

# Master of Medicine (Ophthalmology) Programme

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### 1. What does the Master of Medicine (Ophthalmology) [MMed (Ophth)] Programme fee cover?

The MMed (Ophth) Programme fee covers the administrative cost of the programme during the student's candidature period, the operating cost of the conjoint MMed/FRCOphth exams in Singapore and two pre-approved Academic Course fees. It is a one-time payment upon acceptance into the programme.

Upon acceptance into the programme, you will be issued an NUS student card. This card grants you access to the NUS Medicine+Science Library.

Please note that the Fellowship of Royal College of Ophthalmologists (FRCOphth) examination fees are not included in the MMed (Ophth) Programme fee. FRCOphth exams are managed by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth).

Information on the FRCOphth examinations can be found [here](#).

Residents who are employed by the MOH Holdings (MOHH) may seek reimbursement of the following fees from MOHH:

- MMed (Ophth) Application Fee (payable during application)
- MMed (Ophth) Programme Fee
- FRCOphth Examination Fees (only for first attempt)

Upon conferment of the MMed (Ophth) degree, Ophthalmology residents will be eligible for promotion to Senior Residents.

### 2. What is the recommended timeline for the Master of Medicine (Ophthalmology) programme?

The table below shows the recommended completion of each component by residency year:

Residency Year:	Components		Remarks
1	Clinical Component 1	Offered jointly with Part 1 Written FRCOphth Examination	-
	Clinical Component 2	Offered jointly with FRCOphth Refraction Certificate	Based on feedback given by Programme Directors and various SIs, DGMS will recommend students to attempt this exam in the first year of residency training.
	Academic Component	Course 1	-
2	Clinical Component 3	Offered jointly with Part 2 Written FRCOphth Examination	-
	Academic Component	Course 2	-
3	Clinical Component 3	Offered jointly with Part 2 Oral FRCOphth Examination	Based on feedback given by Programme Directors and various SIs, DGMS will recommend students to attempt the exams after 30 months of residency training.
	Clinical Component 4	Portfolio Review; EPA-WBA	-

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Fulfilment of all the components and exams must be completed in a timely and satisfactory manner, or it may result in a delay in the attainment of your MMed (Ophth) Degree.

### 3. When will I be eligible to attend the NUS Commencement?

Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS) must receive all documents i.e. Pass Letters, Certificates of Completion, EPA-WBA Checklist/EPA by the end of April each year. Upon acknowledgement from DGMS of the successful completion, you will be eligible to attend the NUS Commencement Ceremony in July of the same year.

### 4. Can I register for FRCOphth exams that are held overseas instead of Singapore and will my Pass Letter/result be accepted?

You are strongly encouraged to attempt the FRCOphth Refraction Certificate and Part 2 Oral FRCOphth exams in Singapore.

If you choose to partake in FRCOphth Refraction Certificate and/or Part 2 Oral FRCOphth held overseas, fulfilment of the component will be decided by the MMed Committee on a case by case basis.

### 5. I had already sat some of the FRCOphth exams before entering the Ophthalmology residency programme. Will these Pass results be recognised?

Students who read and passed the FRCOphth examinations prior to entering the Ophthalmology residency programme i.e. before entering Residency Year 1, may submit the official Pass Letters and results from RCOphth to DGMS. Fulfilment of the component will be decided by the MMed Committee on a case by case basis.

### 6. What should be submitted for the Clinical Component 4 – Portfolio Review; EPA / EPA-WBA Checklist?

For AY2022/2023 cohort, you are required to submit the interim EPA-WBA Checklist designed by DGMS. You may find a copy of the checklist [here](#).

For AY2023/2024 and subsequent cohorts, you are required to submit the EPA logs (for Junior Residents – R1-R3) implemented within your residency programme.

Either type of portfolio review requires endorsement from your respective sponsoring institution's Programme Director.

### 7. I have a Master of Sciences (MSc) and/or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Will I still be required to take 2 courses to fulfil the Academic Component?

Candidates with recognised MSc and/or PhD may be granted an exemption for the Academic Component. Please submit your MSc and/or PhD certificates and transcripts to DGMS for review.

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### 8. What are the pre-approved courses for Academic Component?

The list of pre-approved courses is as follows:

- a. Evidence-based Medicine Workshop conducted by [Asian EBM Centre](#)
- b. Clinical Research Training (Basic and Intermediate) by [Singapore Eye Research Institute \(SERI\)](#)
- c. Courses/programmes offered by the National University of Singapore
  - i. Graduate Programmes offered by [Division of Graduate Studies](#)
  - ii. Master of Public Health Programme offered by [Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health](#)
  - iii. Graduate Programmes offered by [Department of Biomedical Sciences](#)

### 9. How do I register for the pre-approved courses?

Courses	Remarks
Evidence-based Medicine Workshop conducted by <a href="#">Asian EBM Centre</a>	DGMS will check with the Programme Directors (PDs) and Programme Coordinators (PCs) for any interested students. Following this, DGMS will liaise and follow-up on the registration for the respective courses.
Clinical Research Training (Basic and Intermediate) by <a href="#">Singapore Eye Research Institute (SERI)</a>	
Graduate Programmes offered by <a href="#">Division of Graduate Studies</a>	Students will need to apply for the courses via the respective websites themselves. Confirmation of placement is subject to the respective school/department's discretion.
Master of Public Health Programme offered by <a href="#">Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health</a>	
Graduate Programmes offered by <a href="#">Department of Biomedical Sciences</a>	

### 10. Must I apply for leave to attend the courses?

Most of the courses are held over a period of time and may involve in-person classes. Students are responsible for seeking permission from their Programme Director and applying for leave from their respective Sponsoring Institutions.

Please note that some courses required a minimal attendance before you are issued the Certificate of Completion.

### 11. How do I seek approval for non-pre-approved courses from the Master of Medicine (Ophthalmology) Committee?

You must send an email with the course details (Name, Course Brochure/Link, Date of Course, Fees) to [renfang@nus.edu.sg](mailto:renfang@nus.edu.sg) at least two months prior to the registration for the course.

Courses must meet the following requirements:

- Courses are relevant and offer added knowledge in the field of Ophthalmology/Medicine outside the residency programme.
- There must be an assessment at the end of the course to ensure that residents have well-gripped the knowledge.

You may only register for the course once the MMed (Ophth) Committee has approved.

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### 12. How and when should I submit course fee reimbursement claims to DGMS?

Claims for the approved Academic Courses should be submitted to DGMS within 1 month after the end of each course. Please update and ensure your bank account details in [EduRec](#) are accurate.

Please submit the following documents via email to [renfang@nus.edu.sg](mailto:renfang@nus.edu.sg):

- a. Official Receipt/Proof of Transaction
- b. Certificate of Completion/Attendance

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#### 13. What are the possible permutations of courses to fulfil the Academic Component?

Here are some possible scenarios where you can fulfil the Academic Component:

No.	Course 1	Course Fees	Course 2	Course Fees	Remarks
1	[Recommended] EBM Workshop by Asian EBM Centre	SGD1,300 (Inclusive of GST)	[Recommended] Clinical Research Training (Basic and Intermediate) by SERI	TBC	Covered by NUS – no action required by students.
2	[Recommended] EBM Workshop by Asian EBM Centre	SGD1,300 (Inclusive of GST)	External Course <sup>#</sup> , subject to approval by MMed Ophth Committee	Up to SGD1,700 (inclusive of GST)	The claimable amount for course 2 is up to SGD1,700 (inclusive of GST)
3	[Recommended] Clinical Research Training (Basic and Intermediate) by SERI	TBC	External Course <sup>#</sup> , subject to approval by MMed Ophth Committee	Refer to Remarks	The total claimable amount for Course 1 and Course 2 is up to SGD3,000 (inclusive of GST)
4	External Course <sup>#</sup> , subject to approval by MMed Ophth Committee	Refer to Remarks	External Course <sup>#</sup> , subject to approval by MMed Ophth Committee	Refer to Remarks	The total claimable amount for Course 1 and Course 2 is up to SGD3,000 (inclusive of GST)
<b>Notes:</b>					
- <sup>#</sup> Course 1 and Course 2 must be of different topics/subjects.					

Students are required to pay out-of-pocket for any external courses (with the exception of EBM Workshop by Asian EBM Centre and Clinical Research Training by SERI) and submit the receipt and certificate of completion to DGMS for reimbursement. The total reimbursed amount is capped at SGD3,000 (inclusive of GST) if a student is to claim for two external courses.