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Current list of allied health professional titles registered by Maldives Allied Health Council and their minimum required educational qualifications.

The list of allied health professionals currently being registered by the Maldives Allied Health Council and their Minimum Required Educational Qualifications is given below. The list is arranged according to categories mentioned under clause 45(b) of the law 13/2015 (Healthcare Professionals Act). The list will be publicly updated periodically to reflect changes in professional titles as well addition of new titles. The new list replaces list published on April 28, 2024 (version 5)

<i>Allied Health Professionals title</i>	<i>Minimum qualifications</i>	<i>Field of qualifications</i>	<i>Eligibility for Title</i>
1) Professionals of Behavioural Sciences	Please refer to Psychology and Counseling Professionals Registration and Licensing Pathways for registration criteria. Gazetted on 25 January 2022 ((IUL)23-MAHC/23/2022/47)	Please refer to Psychology and Counseling Professionals Registration and Licensing Pathways for registration criteria. Gazetted on 25 January 2022 ((IUL)23-MAHC/23/2022/47)	
Licensed Psychological Associate			<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Licensed Provisional Psychologist			<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Licensed Psychologist <i>(Please also refer to additional notes)</i>			
Licensed Clinical Psychologist			
Licensed Counseling Psychologist			
Licensed Child Psychologist			
Licensed Counseling Associate			<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Licensed Assistant Counselor			<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Licensed Provisional Counselor			<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Licensed Counselor			
Licensed Psychotherapeutic Counselor			
Licensed Mental Health Counselor			

Licensed Marriage and Family Counselor			
Licensed Addiction Counselor			
Licensed Domestic Violence Counselor			
Licensed Psychotherapist			
Licensed Assistant Behavior Therapist			<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Licensed Behavior Therapist			
Social Worker (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of social work	
Social Worker	Bachelor's degree	Social work	
Assistant Social Worker	Diploma (<i>Please refer to additional notes</i>)	Social work	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
2) Clinical and Physical Therapists			
Occupational Therapist (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of Occupational Therapy	
Occupational Therapist	Bachelor's degree	Occupational Therapy	
Occupational Therapy Technician	Diploma	Occupational Therapy	
Physiotherapist (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of Physiotherapy	
Physiotherapist	Bachelor's degree	Physiotherapy	
Physiotherapy Technician	Diploma	Physiotherapy	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Speech Language Pathologist (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of Speech Therapy	
Speech Language Pathologist	Bachelor's degree	Speech Therapy	
Speech Language Pathology Technician.	Diploma	Speech Therapy	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Prosthetist and Orthotist	Bachelor's degree	Prosthetics and Orthotics	
Prosthetic and Orthotic Technician	Diploma	Prosthetics and Orthotics	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Respiratory Therapist	Bachelor's degree	Respiratory Therapy	
Podiatrist	Bachelor's degree	Podiatry	
3) Community health professionals;			
Community health (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of Community health	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Primary Health Care Worker	Diploma	Community health	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Community Health Worker (<i>Renewal of registration of existing registrants only</i>)	Certificate	Community health	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Family Health Worker. (<i>Renewal of registration of existing registrants only</i>)	Certificate	Community health	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>

4) Clinical and Health Technology professionals			
Biomedical Technologist	Bachelor's degree	Biomedical degrees based on clinical health technology subjects	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Clinical Biotechnologist	Bachelor's degree	Bachelor's degrees which are based on clinically applied biotechnology subjects. Excludes bachelor's degrees which are based on non-clinical subjects	
Clinical Scientist (Embryology)	Training in embryology completed as a three-year full time, work-based learning and training programme which includes academic study at Masters level. Also, completion of an undergraduate degree in a related subject, for example medical laboratory science, biology, microbiology genetics or biochemistry	Embryology	
5) Medical Laboratory Professionals			
Medical Laboratory Technologist (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of medical laboratory	
Medical Laboratory Technologist	Diploma	Medical laboratory	
Microbiology Technologist	Bachelor's degree	Microbiology degrees based on clinical health technology subjects	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Biochemistry Technologist	Bachelor's degree	Biochemistry degrees that include clinical health technology subjects	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
6) Professionals of Traditional, alternative and complementary medicine			
ދިވެހިބޭސު ޤިސްމު	Dhivehibeys course or training, assessment recognized by Maldives Allied Health Council.	Dhivehi beys	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
ހިޖާމިސްޓްރީ ޤިސްމު (Renewal of registration of existing registrants only)	Restricted to current registrants only		<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Hijamist	Completion of a course covering components of Competency standard for Hijama Practitioners published on 27 3/1/2019 ((IUL)23-MAHC/23/2019/80). Online courses are not accepted	Hijama cupping practices	

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner	Bachelor's degree	Chinese Traditional Medicine	
Ayurvedic Medicine Practitioner	Bachelor's degree	Ayurvedic Medicine	
Unani Medicine Practitioner	Bachelor's degree	Unani medicine	
Homeopathic Medicine Practitioner	Bachelor's degree	Homeopathic Medicine	
Homeopathic Therapist	Diploma	Homeopathic Medicine	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Acupuncturist	Bachelor's degree	Acupuncture	
Acupuncture Technician	Diploma	Acupuncture	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Remedial Massage Therapist	Diploma	Remedial massage	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
6) Pharmacy professionals			
Pharmacist (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of pharmacy	
Pharmacist	Diploma	Pharmacy	
Pharmacy Assistant	Advanced Certificate	Pharmacy	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Dispensers	Advanced Certificate	Pharmacy	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
7) Dieticians and nutritionists			
Dietitian (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of Dietetics	
Dietitian	Bachelor's degree	Dietetics	
Nutritionist (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of Nutrition	
Nutritionist	Bachelor's degree	Nutrition	
8) Additional professionals recognized by the council.			
Optometrist (Specialized Field)	Master's degree	Specialized area of Optometry	
Optometrist	Degree	Optometry	
Optometry Technician	Diploma	Optometry	
Assistant Dental Hygienist	Diploma	Dental Hygiene	
Assistant Dental Therapist	Diploma	Dental Therapy	
Radiography Technician	Diploma	Radiography	
Radiologic Technologist	Bachelor's degree	Radiography	
Paramedic	Bachelor's degree	Emergency Medical Technology	
Assistant Emergency Medical Technician	Diploma	Emergency Medical Technology	
Emergency Care Assistant	Certificate level 2	Emergency Medical Technology	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Operation Theatre Technician	Diploma	Operation Theatre Technology	

Cardiovascular Technician	Diploma	Cardiovascular Technology	
Neurodiagnostic Technician	Diploma	Neurodiagnostic technology	
Phlebotomist	Training	Phlebotomist training program accredited by Maldives Allied Health Council.	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Perfusionist	Bachelor's degree in Cardiovascular perfusion OR Bachelor's degree in science together with postgraduate diploma in Cardiovascular perfusion technology with related registration in a professional body	Cardiovascular perfusion	
Chiropractor	Bachelor's degree	Chiropractic Science	
Sonographer	Bachelor's degree with Postgraduate Diploma in sonography	Sonography	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>
Sports Therapist	Bachelor's degree	Sports therapy or exercise science	<i>Maldivian applicants only</i>

Additional notes relevant to educational qualification and experience of allied health professionals

Recognition of Qualifications

1. The qualifications stated above are the Minimum Required Educational Qualifications for registering under each professional title.
2. For the purposes of document advanced certificate, diploma, Bachelor's degree, Masters degrees are programs recognized by the Maldives Allied Health Council. Please note that program recognition is also required separately for programs recognized by Maldives Qualifications Authority as the council also considers additional requirements for registration and licensing as an allied health professional. These requirements may include the coverage of knowledge and competencies within the program including clinical placements.
3. Although requirements may vary for different professionals it is expected that a minimum duration for diploma is 2 academic years, Bachelor's degree is 3 to 4 years and master's degree 1.5-2 years for full time programs.
4. Programs from local institutes must hold accreditation with the Maldives Allied Health Council.
5. Programs studied abroad by Maldivian students must have received program approval from this council.
6. Programs studied abroad by Maldivian students without having received a program approval from this council will require individual evaluation to determine programs eligibility for registration.
7. If a qualification was issued more than 10 years ago at the time of application, council may impose additional educational requirements or assessments before considering the application.

8. Foreign applicants' qualifications must be issued by educational institutes in their home country which are authorized to issue allied health professional qualifications. Also, bachelors and postgraduate qualifications should be from institutes registered in their home country to offer such qualifications. E.g. University Grant Commission India. Application will be rejected If the qualification issuing body is not accredited or recognized in the national system of a particular country in accordance with the national policies, or generally accepted practice of that country.
9. In recognizing educational programs and training institutions weightage will be given to the level of recognition given to the educational program and training institution by educational authorities and relevant professional bodies governing registration and licensing in the country of award including international recognition. Additionally, the duration, content of study, competencies gained and the completion of clinical practice, practical training is considered.
10. Educational programs that train allied health professional are generally expected to be learnt via regular face to face learning modality. Fully distance, correspondence or online learning programs are not accepted for registration. However regular programs with some distance correspondence or online learning may be accepted, provided the council has determined that the particular subject(s) can be delivered in that manner.
11. Applicants having post graduate qualifications and applying for titles of that level should also have undergraduate qualifications and must meet the minimum educational qualification and experience requirements in the same professional field for the preceding professional title. Any exceptions will occur if mentioned in a specific registration pathway published for those professionals.
12. Qualifications of honorary nature should not be submitted and will not be considered for registration.
13. During national emergencies declared by the government and for professionals visiting under a bilateral understanding between Maldives and other governments or international organizations, recognition of educational programs and training institutions of foreign applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the council on application.

Changes to names of titles including discontinued titles

14. The names of several titles have been revised. However, the former title names remain valid until expiration of the registration period.
15. Applicants currently registered as Assistant Social Worker with an Advanced certificate (MNQF level4) are eligible to keep their registration with the council until 31 December 2028. The purpose is to provide registrants time to upgrade to diploma level qualifications in social work.
16. Previous Licensed Psychologists whose scope of practice has been restricted to child clients by the council are provided the title Licensed Psychologist (Restricted to child)
17. Applicants currently registered as Assistant Social Worker with an Advanced certificate (MNQF level4) are eligible to keep their registration with the council until 31 December 2028. The purpose is to provide registrants time to upgrade to diploma level qualifications in social work.
18. The following titles mentioned below have been removed from the previous list of titles Version 4. June 8, 2022.
 - a. Licensed Provisional Assistant Counselor
 - b. Histology Technologist
 - c. Blood Bank Technologist
 - d. Cytology Technologist
 - e. Reiki Practitioner
 - f. Ayurveda Therapist

Among these titles currently there are no registrants under Histology Technologist, Blood Bank Technologist and Cytology Technologist titles. Registration of Licensed Provisional Assistant Counselor, Ayurveda Therapist and Reiki Practitioner will not be renewed further.

19. Students who have been provided course approvals at overseas institutes by the council, indicating future eligibility for registration as Biomedical Technologist, will be provided option to become Medical Laboratory Technologists after an evaluation of the course components for suitability for the title followed by successful completion of a competency-based assessment.

Foreign applicants

18. Foreign applicants in general are required to have minimum two years of recent certified professional experience. However, for specialized fields the council may require applicants to have additional professional experience. Only post qualification experience is counted.
19. Professional registration in home country is required if there is a statutory professional body or authority for registration in the home country at national level or in its absence at subnational/state level.
20. Foreign applicants for Licensed Counselor, Licensed psychologists must hold registration with professional body of their home country if a statutory body for professional governance and registration exists e.g. Rehabilitation Council of India. Only professional experience gained under the registration of such a body will be considered.
21. Foreign applicants for Licensed Counselor, Licensed psychologists who have not completed a structured clinical placement program as part of qualifying as a Licensed Counselor, Licensed psychologist, must demonstrate adequate documented experience and be available for a competency assessment before being considered for registration.
22. Foreign applicants are required to provide proof of English language competency in addition to their professional qualifications. The council requires foreign applicants to have an English language competency equivalent to the International English Language Testing System overall score of 5.5 with a minimum of 5 in each IELTS band. English language competency requirement is exempted for foreign applicants of countries where the first language is English. Also, applicants can submit results of internationally recognized equivalent exams e.g. TOEFL, OET provided the council is able to verify the results using candidate details. Test results must not be older than two years at the time of application for registration and must have been obtained at one sitting. Applicants can email to inquire about acceptance of a particular exam. Please also note that currently the council does not accept English language proficiency certificate given by universities including medium of Instruction certificates.

The council also provides the option of participating in an interview to assess English Language competency for the following categories. Pharmacist, Medical Laboratory Technologist, Optometrist, Radiography Technician, Radiologic Technologist, Assistant Dental Hygienist, Assistant Dental Therapist, Assistant Emergency Medical Technician, Neurodiagnostic Technician, Cardiovascular Technician and Operation Theatre Technician