemiology/ Field Epidemiology/ Applied Epidemiology	<i>None</i>
7.	Forensic Odontology/ Forensic Dentistry	<i>None</i>
8.	Gerontology	<i>None</i>
9.	Global Health	a. Global Health Policy
		b. Global Health Delivery
10.	International Public Health	<i>None</i>
11.	Public Health	a. Biostatistics
		b. Community Eye Health/ Public Health for Eye Care
		c. Community Health/ Community Health Services
		d. Disaster Medicine
		e. Environmental Health
		f. Epidemiology

S/No.	Field/ Discipline	Recognised options within field
		g. Gerontology
		h. Global Health
		i. Global Mental Health/ Community Mental Health/ Population Mental Health
		j. Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety
		k. Health Administration
		l. Health Economics
		m. Health Education and Health Communication
		n. Health Care Management/ Health System Management
		o. Health Policy/ Healthcare Policy/ Public Health Policy
		p. Health Promotion
		q. International Health
		r. Medical Statistics
		s. Monitoring and Evaluation
		t. One Health
		u. Occupational Health
		v. Sexual and Reproductive Health
		w. Sociomedical Sciences
		x. Tropical Medicine
12.	Dental Public Health	a. Community Dentistry
		b. Biostatistics
		c. Geriatric Dentistry
		d. Health Economics
		e. Healthcare Policy and Management
		f. Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety
		g. Oral Disease Epidemiology
13.	Global Mental Health	None

S/No.	Field/ Discipline	Recognised options within field
14.	Global Surgery (only for Surgical Specialists, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstetrician-Gynaecologists, • Ophthalmologists, • Oral Surgeons, and • Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons) 	None
15.	Health Care Management/ Health System Management	a. Health Economics b. Healthcare Operations Management c. Health Policy d. Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety
16.	Health Communication	None
17.	Health Economics	a. Global Health Economics b. Health Economics and Policy c. International Health Economics
18.	Health Informatics/ Bioinformatics	None
19.	Health Policy/ Global Health Policy/ Global Health Policy and Advocacy	None
20.	Health Promotion	None
21.	Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety	None
22.	Implementation Science	a. Behavioural and Implementation Sciences b. Clinical Investigation c. Clinical Service Operations/ Healthcare Operations d. Global Health Implementation Science e. Healthcare Service Delivery

S/No.	Field/ Discipline	Recognised options within field
		f. Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety
		g. Health Outcomes and Implementation Science
		h. Health Services Research and Policy
		i. Implementation and Dissemination Science
		j. Implementation and Prevention Science
		k. Knowledge Translation and Implementation Science
23.	Infectious Diseases	<i>None</i>
24.	Medical Physics	a. Diagnostic Medical Physics
		b. Nuclear Medical Physics
		c. Therapeutic Medical Physics
25.	Occupational Health/ Occupational Health and Safety	a. Occupational Health, Safety and Wellbeing
		b. Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management
26.	Pharmaceutical Medicine	<i>None</i>
27.	Science of Dental Materials/ Dental Materials Science/ Dental and Biomaterial Science	<i>None</i>
28.	Tropical Medicine	<i>None</i>
29.	Dental Education	<i>None</i>
30.	Medical Education	<i>None</i>
31.	Human Anatomy	<i>None</i>
32.	Immunology/ Immunology and Allergy/ Allergy	<i>None</i>

S/No.	Field/ Discipline	Recognised options within field
33.	Medical Biochemistry	<i>None</i>
34.	Medical Physiology	<i>None</i>
35.	Medical Microbiology	<i>None</i>
36.	Medical Mycology	<i>None</i>
37.	Medical Parasitology	<i>None</i>
38.	Medical Virology	<i>None</i>
39.	Oral Biology	<i>None</i>

5.4 APPROVED SPECIALIST AND SUBSPECIALIST TITLES

Section 22 of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act provides that it is an offence to:

- a. Practice, profess to practice, or publish one's name as practicing medicine or medicine or dentistry by a person who is not registered or licensed as a medical or dental practitioner under Cap. 253;
- b. Falsely or fraudulently represent or declare either orally or in writing that a person is a medical or dental practitioner (and any person who aids or assists herein);
- c. Falsely take or use a name, title or addition implying a qualification to practice medicine or dentistry, and
- d. Using the title "doctor" when one is not a registered medical or dental practitioner, and does not hold doctoral or other qualifications that entitle him/her to use that title,

among others.

In general, Practitioners are permitted to use the following approved titles:

- a. General practitioners should use the title **General Medical Practitioner** or **General Dental Practitioner**;
- b. Practitioners undertaking specialty training should use the title **Registrar** or **Resident** in the specialty field, e.g. Registrar in Anaesthesia or Resident in Anaesthesia;
- c. Practitioners who have successfully completed specialty training but are yet to receive Specialist Recognition from the Council should use the title **Senior Registrar** in the specialty field, e.g. Senior Registrar in Anaesthesia;
- d. Practitioners who have received Specialist Recognition from the Council are designated as **Medical Specialist** or **Dental Specialist**, and should use the approved specialist title in their field e.g. Anaesthesiologist;
- e. Practitioners undertaking subspecialty training should use the title **Fellow** in the specialty field, e.g. Fellow in Cardiac Anaesthesia, and
- f. Practitioners who have received Subspecialist Recognition from the Council are designated as **Medical Subspecialist** or **Dental Subspecialist**, and should use the approved subspecialist title in their field e.g. Cardiac Anaesthesiologist.

NOTE

A person can only use an approved specialist or subspecialist designation or title if he/she has been recognised by the Council as a specialist or subspecialist in the associated recognised specialty or subspecialty field.

5.4.1 MEDICAL SPECIALIST AND SUBSPECIALIST TITLES

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
1.	Anaesthesia		Anaesthesiologist
		a. Ambulatory Anaesthesia	Ambulatory Anaesthesiologist
		b. Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	
		c. Cardiac Anaesthesia	Cardiac Anaesthesiologist
		d. Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia	Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiologist
		e. Critical Care Anaesthesia	Critical Care Anaesthesiologist
		f. Neuro-Anaesthesia	Neuro-Anaesthesiologist
		g. Obstetric Anaesthesia	Obstetric Anaesthesiologist
		h. Paediatric Anaesthesia	Paediatric Anaesthesiologist
		i. Paediatric Critical Care Anaesthesia	Paediatric Critical Care Anaesthesiologist
		j. Pain Management	
		k. Regional Anaesthesia	Regional Anaesthesiologist
		l. Transplant Anaesthesia	Transplant Anaesthesiologist
m. Thoracic Anaesthesia	Thoracic Anaesthesiologist		
2.	Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine		Aviation Medicine Physician

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
3.	Clinical Genetics and Genomics		Clinical Geneticist
		a. Clinical Biochemical Genetics	Clinical Biochemical Geneticist
		b. Clinical Cytogenetics	Clinical Cytogeneticist
		c. Clinical Molecular Genetics	Clinical Molecular Geneticist
4.	Dermatology		Dermatologist
		a. Cosmetic Dermatology	Cosmetic Dermatologist
		b. Dermato-Oncology	Dermato-Oncologist
		c. Dermatopathology	Dermatopathologist
		d. Dermatosurgery	Dermatologic Surgeon
		e. Paediatric Dermatology	Paediatric Dermatologist
5.	Emergency Medicine		Emergency Physician
		a. Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	
		b. Medical Toxicology	Emergency Medical Toxicologist
		c. Paediatric Emergency Medicine	Paediatric Emergency Physician
		d. Critical Care Medicine	Critical Care Emergency Physician
		e. Emergency Medical Services	
		f. Palliative Medicine	Palliative Emergency Physician
		g. Pre-hospital and Retrieval Medicine	
		h. Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	Emergency Sports Physician
		i. Wilderness Medicine	Wilderness Emergency Physician

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
6.	Family Medicine		Family Physician
7.	Family and Emergency Medicine		Family and Emergency Physician
		a. Allergy and Immunology	Family Allergologist
		b. Dermatology	Family Dermatologist
		c. Emergency Medicine	Emergency Family Physician
		d. Geriatric Medicine	Family Geriatrician
		e. HIV Medicine	HIV Medical Specialist
		f. Palliative and Pain Medicine	Palliative Family Physician
		g. Sleep Medicine	Family Sleep Physician
		h. Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	Family Sports Physician
		i. Tropical and Travel Medicine	Family Tropical and Travel Physician
		j. Preventive Medicine	Family Preventive Physician
8.	General Surgery		General Surgeon
		a. Breast and Endocrine Surgery	Breast and Endocrine Surgeon
		b. Cardiothoracic Surgery	Cardiothoracic Surgeon
		c. ENT Surgery	ENT Surgeon/ Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon
		d. Neurosurgery	Neurosurgeon/ Neurological Surgeon
		e. Orthopaedic Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgeon
		f. Paediatric Surgery	Paediatric Surgeon
		g. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon
		h. Surgical Oncology	Surgical Oncologist
		i. Surgical Gastroenterology – Colorectal Surgery	Colorectal Surgeon

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		j. Surgical Gastroenterology – Hepato-pancreaticobiliary Surgery	Hepato-pancreaticobiliary Surgeon
		k. Surgical Gastroenterology – Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery	Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon
		l. Transplant Surgery	Transplant Surgeon/ Transplant General Surgeon
		m. Trauma and Critical Care Surgery	Trauma and Critical Surgeon
		n. Urology	Urologist/ Urological Surgeon
		o. Vascular Surgery	Vascular Surgeon
9.	Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery		Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon
		Paediatric Cardiac Surgery	Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon
10.	Neurosurgery		Neurosurgeon/ Neurological Surgeon
		a. Cerebrovascular and Skull Base Surgery	Cerebrovascular and Skull Base Surgeon
		b. Functional and Epilepsy Neurosurgery/ Stereotactic Neurosurgery	Functional Neurosurgeon
		c. Neuro-Oncology	Neurosurgical Oncologist
		d. Neurotrauma and Neurological Critical Care	Critical Care Neurosurgeon
		e. Neuro-Endovascular Surgery	Neuro-Endovascular Surgeon
		f. Paediatric Neurosurgery	Paediatric Neurosurgeon
		g. Spinal Neurosurgery	Spinal Neurosurgeon

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
11.	Otorhinolaryngology (ENT), Head and Neck Surgery		Head, Neck and Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon/ Head, Neck and ENT Surgeon
		a. Allergy and Rhinology	Allergy Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon/ Allergy ENT Surgeon
		b. Audiology and Vestibular Services	Otorhinolaryngologic Audiologist/ ENT Audiologist
		c. Facial Plastic Surgery	Facial Plastic ENT Surgeon/ Facial Plastic Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon
		d. Head and Neck Surgery	
		e. Laryngology	Laryngology Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon/ Laryngology ENT Surgeon
		f. Lateral Skull Base Surgery	Lateral Skull Base Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon/ Lateral Skull Base ENT Surgeon
		g. Otology/ Neurology	Oto-Neurologic Surgeon
		h. Otorhinolaryngology Oncology	Otorhinolaryngologic Surgical Oncologist/ ENT Surgical Oncologist
		i. Paediatric Otolaryngology	Paediatric Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon/ Paediatric ENT Surgeon
		j. Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Surgery	Anterior Skull Base Otorhinolaryngologic Surgeon/ Anterior Skull Base ENT Surgeon

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
12.	Orthopaedic Surgery		Orthopaedic Surgeon
		a. Arthroplasty	Arthroplastic Orthopaedic Surgeon
		b. Foot and Ankle	Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon
		c. Hand	Hand Orthopaedic Surgeon
		d. Orthopaedic Oncology	Orthopaedic Surgical Oncologist
		e. Paediatric Orthopaedics	Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
		f. Orthopaedic Reconstructive Microsurgery	Orthopaedic Reconstructive Microsurgeon
		g. Sports Orthopaedics	Sports Orthopaedic Surgeon
		h. Spine Orthopaedics	Spine Orthopaedic Surgeon
13.	Paediatric Surgery		Paediatric Surgeon
		a. Foetal Surgery	Foetal Surgeon
		b. Neonatal Surgery	Neonatal Surgeon
		c. Paediatric Colorectal Surgery	Paediatric Colorectal Surgeon
		d. Paediatric Hepatobiliary Surgery	Paediatric Hepatobiliary Surgeon
		e. Paediatric Surgical Oncology	Paediatric Surgical Oncologist
		f. Paediatric Transplant Surgery	Paediatric Transplant Surgeon
		g. Paediatric Trauma Surgery	Paediatric Trauma Surgeon
		h. Paediatric Urology	Paediatric Urologist/ Paediatric Urologic Surgeon
14.	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery		Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon
		a. Reconstructive Breast Surgery	Reconstructive Breast Surgeon
		b. Burns	Specialist in Burns Surgery

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		c. Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery	Cleft Lip and Palate Reconstructive Surgeon
		d. Cosmetic Surgery and Aesthetic Medicine	
		e. Facial Plastic Surgery	Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon
		f. Hand Surgery and Upper Limb	
		g. Head and Neck Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery	Head and Neck Reconstructive Surgical Oncologist
		h. Paediatric Plastic Surgery	Paediatric Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon
		i. Reconstructive Microsurgery	Plastic and Reconstructive Microsurgeon
		j. Wound and Regenerative Management	Specialist in Wound and Regenerative Management
15.	Urology		Urologist/ Urological Surgeon
		a. Andrology	Surgical Andrologist
		b. Endourology and Interventional Urology	Endourologist/ Interventional Urologist
		c. Female and Functional Urology	
		d. Paediatric Urology	Paediatric Urologist
		e. Reconstructive Urology	Reconstructive Urologist
		f. Transplant Urology	Transplant Urologist
		g. Trauma and Reconstructive Urology	Trauma Reconstructive Urologist
		h. Urologic Oncology	Urologic Oncologist
16.	Internal Medicine		Physician/ Internal Medicine Specialist
		a. Allergy and Immunology	Physician Allergologist and Immunologist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		b. Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	Aviation Medicine Specialist
		c. Cardiology	Cardiologist
		d. Chest Medicine/ Respiratory Medicine/ Pulmonology	Respiratory Physician/ Pulmonologist
		e. Clinical Genetics and Genomics	Medical Geneticist
		f. Clinical Hepatology	Clinical Hepatologist
		g. Critical Care Medicine	Critical Care Physician
		h. Diabetology	Physician Diabetologist
		i. Emergency Medicine	Emergency Physician
		j. Endocrinology	Endocrinologist
		k. Gastroenterology	Medical Gastroenterologist
		l. Geriatric Medicine	Geriatrician
		m. Haematology	Medical Haematologist
		n. Haemato-Oncology	Medical Haemato- Oncologist
		o. Infectious Disease	Infectious Disease Specialist
		p. Medical Oncology	Medical Oncologist
		q. Nephrology	Nephrologist
		r. Neurology	Neurologist
		s. Rheumatology	Rheumatologist
		t. Sleep Medicine	Sleep Physician
		u. Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine	Sports Physician
		v. Tropical and Travel Medicine	Tropical and Travel Physician
		w. Electrophysiology	Electrophysiologist
		x. Imaging in Cardiology	Cardiac Imaging Specialist
		y. Interventional Cardiology	Interventional Cardiologist
		z. Interventional Pulmonology	Interventional Pulmonologist
		aa. Transplant Hepatology	Transplant Hepatologist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
17.	Medical Microbiology		Medical Microbiologist
18.	Nuclear Medicine		Nuclear Medicine Specialist
19.	Obstetrics and Gynaecology		Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
		a. Gynaecologic Oncology	Gynaecologic Oncologist
		b. Maternal and Foetal Medicine	Materno-Foetal Medicine Specialist
		c. Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology	Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecologist
		d. Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility	Specialist in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
		e. Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery	Specialist in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery
20.	Occupational Medicine		Occupational Physician
		Aviation Medicine/ Aerospace Medicine/ Aviation and Space Medicine	
21.	Clinical Oncology		Clinical Oncologist
22.	Radiation Oncology		Radiation Oncologist
23.	Ophthalmology		Ophthalmologist
		a. Anterior Segment Surgery	
		b. Cataract and Refractive Surgery	
		c. Glaucoma	

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		d. Medical Retina and Uveitis/ Uveitis/ Uveitis and Ocular Immunology	
		e. Neuro-Ophthalmology	Neuro-Ophthalmologist
		f. Ocular Pathology	Ocular Pathologist
		g. Oculoplastics and Orbit	Oculoplastic Surgeon
		h. Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus	Paediatric Ophthalmologist
		i. Vitreoretinal Surgery/ Vitreoretinal Surgery and Uveitis	
24.	Paediatrics and Child Health		Paediatrician
		a. Adolescent Medicine	
		b. Developmental Paediatrics	Developmental Paediatrician
		c. Emergency Paediatrics	Emergency Paediatrician
		d. Neonatology	Neonatologist
		e. Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology	Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinologist
		f. Paediatric and Adolescent Sports Medicine	Paediatric Sports Physician
		g. Paediatric Allergology and Immunology	Paediatric Allergologist and Immunologist
		h. Paediatric Cardiology	Paediatric Cardiologist
		i. Paediatric Critical Care/ Paediatric Emergency and Critical Care	Critical Care Paediatrician/ Emergency and Critical Care Paediatrician
		j. Paediatric Dermatology	Paediatric Dermatologist
		k. Paediatric Gastroenterology	Paediatric Gastroenterologist
		l. Paediatric Genetics and Genomics	Paediatric Geneticist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		m. Paediatric Haematology	Paediatric Haematologist
		n. Paediatric Haemato-Oncology	Paediatric Haemato-Oncologist
		o. Paediatric Infectious Disease	Paediatric Infectious Disease Specialist
		p. Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Medicine	Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Disease Specialist
		q. Paediatric Nephrology	Paediatric Nephrologist
		r. Paediatric Neurology	Paediatric Neurologist
		s. Paediatric Oncology	Paediatric Oncologist
		t. Paediatric Pulmonology	Paediatric Pulmonologist
		u. Paediatric Rheumatology	Paediatric Rheumatologist
		v. Tropical and Travel Paediatrics	Tropical and Travel Paediatrician
		w. Electrophysiology	Paediatric Electrophysiologist
		x. Imaging in Cardiology	Paediatric Cardiac Imaging Specialist
		y. Paediatric Interventional Cardiology	Paediatric Interventional Cardiologist
25.	Palliative Medicine		Palliative Medicine Specialist
		a. Paediatric Palliative Care	Paediatric Palliative Medicine Specialist
		b. Pain Medicine	Palliative Pain Medicine Specialist
26.	General Pathology		General Pathologist
		a. Chemical Pathology	Chemical Pathologist
		b. Clinical/ Medical Microbiology	Medical Microbiologist
		c. Cytopathology	Cytopathologist
		d. Dermatopathology	Dermatopathologist
		e. Forensic Pathology	Forensic Pathologist
		f. Haematology and Blood Transfusion	Haematologist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		g. Histopathology	Histopathologist
		h. Immunopathology	Immunopathologist
		i. Molecular Pathology	Molecular Pathologist
		j. Ocular Pathology	Ocular Pathologist
		k. Onco-pathology	Oncopathologist
		l. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology	Paediatric and Perinatal Pathologist
		m. Transplant Pathology	Transplant Pathologist
		n. Toxicology	Toxicologist
27.	Anatomic Pathology		Anatomic Pathologist
		a. Cytopathology	Cytopathologist
		b. Dermatopathology	Dermatopathologist
		c. Forensic Pathology	Forensic Pathologist
		d. Molecular Pathology	Molecular Pathologist
		e. Ocular Pathology	Ocular Pathologist
		f. Onco-Pathology	Oncopathologist
		g. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology	Paediatric and Perinatal Pathologist
28.	Clinical Pathology		Clinical Pathologist
		a. Chemical Pathology	Chemical Pathologist
		b. Clinical/ Medical Microbiology	Medical Microbiologist
		c. Haematology and Blood Transfusion	Haematologist
		d. Immunopathology	Immunopathologist
		e. Molecular Pathology	Molecular Pathologist
		f. Transplant Pathology	Transplant Pathologist
		g. Toxicology	Toxicologist
29.	Psychiatry		Psychiatrist
		a. Addiction Psychiatry	Addition Psychiatrist
		b. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
		c. Forensic Psychiatry	Forensic Psychiatrist
		d. Geriatric Psychiatry	Psychiatric Geriatrician
		e. Liaison Psychiatry/ Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	Liaison Psychiatrist
		f. Military Psychiatry	Military Psychiatrist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		g. Neuropsychiatry	Neuropsychiatrist
		h. Palliative Care and Thanatology	Palliative Care Psychiatrist
		i. Psychotherapy/ Medical Psychotherapy	Psychiatric Psychotherapist/ Medical Psychotherapist
		j. Sleep Medicine	Sleep Psychiatrist
30.	Radiology and Imaging		Radiologist/ Radiology and Imaging Specialist
		a. Breast Radiology/ Breast Imaging	Breast Radiologist/ Breast Imaging Specialist
		b. Cardiovascular Radiology/ Cardiothoracic Imaging	Cardiovascular Radiologist
		c. Chest Radiology	Chest Radiologist
		d. Emergency and Trauma Radiology	Emergency and Trauma Radiologist
		e. Forensic Imaging	Forensic Radiologist
		f. Head and Neck Radiology	Head and Neck Radiologist
		g. Imaging Informatics	Imaging Informatics Specialist
		h. Interventional Radiology	Interventional Radiologist
		i. Materno-Foetal Ultrasound	Materno-Foetal Ultrasound Specialist
		j. Musculoskeletal Imaging	Musculoskeletal Imaging Specialist
		k. Neuroradiology	Neuroradiologist
		l. Nuclear Radiology/ Nuclear Medicine	Nuclear Radiologist
		m. Oncologic Imaging	Oncologic Imaging Specialist
		n. Paediatric Radiology	Paediatric Radiologist
		o. Ultrasound	Ultrasound Specialist
		p. Women's Imaging	Women's Imaging Specialist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
31.	Sports Medicine/ Sports and Exercise Medicine		Sports Medicine Specialist

5.4.2 DENTAL SPECIALIST AND SUBSPECIALIST TITLES

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
1.	Dental Oral Anaesthesiology		Dental Oral Anaesthesiologist
2.	Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology		Dental and Maxillofacial Radiologist
3.	Endodontics		Endodontist
4.	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery		Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
		a. Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery	Cleft and Craniofacial Surgeon
		b. Craniomaxillofacial Trauma Surgery/ Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery	Craniomaxillofacial Trauma Surgeon
		c. Facial Cosmetic Surgery/ Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Facial Plastic Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
		d. Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Surgery	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical Oncologist
		e. Implantology	Oral and Maxillofacial Implantologist
		f. Orthognathic Surgery	Orthognathic Surgeon
		g. Paediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgeon
		h. Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Surgery	Temporomandibular Surgeon
5.	Oral Medicine		Oral Medicine Specialist
		Orofacial Pain Care	Orofacial Pain Specialist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
6.	Oral Pathology/ Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		Oral Pathologist/ Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist
		Forensic Odontology/ Forensic Dentistry	Forensic Odontologist
7.	Oral Surgery		Oral Surgeon
8.	Orthodontics		Orthodontist
		Craniofacial Orthodontics	Craniofacial Orthodontist
9.	Paediatric Dentistry		Paediatric Dentist
		Special Care Paediatric Dentistry	Special Care Paediatric Dentist
10.	Periodontology		Periodontist
		a. Advanced Periodontics	Advanced Periodontist
		b. Dental Implantology/ Implantology and Tissue Regeneration	Periodontal Implantologist
		c. Geriatric Dentistry	Geriatric Periodontist
11.	Prosthodontics		Prosthodontist
		a. Aesthetic Dentistry	Aesthetic Prosthodontist
		b. Dental Sleep Medicine	Dental Sleep Medicine Specialist
		c. Dental Implantology	Prosthodontic Implantologist
		d. Geriatric Dentistry	Geriatric Prosthodontist
		e. Maxillofacial Prosthodontics	Maxillofacial Prosthodontist
12.	Restorative Dentistry		Restorative Dentist
		a. Aesthetic Dentistry	Aesthetic Dentist
		b. Dental Implantology	Restorative Implantologist

S/No.	SPECIALTY	SUBSPECIALTIES	APPROVED TITLE
		c. Geriatric Dentistry	Restorative Geriatric Dentist
13.	Special Care Dentistry		Special Care Dentist

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE REVIEW OF THE LIST OF RECOGNISED SPECIALTIES AND SUBSPECIALTIES (2019)

On 13th September 2023, the CEO/Registrar of the Council appointed a Technical Working Group (TWG) to spearhead the process of reviewing The List of Recognised Specialties and Subspecialties (2019) comprised of the following:

Name	Role	Affiliation
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Dr Marybeth C. Maritim	TWG Member	University of Nairobi/ Kenya Association of Physicians/ Infectious Disease Society of Kenya
Prof. Vitalis Mung'ayi	TWG Member	Aga Khan University Hospital/ Kenya Society of Anaesthesiologists
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Adv. Eunice Muriithi	TWG Secretariat	KMPDC
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