

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

Date: 17 June 2011

To: All COSs and Training Supervisors, Dept of Paediatrics, HA Hospitals
Clinical Genetic Service
Child Assessment Service
Maternal and Child Health Centres
All Associates, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Examination Committee Circular No.3-2011 MRCPCH Part I Examination, 11 October 2011

The MRCPCH Part I Examination will be held in Hong Kong in October 2011. The format of the MRCPCH Part I Examination has changed to a 2-paper Part IA & Part IB Examination with effect from 21 January 2004 (please refer to the information on page 4 of this circular). Application details for entry to the above examination are as follows:

1. **Examination Date:** 11 October 2011 (Tuesday)
2. **Examination Fee:** **HK\$6,900 for Part IA & IB**
HK\$4,250 for Part IA only
HK\$4,250 for Part IB only

3. **Entry Requirements**

Candidates who wish to enter the examination must hold a recognized medical qualification.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians reserves the right to admission for the examination and priority will be given to candidates taking both the Part IA and IB examinations.

4. **Application**

- a) **HK Opening Date:** 20 June 2011
- b) **HK Closing Date:** 18 July 2011
- c) Candidates who wish to sit the examination in Hong Kong **MUST** apply through the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians by completing the application forms (Form A & Form B-Overseas Centres).
- d) Application Form A & Form B and Notes for completing Form A & Form B can be downloaded from the RCPCH website: www.rcpch.ac.uk and our College website: www.paediatrician.org.hk/entcnews.htm

Application forms are also obtainable in person or by sending in a HK\$2.2 stamped self-addressed envelope to the College at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Examinations handbooks for MRCPCH examinations are also available on the above RCPCH website.

5. Completing and returning of application forms

- a) New entrants are required to complete Form A and Form B-Overseas Centre of the MRCPCH Part I Examination. Re-entrants only need to complete Form B.
- b) It is required that candidates' name should appear on the application forms exactly as they are on their diplomas in order and spelling.
- c) Re-entering candidates should fill in the correct Code Number on the application forms.
- d) Supporting Documents

Candidates who are entering the examination for the first time must submit certified true copies of the current annual practicing certificates and the certificates / diplomas of their medical qualifications and / or official translations authenticated by one of the following:

- i. Chief of Service of your hospital with hospital chop and signature
 - ii. The issuing University or Medical School
 - iii. The District Office of Home Affairs Department
 - iv. A practicing solicitor
 - v. A British Consulate or British Consul
 - vi. The candidate's own Embassy or High Commission in the United Kingdom
- e) Completed application forms together with the certified true copies of the candidate's diploma of primary medical qualification and the current annual practicing certificate and the examination fee should reach the College Secretariat **not later than 18 July 2011**. Applications received after the local closing date will not be accepted.

6. Method of Payment

The following examination fees should be paid by cheques payable to "Hong Kong College of Paediatricians"

HK\$6,900 (in one cheque) for both Part IA and Part IB

HK\$4,250 for Part IA only

HK\$4,250 for Part IB only

7. Withdrawal / Refund

- a) Candidates who notify the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health of their intentions to withdraw from the examination before the UK closing date, which is **8 August 2011**, will be eligible for a 90% refund of the examination fee.
- b) Please forward a copy of the withdrawal letter to us for reference and refund. Those who withdraw after the UK closing date or who are absent from the examination will forfeit their fee.

8. Examination Details

- a) **Examination Time:** 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm (Paper IA)
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm (Paper IB)
- b) **Examination Venue:** Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building (the exact location is to be announced)
- c) **Admission documents** detailing the examination time and venue will be sent to candidates 2 or 3 weeks before the date of the examination.

9. **Enquires:** please call 28718871 or email to enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk

Candidates can also access the RCPCH website at <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk> for further information on the examination.

College Secretariat
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

cc: Dr HB Bill Chan, Chairman, Examination Committee
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Information on changes to MRCPCH Part 1 Examination

*Please note that MRCPCH Part 1A (Basic Child Health) has replaced the previous **Diploma in Child Health (DCH)** written papers since January 2004. It is expected that the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health will hold a Clinical Examination for the Joint Diploma in Child Health in Hong Kong in **October 2011**. This Clinical Examination is open to registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong but there will be a limit to the number of entries. Candidates who have successfully passed the Written MRCPCH Part IA since January 2004 and have at least 6 months of Paediatric practice (resident medical officer or intern) in a recognized institution with acute hospital admissions are eligible to apply. In addition, candidates who passed the Part IA examination in May 2005 or thereafter should have the 6 months of Paediatric practice as stated above completed within 5 years prior to the date of the DCH clinical examination. Further details on the Clinical Examination will be announced at a later date.*

Important Notice

New Clinical Examination for DCH from April 2011

A new format of the DCH clinical examination has been adopted since April 2011. Details of the new format and other relevant information can be viewed on the RCPCH website at: www.rcpch.ac.uk