

# Diploma in Child Health (DCH) Written Examination 2013

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) will hold a Joint Diploma in Child Health Examination in Hong Kong in 2013, awarding DCH (HK) and DCH (International) to successful candidates.

The Examination is divided into two parts, Written and Clinical. The DCH Written Examination is a common paper shared with the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice (formerly known as MRCPCH Part IA). From February 2013, **the Part IA written examination will be renamed as the Foundation of Practice Examination; and the Part IB written examination as Theory & Science of Practice Examination.** Successful completion of the Foundation of Practice examination will entitle the candidate to unlimited attempts at the DCH Clinical Examination within their 7-year registration period before being required to re-enter the Written Examination. All RCPCH exam candidates are locked into a 7-year registration period in which to complete all of the components of their chosen exam route. For the DCH, the 7-year registration period begins from the date that the candidate has passed the written component of the exam.

The MRCPCH Foundation of Practice Examination is held three times a year in Hong Kong. The next MRCPCH Foundation of Practice Examination will be held in February 2013. Details on application for entry to the examination are as follows:

1. **Examination Date: 12 February 2013 (Tuesday)**
2. **Examination Fee: HK\$4,250** for Foundation of Practice Examination
3. **Entry Requirements**

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

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians reserves the right to admission for the examination and priority will be given to candidates taking both the Foundation of Practice and Theory & Science of Practice examinations.

## 4. Application

- a) **HK Opening Date: 17 October 2012**
- b) **HK Closing Date: 16 November 2012**
- 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](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk) and our College website: [www.paediatrician.org.hk/entcnews.htm](http://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 DCH examination can also be found 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 Foundation of Practice and Theory & Science of Practice 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 16 November 2012**. Applications received after the local closing date will not be accepted.

## **6. Method of Payment**

Candidates should make out a crossed cheque in the amount of **HK\$4,250** payable to 'Hong Kong College of Paediatricians'.

## **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 **3 December 2012**, 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. Enquires:** please call 28718871 or email to [enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk](mailto:enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk)

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

**Please note** the Joint **DCH Clinical Examination** is expected to be held in Hong Kong in **October 2013**. This Clinical Examination is open to registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong but there will be a quota to the number of entries. Candidates who have successfully passed the Written MRCPCH Part 1A since January 2004 or the Written MRCPCH Foundation of Practice examination since February 2013 and have at least 6 months of Paediatric practice (resident or intern) in a recognized institution with acute hospital admissions are eligible to apply. In addition, candidates who passed the Part 1A 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](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk)