

4,053 Contract Health Workers Get Permanent Positions

It's the highest number of permanent positions given out with 3,215 medical officers, 438 dental officers and 400 pharmaceutical officers getting hired.

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Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said the ministry has made 4,053 health workers into permanent staff in a bid to address the complaints of contract healthcare providers in public service.

A total of 3,215 medical officers, 438 dental officers and 400 pharmaceutical officers were hired while 225 applicants were put on a reserve list.

Successful applicants can download their offer letters from the MySTP SPA portal from 29 August 2022 onwards.

KKM is also launching an e-system placement (e-Housemen, e-Dentist and e-Pharmacist) in mid-September 2022 to allow successful applicants to choose their preferred placements online.

Successful applicants will be notified about the e-system placement system a week earlier via email. They will officially report for duty on 17 October 2022.

Khairy said it's the biggest annual permanent post appointment since the contract policy began in 2016.

According to [Malay Mail](#), at least 1,500 contract staff will be absorbed each year after this.

The ministry will make the decision with the Public Services Commission whether the applicants who failed will be able to apply again.

In my opinion, I think those that did not succeed this year should be given another chance to try again. I understand there will be some that are disappointed and we will discuss with the Malaysian Medical Association on the next steps for those that will remain as contract officers.

Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin

The ministry will try to ensure that unsuccessful applicants will be given better incentives and chances to continue practising medicine in their specialties and subspecialties.

Khairy said there have been discussions on how to better compensate unsuccessful applicants from walking out of disappointment such as better allowances and opportunities for permanent positions.

He added that hiring more permanent positions would be possible if more budget was allocated towards the ministry.

The MMA has urged the government to increase the healthcare budget to 5% of the country's gross domestic product from its current 2.59%.

Previously, the Public Service Department (JPA) has decided to cancel the bonds of thousands of contract officers who successfully apply for release to reduce the number of contract medical professionals stuck in government service.