

# ROLE OF DESIGNATED WORKPLACE DOCTOR (DWD) AND HOW TO APPLY



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**Occupational Health (OH)** focuses on how work and the work environment affect workers' health. As an employer, you must ensure that work does not harm your workers' health.



It is the legal duty of employers to take reasonable measures to ensure the safety and health of their employees at work.

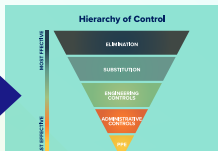
(Ref. Workplace Safety and Health Act)

Occupational health professionals, including the **Designated Workplace Doctor (DWD)** and **Occupational Hygienist**, support employers to comply with the **Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Act** and its regulations.

## HOW CAN A DWD SUPPORTS EMPLOYER IN COMPLYING WITH WSH ACT AND ITS REGULATIONS?



DWDs help employers monitor and manage health risks from workplace exposures that can lead to occupational diseases or work-related diseases.



This helps employers to evaluate the effectiveness of control measures in place to ensure that the work and the work environment does not affect workers' health.

## HOW TO APPLY AS A DWD?

Eligibility Criteria for Registration:



1

Valid Annual Practicing Certificate issued by the Brunei Medical Board, Brunei Darussalam; and

2

Minimum qualification: Micro-Master of Occupational Health and Safety issued by the University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD)

\*Notes: other equivalent or higher qualifications are subject to approval.

## WHO IS A DESIGNATED WORKPLACE DOCTOR (DWD)?

- Where medical surveillance is required, you must engage a qualified occupational health doctor.
- A Designated Workplace Doctor (DWD) is a medical practitioner who is trained in Occupational Health and Safety and registered with the Brunei Medical Board and SHENA.
- Trained DWDs will be able to conduct medical examinations and assist workplaces in effectively monitoring and managing potential health risks from various occupational exposures.

## WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF A DWD



**Conducts pre-employment / periodic medical examination:**

- To ensure that workers are medically fit to work with specific health hazards in the workplace.
- This helps detect work-related health issues early, allowing for early medical intervention to prevent occupational diseases or work-related diseases.

**Assist Risk Assessment:**

DWD helps employers to identify and manage workplace health hazards or evaluate the effectiveness of control measures in place.

**Conducts fitness to return to work examination:**

Supports employees returning to work after prolonged illness or injury.

**Provides health education:**

Educates employers and employees on workplace health and safety.



The application form to register as a Designated Workplace Doctor (DWD) can be downloaded from SHENA website (under the 'Licenses & Registrations' section) and emailed to [wshapplication@shena.gov.bn](mailto:wshapplication@shena.gov.bn)

For further clarifications, please email your enquiries to



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