1. Qualifications

1.1 Possess a basic dental degree recognised by the Malaysian Dental Council
1.2 Is fully registered as a dental practitioner with the Malaysian Dental Council and possesses a current annual practicing certificate from the Malaysian Dental Council
1.3 Holds a postgraduate degree in oral pathology/oral medicine recognized by the Government of Malaysia
   - Membership of Royal College of Pathologists (MRCPath)
   - Fellowship in Faculty of Oral Pathology of the Royal Australasian College of Pathologists (FFOP RACPath)
   - Master in Clinical Dentistry in Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine (University of Malaya)
   - Diplomate from American Board of Oral Maxillofacial Pathology
   - Master of Science (MS) (Oral Pathology/Oral Maxillofacial Pathology) in USA and Fellow, Academy of Oral Maxillofacial Pathology
   - Membership of the Faculties of Dental Surgery, Royal Colleges of Surgeons (MFDSRCS) and Master in Clinical Dentistry (M Clin Dent) or MSc (Oral Pathology or Oral Medicine) in United Kingdom.
   - Fellowship of Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS) and Master in Clinical Dentistry (M Clin Dent) or MSc (Oral Pathology or Oral Medicine) in Australia / New Zealand.
   - Any other equivalent postgraduate degree recognised by the Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine Subspecialty Committee. In such cases, consideration will be on a case by case basis. The following will be considered in the deliberations:
     a) The total period of training in Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine should not be less than 4 (FOUR) years and should be equivalent to that in Clause 2.2 and satisfy Clause 2.3
     b) The training should be carried out in a centre accredited for training
     c) Evidence of satisfactory training shall include:
        i. Curriculum of the training programme
        ii. Evidence of satisfactory completion of the training programme
        iii. Reports from supervisor (s) / trainer (s) on satisfactory achievement of Clauses 2.2 and 2.3

2. Training

2.1 The training programme should have the specific objectives of producing a competent specialist with consultant level skills in management of oral medicine cases and producing oral histopathology reports.
2.2 The training programme should include at least 3 (THREE) years of supervised training in a laboratory accredited for Anatomic Pathology training with acquisition of competence to perform the following:

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<th>Practical Skills</th>
<th>Level of competence</th>
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<td>Reporting of routine surgical pathology including</td>
<td>Able to perform unsupervised</td>
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<td>histochemistry and immunohistochemistry</td>
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<td>Recognise common ultrastructural changes of</td>
<td>Able to perform under indirect supervision</td>
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<td>diagnostic significance</td>
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<td>Frozen sections</td>
<td>Able to perform under indirect supervision</td>
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<td>Reporting of cytological smears</td>
<td>Able to perform unsupervised</td>
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Fine needle aspiration and reporting of FNA smears | Able to perform unsupervised
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Record keeping and disease indexing (eg SNOMED) | Able to perform unsupervised
Manage a diagnostic anatomic pathology laboratory | Able to perform unsupervised
Provide active consultancy services for patient care | Able to perform unsupervised

2.3 The training programme should ensure that the following procedures have been undertaken and assessed during the training period.

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<tr>
<td>Routine surgical pathology reporting</td>
<td>2000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frozen section reporting</td>
<td>Not specified</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reporting of smears</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Case reports (Oral Medicine)</td>
<td>At least 5 in each category of disease</td>
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3. **Work Experience**

3.1 At least 6 (SIX) months of working experience under supervision in an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine facility after acquisition of the postgraduate professional qualification as in Clause 1.3.
3.2 The above clause (3.1) should be evidenced by a supervisor (s) report (s) indicating satisfactory completion of the supervised working experience.

4. **Designations**

4.1 An Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist is a specialist who is competent to report oral biopsies and manage oral medicine cases.

5. **Exemptions**

5.1 A senior Dental Specialist practicing in Malaysia for at least 5 (FIVE) years and recognized by his/her peers can be credentialed as Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist without the need for submission of details of training (Clause 2) and a supervisor’s report (Clause 3) if he/she fulfils the following criteria:
5.1.1 Has been gazetted as Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist by the Ministry of Health and currently practices as an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist in Malaysia
5.1.2 Is currently registered as a Dental Specialist under the Specialist Register of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia and currently practices as an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist in Malaysia
5.1.3 Is currently appointed as an academic staff of a local university and currently practices as an Oral Pathology / Oral Medicine specialist in Malaysia
5.2 Notwithstanding any of the above, the Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Subspecialty Committee reserves the right to assess applications which do not conform to Clauses 2, 3 and 5.1 on a case-by-case basis.

6. **Professional Good Standing**

6.1 The onus lies with the applicant to declare to the Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Subspecialty Committee any instance (s) of loss of professional good standing.