

AEC and challenges to the skilled labor movement: The barriers to the free movement of
medical practitioners within the regions

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Abstract

The ASEAN Economic Community or AEC will allow the free movement of skilled labors in 7 professionals within the region in 2015. Medical Practitioners, or in this paper refer to doctors, is one of the professionals that will be allowed to have a free movement. In principle, AEC allows doctors to move freely within the ASEAN member countries. However, in practice, the movement is not easy and sometimes impossible since there are barriers that will limit such movement. This study therefore analyzes the possible barriers to the AEC free movement of doctors within the region. By using secondary data obtained from relevant organizations as well as other relevant studies and research, the potential barriers that will limit the movement of doctors are policy and regulatory barriers, economic barriers, as well as language and cultural barriers.