

CLARIFICATION REGARDING MQA ADVISORY NOTE NO. 4/2020

1. PURPOSE:

1.1. The purpose of this notice is to provide clarification regarding MQA's latest advisory note regarding guidelines for managing programmes offered at Higher Education Institutions during and after the Movement Control Order (MCO) implemented by the Government of Malaysia. The items include:

- Cancellation/Postponement of School Examinations
- English Language Competency Requirements for International Students

2. IMPLEMENTATION:

2.1. Cancellation/Postponement of Examinations

2.1.1. The Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia has defined the minimum entry qualifications needed in order for students to pursue their intended courses at Higher Education Institutions in Malaysia.

2.1.2. The ongoing Covid19 pandemic worldwide has resulted in the cancellation/postponement of these examinations in majority of countries and International Students cannot enrol as they have not fulfilled the academic entry requirement.

2.1.3. *MQA has now announced that **grades and certificates issued by the relevant state authorities from the student's home country or international certification bodies may be accepted by Education Institutions in Malaysia to enrol International Students.***

2.2. English Language Competency Requirements for International Students

2.2.1. Education Institutions are also required to ensure International Students achieve the English Language Competency requirement that has been set by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia.

2.2.2. MQA has also mentioned that some international competency tests accepted by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia such as Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet -Based Test (TOEFL iBT) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) offer online tests that candidates can take at home. Pearson

PTE Academic is also offered in a few locations around the world including Malaysia with limited number of candidates.

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