

Rule of the Ministry of Public Health
Concerning the qualifications, criteria, and procedures for selecting qualified members of the
National Communicable Disease Committee
B.E. 2559 (2016)

Whereas it is expedient to prescribe the qualifications, criteria, and procedures for selecting qualified members of the National Communicable Disease Committee.

By virtue of Section 5 and of the last paragraph of Section 11 of the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), the Minister of Public Health issues the following Rules:

Clause 1. This Rule shall be called “Rule of the Ministry of Public Health concerning the qualifications, criteria, and procedures for selecting qualified members of the National Communicable Disease Committee”.

Clause 2. This Rule shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Clause 3. In this Rule:

“Selection Committee” means the committee which selects the qualified members of the National Communicable Disease Committee;

“Qualified member” means a qualified member of the National Communicable Disease Committee;

“Minister” means the Minister of Public Health.

Clause 4. Qualified members shall have the qualifications and not be under any of the prohibitions as follows:

(1) being of Thai nationality;

(2) being not less than thirty-five years of age;

(3) not being bankrupt, incompetent, or quasi-incompetent;

(4) not being a political official, a holder of a position in a political party, a member of a local assembly, a local administrator, or a committee, an adviser, or an official of a political party;

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(5) not having been dismissed, laid off, terminated from official service by a State enterprise, or a State agency, or a private sector agency on the grounds of the dishonest performance of duties, wrongful acts, or being deemed as having committed dishonest acts, or wrongful conduct;

(6) not having been sentenced to imprisonment by a final judgment to imprisonment, except for an offence committed through negligence or a petty offence.

Clause 5. The proposal of names of persons for appointment as qualified members from a non-governmental organization having the objectives not to seek profit and operating public health activities under section 11(4) of the Communicable Disease Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), shall be considered from non-government organizations in accordance with the following rules:

(1) having explicit office address and list of names of members or committee;

(2) having reports, documents, photos, or evidence showing activities under objectives of organization related to surveillance, prevention and control of communicable diseases;

(3) having proof of being a Juristic person or Certificate of existence of non-governmental organization from Government agency, in case of not being a juristic person.

Clause 6. There shall be one Selection Committee having the duties of selecting qualified members, consists of the Permanent Secretary of Public Health as a Chairperson, the Director-General of the Department of Medical Services, the Director-General of the Department of Livestock Development, the Director-General of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, the Director-General of the Department of Medical Sciences, and the Director-General of the Department of Health as directors, the Director-General of the Department of Disease Control as a Director and a Secretary, the Director of the Bureau of General Communicable Diseases of the Department of Disease Control as a Director and a first secretary assistance, and the Director of the Bureau of Epidemiology of the Department of Disease Control as a Director and a second secretary assistance.

Clause 7. At a meeting of the Selection Committee, the presence of not less than one-half of the total members of the committee is required to constitute a quorum.

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The Chairperson shall preside over the meeting. If the Chairperson is not present at the meeting or is unable to perform the duties, the present members shall elect one among themselves to preside over the meeting.

A decision of the meeting shall be made by a majority of votes.

In casting a vote, each member shall have one vote. In case of an equality of votes, the presiding member shall have an additional vote as the casting vote.

Clause 8. The following procedures shall be followed to obtain a list of suitable candidates for the selection of qualified members:

(1) Each member of the Selection Committee shall propose a list of up to four suitable candidates;

(2) Any other methods deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee.

Clause 9. The Selection Committee shall select persons to be appointed as qualified members by considering the following elements:

(1) Personal profile, education, and work experience;

(2) Knowledge, expertise, and experience in Public Health, Disease Control, or any other areas related to the surveillance, prevention or control of communicable diseases;

(3) Performance or achievement records;

(4) Other relevant elements.

Clause 10. The following procedure shall be followed to appoint qualified persons:

(1) Before the selection, the Selection Committee shall review the qualifications and the prohibitions, including the profile and portfolio of each person. The suitable candidates for the selection of qualified members shall submit their own profile and portfolio to the Selection Committee in the form prescribed by the secretary.

(2) The Selection Committee shall select at least six but not more than eight persons who deserve to be appointed as qualified members. In this list of qualified members, there should be not less than two persons from Non-government organizations having the objectives not to seek profit and operating public health activities.

(3) The Selection Committee shall submit the list of names and relevant documents of the selected persons to the Minister for the appointment of qualified members.

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Clause 11. For the first appointment of the qualified members, the Minister shall complete the appointment of the qualified members within forty-five days from the date when the Selection Committee proposed the list of candidates to the Minister.

Clause 12. The Minister shall take charge of this Notification. In case there is a problem with the implementation of this Notification, the Minister shall decide and the order or the decision of the Minister is final.

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