



THE PLASTICS AND RUBBER INSTITUTE MALAYSIA

DIPLOMA OF THE PLASTICS AND RUBBER INSTITUTE MALAYSIA (DPRIM) IN RUBBER TECHNOLOGY



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★ NEW
INDUSTRY-
ALIGNED
CURRICULUM
FOR 2026



01 Background

The Plastics and Rubber Institute Malaysia offers a **part-time, one year programme** leading to the award of the **Diploma of the Plastics and Rubber Institute Malaysia (DPRIM)**. The course is specially designed for those already employed who seek formal training in polymer science and technology.

The programme bridges theoretical study with industrial application, ensuring that the knowledge delivered by the Institute's lecturers remains relevant to the practical needs of local industries.

Established in 1960, the course has earned esteemed recognition within the Rubber Industry. The programme provides valuable training and leads to a useful qualification for successful candidates. Many graduates have since gone on to become **Captains and Pioneers of the industry**.

Participants are required to **complete 8 modules** and attend **practical sessions**. Upon successful completion and passing the **3 examination papers**, candidates will be awarded the **Diploma of the Plastics and Rubber Institute Malaysia (DPRIM)**.

By the end of the DPRIM course, future Rubber Technologist will be able to ;

- Formulate rubber compounds to meet specific functional requirements
- Modify or improve existing formulations
- Select appropriate types of rubber and compounding ingredients
- Understand and apply rubber processing techniques and machinery
- Design and manufacture rubber products
- Evaluate rubber properties and testing methods
- Interpret product specifications and conduct in-service testing
- Understand latex properties, processing, and applications
- Apply effective manufacturing and management techniques



02 Course Structure

Course commences on **2nd Wednesday in January**. The **examinations** will be set at the **December** of the **same year**.

Evening lectures of 3 hours will be held **once a week** (usually on **Wednesdays, 17:00–20:00 hrs**) at the **Lee Foundation Hall, PRIM Building**, 20 Jalan U5/28, Mah Sing Integrated Industrial Park, 40150, Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.

A total of 161 hours will be spent on the lectures and practical components. Practical sessions will be interspersed throughout the year, complementing the lecture topics. During these sessions, candidates will work with typical rubber processing machineries and laboratory testing equipment's.

03 Entry Requirement

The **minimum requirements** for entrance to the Diploma Course are :

- Credits in English, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics or General Science at the SPM level or equivalent, and
- **One year working experience** in the rubber industry.

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Assessment for DPRIM

The award of the **Diploma of the Plastics and Rubber Institute Malaysia (DPRIM)** is based on satisfactory performance in the written examinations conducted at the end of the course (December), as well as the evaluation of practical reports. Both internal and external examiners will jointly assess and moderate the overall standards to ensure fairness and consistency.

Examinations comprise **three papers**:

- Paper 1: Rubber and Rubber Compounding Ingredients (including Latex)
- Paper 2: Rubber Mixing, Processing and Manufacturing Processes (including Latex)
- Paper 3: Products, Production Processes and Management

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DPRIM Course Fees

The **Course fee** is **RM5000/pax for Malaysians & USD1200/pax for International Students**.

If the applicant is not a member of PRIM, an application for the membership of the Institute should accompany the application for enrollment. The application fee is **RM75.00** for **5-years Student Membership**.

The **examination entry fee** is **RM180.00** comprising three papers at RM60.00 each.

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MRC Incentives for DPRIM Enrolment

SBIM-14 - Incentive for Training & Development

Participants may be eligible to **claim** up to **50%** of the course fees from the Malaysian Rubber Council (MRC), subject to terms and conditions and approval.

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Enrollment and Application

Applications for enrollment to the Course must be made on the attached application form, (copies may be reproduced if there are more than one applicant from an organization).

The closing date for enrollment for the course is every **31st December** of each year.

Participants who choose not to sit for the examinations will be awarded a **Certificate of Attendance** upon completion of the course. However, participants are strongly encouraged to undertake the examinations to obtain the highly recognised Diploma of the Plastics and Rubber Institute Malaysia (DPRIM) — a qualification well regarded within the rubber industry.

Participants may also opt to enroll in **selected modules** that correspond with their areas of interest.

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DPRIM Refreshers Course

Former DPRIM students who wish to update and enhance their knowledge may now enrol in the **Refresher Course**. This option allows past participants to revisit the modules without sitting for the examinations.

Course Fee: **RM2,000** per participant

MODULE 1 – Introduction to Polymer and Rubber Technology (5 weeks)

Overview of polymer and rubber fundamentals: why rubber is used, its polymeric nature, and the role of compounding as the foundation of rubber technology. Introduction to common rubbers such as NR, IR, SBR, BR, CR, NBR, EPDM, IIR, and specialty rubbers — covering their main grades, unique features, compounding requirements, primary applications, and relative costs.

(Further details on usage and compounding techniques are covered in Module 6.)

MODULE 2 – Compound Design and Ingredients (5 weeks)

Principles of compound design based on the 3Ps — Processing, Properties, and Price. Study of compounding ingredients including vulcanisation systems, black and non-black fillers, process oils, modifiers, plasticisers, process aids, accelerators, anti-degradants, and other additives. Includes typical compound recipes for various rubber types and products.

MODULE 3 – Mixing Processes and Equipment (6 weeks)

In-depth study of rubber mixing methods, machinery, and process optimisation. Topics include the use of two-roll mills, internal mixers, kneaders, continuous mixing systems, and specialised mixing lines. Covers calendering, extrusion, moulding, and curing processes, along with calculations involving specific gravity, volume cost, and batch weights. Includes laboratory work using a standard NR compound.

MODULE 4 – Product Design and Manufacturing Processes (6 weeks)

Design and production of major rubber products such as tyres and wheels, hoses, conveyor and transmission beltings, profiles, extruded and moulded items. Focus on rubber–textile and rubber–metal bonding techniques. Includes sample formulations and design considerations.

MODULE 5 – Latex Technology and Products (4 weeks)

Study of latex materials, colloidal properties, and compounding principles. Covers latex-based products such as adhesives, foams, threads, coatings, dipped products, and gloves. Includes sample latex formulations and practical demonstrations.

MODULE 6–Advanced Compounding Techniques (6 weeks)

Comprehensive approach to compound design for various rubber types and performance needs. Topics include formulating for specific properties such as curing behaviour, high-speed and high-temperature processing, oil and temperature resistance, and performance in extreme conditions and environments. Includes selection of rubbers based on ASTM D2000 classifications.

MODULE 7– Quality Control and Production Management (4 weeks including revisions)

Covers quality control and testing of compounds and vulcanisates — including properties, test methods, and their relevance to product quality. Introduces quality management systems, production control techniques, process selection, machine layout, line balancing, automation, and efficiency optimisation.

MODULE 8– Industry Case Studies and Expert Insights (4 weeks)

Sessions conducted by experienced industry professionals sharing practical insights and case studies on real-world challenges such as cost control, new product development, ESG compliance, competitiveness, and profitability. Discussions include success factors across key rubber sectors — compounding, automotive parts, extrusions (hoses), beltings, moulded products, retreads, latex gloves, and foams. Students will analyse case studies and present their findings.

A APPLICATION FORM FOR FULL COURSE

Full Name :

NRIC : Date Of Birth :
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Address (Home) :

Mobile Number Fax Email

Name and Address of present Employer

Position : Years of Service :

Are you sponsored by your present employer for this course ? :

Past employment :

Academic Qualifications

SPM/GCE/MCE SC Grade

English Language

Additional Maths

General Science

Mathematics

Chemistry

Physics

Other Qualifications:

Please submit copies of identity card and relevant academic certificates with this application.

Photostat copies of this application form are acceptable.

If the applicant is currently not a member of The Plastics and Rubber Institute Malaysia (PRIM), an application fee for membership of the Institute should accompany the application for enrolment. The application fee is RM75.00 for 5 years student membership.

An enrolment fee of **RM5000/ USD 1200** should accompany this application form. The fee is refundable if the application is not successful.

All Cheques/ money-orders should be made payable to THE PLASTICS AND RUBBER INSTITUTE MALAYSIA

Signature of Applicant:

Date

Please Return completed application form to :

THE PLASTICS AND RUBBER INSTITUTE MALAYSIA

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B APPLICATION FORM FOR MODULAR COURSE

Module Name	:					
Module Number	:		Module Fees	:		
Full Name	:					
NRIC	:		Date Of Birth	:		
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Name and Address of Employer	:					
Position	:		Years of Service	:		
Mobile Number		Fax		Email		
Are you sponsored by your present employer for this course ?	:					
Address (Home)	:					

Photostat copies of this application forms are acceptable.

Enrolment fees of the appropriate amount as stated against each module should accompany this application form.

All Cheques/ Money Orders should be made payable to THE PLASTICS AND RUBBER INSTITUTE MALAYSIA

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