

Sultan Qaboos University
College of Medicine and Health Sciences
Office of the Assistant Dean for Training & Community Services (AD-TCS)

Rules and Regulations of Internship Training Program
for Interruption of Training and Delay of Internship Joining Date
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Delayed of Joining the Internship Program since Graduation

Acceptable duration since graduation

1. An intern may not delay joining the Internship program for more than 12-months since fulfilling graduation requirements. The delayed interns shou'd be subjected to an interview. Based on the performance in the interview, they might be subjected to an Entry Assessment Period (EAP).
2. If the delay exceeds 12-months but less than 24-months since fulfilling the graduation requirements, then the candidate should be subjected to the following procedures:
 - a. The candidate should pass successfully a standæ-d competency exam such as International Foundation of Medicine (IFOM) Exam, Prometric Test, or USMLE or Equivalent.
 - b. The candidate should be subjected to an interview in order to decide the EAP. Rules of weak performance during interview will be applied.
 - c. The candidate has to undergo an EAP of 3-months at SQUH. The speciality of EAP will be decided by the interview committee.
 - d. If the EAP completed successfully, the candidate will be permitted to join the internship program.
 - e. If the 3-months EAP is not completed successfully, the candidate should be subjected to another 3-months EAP. If the second 3-months EAP is not completed successfully, then the candidate will not be permitted to join the internship program.
3. If the delay exceeds 24-months but less than 48-months since fulfilment of graduation, then the candidate should be subjected to the following procedures:
 - a. The candidate should pass a standard competency exam such as International Foundation of Medicine (IFOM) Exam, Prometric Test, USMLE, or Equivalent.
 - b. The candidate should be subjected to an interview in order to decide the EAP. Rules of weak performance during interview will be applied.
 - c. The candidate has to undergo an EAP of 6-months at SQUH. The speciality of EAP will be decided by the interview committee.



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- d. If the 6-months EAP completed successfully, the candidate will be permitted to join the internship program.
 - e. If the 6-months EAP is not completed successfully, then the candidate will not be permitted to join the internship program.
4. If the delay exceeds 48-months since fulfillment of graduation, the candidate will not be permitted to join the internship program.

Plan for candidates with weak performance during interview

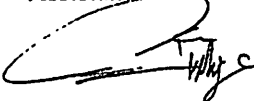
1. The interview should include representatives of specialties involved in the internship program.
2. The evaluation should be thorough and fulfil the weighted items in the interview evaluation form.
3. A candidate with weak performance during interview should be subjected to an Entry Assessment Period (EAP) of 3-months.
4. If the EAP completed successfully, the candidate will be permitted to join the internship program.
5. A candidate fails the 3-months EAP, should be subjected to another 3-months EAP. If the candidate fails the second EAP, then the candidate will not be permitted to join the internship program.

Interruption of Training

1. A limited interruption may be considered in case of severe situations such as maternity leave, illness of the intern or a first-degree relative, and death of a first-degree relative.
2. Supportive documents should be submitted.
3. Interruption may be allowed for more than once during the training period based on the case.
4. The interruption should not exceed 1-month. The training period prior to the interruption would be counted, provided that the intern passes the evaluation. The intern must compensate for the period of interruption with an equivalent period at the end of the training program.
5. Request for more than 1-month would be subjected to approval of the Internship Committee and the Dean, and the intern would need to repeat the entire rotation or the internship year based on the evaluation of the case.
6. In case the interruption exceeds 12-months, then *Rules of Delay of Joining the Program* will be applied.

Signed by: 
 Assistant Dean for Training and Community Services

Date: 14/11/2017

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