

**Strategies to Support the Movement of Professionals in Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing  
in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services  
2018-2022**

**Objective:** For Thailand to have a guideline to support the movement of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services

**Expected Outcomes:** The Ministry of Public Health having a clear guideline to support the movement of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services

**Goal:** To achieve a creative integration on the development of personnel in the healthcare professions amongst ASEAN countries, thereby maximising the efficiency of the service providers and the benefits enjoyed by the healthcare receivers

**Strategic Points:**

1. Determination of guidelines/policies to improve the health service system and support the movement of professionals
2. Development of mechanisms to facilitate and support the movement of professionals
3. Improvement of capacity and enhancement of capabilities of personnel to support the movement of professionals
4. Enhancement of cooperation between domestic and international organisations to support the operations

**Strategic Point No. 1: Determination of Guidelines/Policies to Improve the Health Service System and Support the Movement of Professionals**

- Objectives:**
1. To determine clear guidelines/objectives practical for implementation for the purpose of enhancing the health service system and supporting the movement of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services
  2. To create measures/mechanisms for the purpose of maintaining the safety standards in health services and supporting the movement of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing

Strategies	Project/Activities	Key Result/Indicators	Organisation/Unit
<p>1. Promoting and supporting agencies in their determination of healthcare policies by prescribing or creating policies under the MRAs to ensure that they are consistent with the public policies amongst the countries in the ASEAN Community and other relevant commercial frameworks.</p>	<p>1.1 Strengthening of the mechanisms for cooperation and coordination between various councils of professions, the Ministry of Public Health and/or other relevant agencies both in the government and the private sector;</p> <p>1.2 Strictly performing under the obligations such as relevant resolutions of national and international conferences;</p> <p>1.3 Appointing delegates or agencies as representatives of Thailand in attending international conferences with full capabilities to specify or accept relevant obligations as</p>	<p>1.1 The level of success in cooperation between MRA-related agencies;</p> <p>1.2 The level of success in pushing the performance under the MRA-related international obligations.</p>	<p>Main Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Health</li> <li>- Councils of Professions</li> </ul> <p>Supporting Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Health Service Support</li> </ul> <p>Other Relevant Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Commerce, Department of Trade Negotiations</li> <li>- Royal Thai Police</li> <li>- Immigration Bureau</li> <li>- Private Hospital Association Thailand</li> <li>- Other relevant private organisations</li> </ul>

	the Country's representatives.		
2. Enhancing the safety and quality standard of the health service system to accommodate the ASEAN Community and the movement of professionals.	<p>2.1 Improving know-how and standards of the professionals;</p> <p>2.2 Determining policies on patient safety;</p> <p>2.3 Determining procedures and regulations on the application for particular professional licences;</p> <p>2.4 Determining policies on malpractice insurance;</p> <p>2.5 Determining and organizing development projects for healthcare professionals on foreign languages, and local languages with basic inspection of qualifications upon employment;</p> <p>2.6 Determining a mechanism for inspection of operations;</p> <p>2.7 Procuring a mechanism for the appropriate improvement of health service centres for the purpose of accommodating the movement of the ASEAN population.</p>	<p>2.1 The level of success in regulating and monitoring professionals to ensure compliance with Thailand's various standards;</p> <p>2.2 The number of complaints;</p> <p>2.3 International policies which can be implemented.</p>	<p>Main Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Health</li> <li>- Councils of Professions</li> </ul> <p>Supporting Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Health Service Support</li> <li>- Agencies and organisations in the private sector</li> </ul> <p>Other Relevant Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other relevant private organisations</li> </ul>

**Strategic Point No. 2: Development of Mechanisms to Facilitate and Support the Movement of Professionals in Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services**

**Objective:** To create and develop relevant operating mechanisms to support and facilitate the movement of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services

Strategies	Project/Activities	Key Result/Indicators	Organisation/Unit
1. Developing relevant mechanisms to facilitate professionals in the ASEAN Community in accordance with the ASEAN Framework on Health Services and other related commercial frameworks.	<p>1.1 Supporting the development and revision of laws, rules, and regulations both domestic and international which are relevant to the professions;</p> <p>1.2 Efficiently developing, revising, and enforcing laws in relation to the MRAs;</p> <p>1.3 Enhancing cooperation networks between relevant health service agencies both in the private and public sectors in relation to enforcement of laws for the purpose of ensuring maximum benefits for the professionals and the consumers, including in relation to consumer protection.</p> <p>1.4 Supporting and facilitating professionals in their movement from their</p>	<p>1.1 The level of success in the development, revision, and enforcement of laws;</p> <p>1.2 The level of success in the creation of cooperation networks between the agencies;</p> <p>1.3 The level of success in the lawful facilitation of the professionals;</p> <p>1.4 The level of success in the development and revision of domestic and international laws relevant to the MRAs.</p>	<p>Main Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Health</li> <li>- Councils of Professions</li> </ul> <p>Supporting Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Health Service Support</li> <li>- Agencies and organisations in the private sector</li> </ul> <p>Other Relevant Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>- Ministry of Commerce, Department of Trade Negotiations</li> <li>- Ministry of Labour</li> <li>- Immigration Bureau</li> </ul>

	<p>countries of origins to the destinations, in accordance with the international law;</p> <p>1.5 Developing employment systems for foreign professionals into agencies both in the private and public sectors.</p>		
<p>2. Developing a support system for the enforcement of laws, budgeting information, monetary, and finance.</p>	<p>2.1 Determining mechanisms for regulation, inspection, and evaluation of the performance of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in the ASEAN Community, as well as monitoring the movement.</p>	<p>2.1 The level of success of the mechanisms for regulation, inspection, and evaluation of the performance of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in the ASEAN Community.</p>	<p>Main Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Health</li> <li>- Councils of Professions</li> </ul> <p>Supporting Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Health Service Support</li> <li>- Agencies and organisations in the private sector</li> </ul> <p>Other Relevant Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Interior</li> <li>- Ministry of Labour</li> <li>- Private Hospital Association Thailand</li> <li>- Immigration Bureau</li> </ul>

**Strategic Point No. 3: Improvement of Capacity and Enhancement of Capabilities of Personnel to Support the Movement of Professionals in Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services**

**Objective:** To enhance the capacity and the capabilities of the country's professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing to ensure their quality and competitiveness in the ASEAN market, in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services

Strategies	Project/Activities	Key Result/Indicators	Organisation/Unit
<p>1. Improving the capabilities of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing to ensure effective provision of health services under the MRAs;</p> <p>2. Improving the capabilities of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in accordance with the Super Vision criteria.</p>	<p>1.1 Promoting public health institutions and personnel training units to ensure continual training courses for the development of the professionals' skills;</p> <p>1.2 Improving and ensuring the professionals' knowledge and understanding of the working standards, and the medical and healthcare systems of the countries of destination;</p> <p>1.3 Supporting the healthcare professionals in the ASEAN Community to allow for continual research and studies on healthcare and medicine;</p> <p>1.4 Improving morals, professional ethics, and conscience in healthcare professionals in their provision of medical services;</p> <p>1.5 Developing language courses</p>	<p>1.1 The level of success in the promotion of public health institutions and personnel training units to ensure continual training courses for the development of the professionals' skills;</p> <p>1.2 The level of success in the improvement of knowledge in working standards and systems;</p> <p>1.3 The level of success in the support on the professionals' to ensure research and studies;</p> <p>1.4 The level of success in the improvement of morals, professional ethics, and conscience in the professionals;</p> <p>1.5 The level of success in the development of language courses and central</p>	<p>Main Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Health</li> <li>- Councils of Professions</li> <li>- Ministry of Education</li> </ul> <p>Supporting Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Health Service Support</li> <li>- Agencies and organisations in the private sector</li> </ul>

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**Strategic Point No. 4: Enhancement of the cooperation between domestic and international organisations to support the operations**

**Objective:** To create cooperation mechanisms at the domestic and ASEAN regional level between relevant agencies to support professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in the ASEAN Community, in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services

Strategies	Project/Activities	Key Result/Indicators	Organisation/Unit
<p>1. Enhancing cooperation between domestic and international agencies to support the operations of professionals in medicine, dentistry, and nursing in the ASEAN Community, and to maximise the benefits of sharing of know-how and resources.</p>	<p>1.1 Establishing an authority with the duty to implement mechanisms under the MRAs, procure highly competent personnel, and operate under the ASEAN Framework on Health Services;</p> <p>1.2 Encouraging cooperation between professional associations both on the domestic and international scale;</p> <p>1.3 Supporting Thailand’s delegates and improving their capabilities in attending the CCS / HSSWG / AJCC conferences;</p> <p>1.4 Developing databases and websites for consumers and ensuring their universal access and maximum utilisation ;</p> <p>1.5 Financially supporting councils of professions and relevant agencies to improve</p>	<p>1.1 The level of success in the establishment of the authority and its operations;</p> <p>1.2 The level of success in the encouragement of cooperation between the professional associations;</p> <p>1.3 The level of success in the development of databases and facilitating websites.</p>	<p>Main Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Public Health</li> <li>- Councils of Professions</li> </ul> <p>Supporting Organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Health Service Support</li> <li>- Agencies and organisations in the private sector</li> </ul> <p>Other Relevant Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Commerce, Department of Trade Negotiations.</li> </ul>



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