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# HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Besides the conditions indicated in the offer letter, medical students must be screened and vaccinated before admission. The Ministry of Health (MOH) has mandated these additional requirements for all healthcare workers, health science students and medical students.

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All candidates may have their screenings and immunisations done at:



### UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE

(UHC) Level 1, 20 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119080

The deadlines by which the screening and immunisation must be completed are set out in the "Screening and Vaccination Deadlines" table. Students who did not take their vaccinations at the University Health Centre (UHC) must submit vaccination records, and/or proof of immunity for each of the mentioned health requirements to UHC by the stipulated deadline



### UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE (UHC)

Email: [uhc\\_health@nus.edu.sg](mailto:uhc_health@nus.edu.sg)  
Website: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc>

Students who do not comply with this requirement will not be allowed to attend lessons in hospitals. The first clinical posting will start on the week of **28 August 2023**.

Prospective Singaporean students may download a copy of their childhood immunization records from the **National Immunization Registry (NIR)** or **Health Hub Portal** to be submitted to UHC at the email address provided above.



<https://www.nir.hpb.gov.sg/nirp/eservices/login>



<https://www.healthhub.sg>

The Health Requirements may be subject to change, updates can be found at <https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/admissions/health-requirements>



# SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

## PART 1

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### MUMPS, MEASLES AND RUBELLA

All prospective medical students should be immune (from documented infection) or fully vaccinated. Students should provide **official records of two previous vaccinations or serological screening results** or physician-documented diagnoses of the previous infection as proof of immunity. Self-declaration of the previous infection is not sufficient.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for MMR if he/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine.

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### VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX)

All prospective medical students should be immune or vaccinated. Students should provide **documentation of immunity (positive serology) or official records of having received two previous vaccinations.**

Self-declaration is only acceptable if the history of varicella was physician diagnosed and documented as such. Where the history of varicella is uncertain, immunity against varicella would need to be confirmed by serological testing.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for Chickenpox if:

- i. He/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine;
- ii. He/she has documented evidence of two administrations of the varicella vaccine (i.e. a non-responder).

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### TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND PERTUSSIS

All prospective medical students should receive tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (**Tdap**) **vaccination if they have not previously received the Tdap vaccination.**

Students who have previously received Tdap vaccination should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years. If Td is unavailable, Tdap may be used.

Those who have not previously received tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) should be vaccinated with a single dose of Tdap, regardless of the interval since the last dose of tetanus or diphtheria-containing vaccine.

**Documented proof of vaccination with Tdap or Td in the last 10 years would be acceptable as evidence of immunity.** Self-declaration is not considered proof of immunity.

# SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

## PART 2

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### BLOOD BORNE DISEASES (BBD)

All prospective students should be screened and vaccinated (Hepatitis B) against the following:

- **HEPATITIS B**

All prospective medical students should be **screened for Hepatitis B** carriage. Students who do not have documented serological evidence of immunity against Hepatitis B (i.e. anti-HBs  $\geq 10$  mIU/mL) must be vaccinated with the primary course series (i.e. 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine). A post-vaccination serology test should be conducted to determine the concentration of protective antibodies i.e. anti-HBs of at least 10 mIU/mL, one month after the last Hepatitis B injection

- **HEPATITIS C**

All prospective medical students should be **screened for Hepatitis C**.

- **HIV**

All prospective medical students should be **screened for HIV**. Students enrolled in courses that might require them to perform or assist in exposure-prone procedures (EPPs) must be screened. Screening should be carried out before final admission into the course, as results may affect students' career choices. Students who tested positive for Hep B, Hep C and/or HIV will be counselled to understand that their areas of practice in medicine will be restricted to non-exposure-prone procedure areas.

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### COVID 19

All prospective medical students should receive 2 doses of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine or 3 doses of non-mRNA vaccine followed by booster dose(s) in accordance with the Singapore Government's requirements.

Please inform the school if, for any reason, you generally cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19. Healthcare students would need to be fully vaccinated if they are to engage in any direct patient contact-related activities.

The Health Requirements may be subject to change, updates can be found at <https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/admissions/health-requirements>

The above information is accurate as of 28 April 2023.



# SCREENING AND VACCINATION

## PART 1

Submit proof of immunity (blood test) or previous vaccinations by **7 August 2023\***. The following table provides you with the immunisation guidelines if you are not vaccinated or do not have sufficient antibodies.

	Immunisation	Deadline	Post Vaccination Screening
1	<p><b>MUMPS, MEASLES AND RUBELLA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 doses; minimum interval of at least 4 weeks apart</li> <li>• Students who have only received one dose of MMR during childhood should be vaccinated with second dose of MMR</li> </ul>	<p>To submit proof of first injection by <b>7 August 2023</b></p> <p>To complete by <b>4 September 2023</b></p>	NA
2	<p><b>VARICELLA ZOSTER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 doses; minimum interval of 4-8 weeks apart</li> </ul>	<p>To submit proof of first injection by <b>7 August 2023</b></p> <p>To complete by <b>4 September 2023</b></p>	NA
3	<p><b>TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA &amp; PERTUSSIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 dose of Tdap; students who have previously received Tdap vaccination should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years. If Td is unavailable, it may be replaced with Tdap.</li> </ul> <p>Documented proof of vaccination with Tdap or Td in the last 10 years would be acceptable as evidence of immunity. Self-declaration is not considered proof of immunity.</p>	<p>To complete and submit proof of vaccination by <b>4 September 2023</b></p>	NA

\*If you are offered a place in NUS Medicine after 31 July 2023, you will be required to submit your proof of screening and vaccinations within 10 working days of the offer.

The above information is accurate as of 28 April 2023.



# SCREENING AND VACCINATION

## PART 2

Submit proof of immunity(blood test) or previous vaccinations by **7 August 2023\***. The following table provides you with the immunisation guidelines if you are not vaccinated or do not have sufficient antibodies.

	Immunisation	Deadline	Post Vaccination Screening
<b>4.A</b>	<b>HEPATITIS B</b>  Primary vaccination consists of 3 doses or a single booster dose	1st dose by <b>7 August 2023</b> 2nd dose by <b>4 September 2023</b>  Complete 3 doses and post-screening blood test by <b>28 February 2024</b>	Anti-HBs testing within 1-2 months after completion of the primary 3 dose vaccination series or single booster dose
<b>4.B</b>	<b>HEPATITIS C</b>  Screening Report	To submit screening report by <b>7 August 2023.</b>	Screening report required
<b>4.C</b>	<b>HIV</b>  Screening Report	To submit screening report by <b>7 August 2023.</b>	Screening report required
<b>5</b>	<b>COVID 19</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccination certificate</li> <li>• Documented proof showing medical ineligibility status</li> </ul>	Submit proof of all doses or documentation why vaccine cannot be given <b>7 Aug 2023</b>	NA

\*If you are offered a place in NUS Medicine after 31 July 2023, you will be required to submit your proof of screening and vaccinations within 10 working days of the offer.

The above information is accurate as of 28 April 2023.

# SERVICE OBLIGATION AGREEMENT

## FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

Singaporean Students	Singapore PR & International Students
5 years of Bond (excluding housemanship)	6 years of Bond (excluding housemanship)

Those awarded PSC/MINDEF scholarships/bursaries will be bonded according to the terms of their respective awards.

For more information:

[Ministry of Health](#)

Tel: 6325 9104

All candidates admitted to the Medical course at NUS, **except** recipients of PSC/MINDEF scholarships/bursaries, are required to serve the Government of Singapore upon completing the course for several years as stated in the table above.

Students must sign an agreement with the Government to serve the bond period as specified. Accepting the offer of admission to the MBBS undergraduate degree course is contingent upon signing the agreement with the relevant authority in the year of entry to the University.

Students who fail to fulfill the bond obligations must pay liquidated damages (LD). The amount of liquidated damages is computed based on the subsidy granted and disbursed by the Government to the student, with the application of compound interest, and pro-rated by the number of completed months of service. Failure to obtain the MBBS or to complete the MBBS undergraduate degree course within the time stipulated by NUS would also be considered a breach of the Agreement's provisions.

### To sign the bond, two (2) persons are required to stand as your sureties\*. They should:

- be between 21 to 65<sup>^</sup> years of age;
- not be in financial bankruptcy
- be able to provide proof of financial means to pay for the scholarship liabilities should these become due, viz. banker's guarantee or proof of ownership of assets. The asset(s) must be owned by the surety (not mortgaged) with purchase value above the quantum of liquidated damages.

OR

- be gainfully employed and drawing an income of at least S\$1,000 per month
- not be a party to an existing bond, scholarship, or bursary; and
- not be bonded with existing scholarship, bursary, or study loan agreement.

#### Note:

\*For Citizens and Permanent Resident students, the first surety should be a Singapore Citizen. The second surety can be a Permanent Resident. Sureties for international students may be non-citizens if they are parents of these students. Otherwise, each surety must be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident.

<sup>^</sup>Surety applicants above 65 years old would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## NUS Financial Aid

The financial aid package is designed with the recognition that your university education is a partnership involving **you, your family, and the university.**

Your average expected cost of attendance (tuition fees and living expenses) will be considered. Indicators such as the financial neediness of your family and other mitigating factors will be assessed.

If you are granted the scholarship, the financial aid package may comprise a combination of loans, bursaries, grants, and work-study assistance designed for your specific financial situation.

For more information, refer to the [Office of Admission](#).

3-way partnership between **you, your family and the university.**

Additional Financial Aid through the School's program.

## NUS Medicine Financial Aid

In addition to the financial aid packages offered by the NUS Office of Financial Aid, NUS Medicine offers over 90 needs-based scholarships and bursaries to assist students with financial difficulties.

[Financial Aid Brochure](#)

Students only need to apply once (i.e. no separate application needed) to be considered for all NUS and NUS Medicine bursaries and scholarships through the [Office of Financial Aid](#).

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

The application period is from mid-January to early March.

Release of application result.

Students are advised to apply for financial assistance online by **30 June**.

For further queries, reach out to NUS Medicine Financial Aid at [medfinancialaid@nus.edu.sg](mailto:medfinancialaid@nus.edu.sg)

# NATIONAL SERVICE FULL-TIME DISRUPTION

## FOR MEDICAL STUDIES AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Only selected **Full-Time National Servicemen (NSFs)** who are deemed suitable to serve as doctors in the *Singapore Armed Forces (SAF)*, *Singapore Police Force (SPF)*, or *Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF)* during their full-time National Service will be eligible for disruption to pursue undergraduate medical studies.

The year of matriculation on the offer letter will be amended to the current year of study on the date of your disruption, after the **Ministry of Defence** confirms the disruption status. You will receive an email from the NUS Registrar's Office after that to register and obtain your matriculation number.

The **Local Medical Disruption Scheme (LMDS)** applies to servicemen who are selected for local undergraduate medical studies.

You will be **automatically considered for LMDS** if you are offered a place in NUS Medicine.

Not all servicemen who have secured places at NUS will be disrupted. Several servicemen will be selected for disruption based on manpower and operational requirements of the Singapore Armed Forces for NSF Medical Officers (MOs).

### Criteria for NSFs Disruption :

**A**

Should have good military performance and conduct, with no adverse disciplinary records during their full-time National Service up until the point of disruption.

**B**

Should be medically and physically fit to undergo rigorous training to assume the duties of Medical Officers in a military environment.

**C**

Should have successfully completed their Basic Military Training.

**D**

Should have at least 12 months of full-time National Service balance to serve as medical officers (excluding the required Basic Military Training) upon re-enlistment. As such, those without the minimum full-time National Service balance will be requested to agree to a voluntary extension of service as a condition for disruption.

# LMDS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

## FOR NSFS WHO ARE DISRUPTED FROM FULL TIME NATIONAL SERVICE

### SPECIALIST TRACK

Complete two years of Residency/post-graduate training after graduating from NUS and before re-enlistment to complete the remaining full-time NS commitment as MOs in one continuous period.

### NON-SPECIALIST TRACK

Serve 6 to 12 months as a Medical Officer in hospitals under the Ministry of Health after their housemanship

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Servicemen selected for disruption are to indicate if they agree to the conditions before they are disrupted. Those who accept the terms and conditions of the LMDS should complete registration formalities in late **July 2023** subject to fulfilling all the conditions of admission.

*For any enquires regarding LMDS disruption, please contact your Unit or MINDEF/SAF Human Resource Shared Services.*

Those not granted disruption are required to serve out their active and reserve service in the vocations they were assigned to as NSFs just as in the case of all other NSFs offered in other courses in the university. Those not disrupted under the Local Medical Disruption Scheme will have their places to study undergraduate medicine at NUS reserved until completion of full-time NS, subject to the conditions of admission set out.

Undergo at least 3 months of clinical postings in Emergency Medicine and/or Anaesthesiology before their re-enlistment,

Serve 12 months or the remainder of their NS commitment, whichever is longer, as an MO upon re-enlistment.

### IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR DISRUPTION:

Please email the **MINDEF/SAF Human Resource Shared Services Centre (HRSSC)** regarding your decision through:

[disruption@defence.gov.sg](mailto:disruption@defence.gov.sg) 

This is only applicable for Servicemen who have secured places in NUS Medicine but do not wish to be considered for disruption.



# CONTACT US

## **NUS Medicine Admissions Team**

(Medicine Admissions enquiries)

Email: [medadmissions@nus.edu.sg](mailto:medadmissions@nus.edu.sg)

## **NUS Office of Admissions**

(NUS Application Portal & General Application enquiries)

Website: <https://www.askadmissions.nus.edu.sg/>

## **NUS Medicine Office for Students**

(Financial Aid & Health Requirement enquiries)

Email: [medstudentaffairs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:medstudentaffairs@nus.edu.sg)



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