

MMA tells MOH to implement gradual medical officer placements

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) wants the Ministry of Health (MOH) to consider difficulties faced by medical officers when relocations occur, which would directly impact healthcare services.

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The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) wants the Ministry of Health (MOH) to implement gradual medical officer placements according to cohorts to minimise the impact on healthcare services.

"MMA appreciates MOH for approving the appeals of 332 medical officers for placement transfers and urges the ministry to improve the e-Housemen (e-HO) system and review the financial assistance needs of the medical officers involved in the transfer.

"The ministry's concern regarding this issue and the challenges faced by the doctors would be greatly appreciated," he said in a statement today.

Last Saturday, the Minister of Health, Dr. Zaliha Mustafa announced that 332 out of 1,834 appeals for medical officer placement transfers have been approved and the medical officers involved have started reporting to their new posts on Monday.

At the same time, a total of 4,155 medical officers have been successfully absorbed into permanent positions.

Dr. Muruga stated that the MMA also appreciates the step of absorbing 4,155 medical officers into permanent positions, but MOH needs to improve the e-HO system to facilitate the implementation of medical officer placements in the future.

"We also hope that the required financial assistance for the relocating medical officers will be reevaluated. This is because the cost of living, including transportation expenses, has increased and this should be taken into account. The relevant allowances should also be reviewed accordingly," he said.