

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) and Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed)

Joint DCH (International) and DCH (Hong Kong) Examination 2017

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) and the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) will be holding a Joint Diploma in Child Health Clinical Examination in Hong Kong in October 2017, awarding DCH (International) and DCH (HK) to the successful candidates.

The DCH Clinical Examination will be held on **26th October 2017** (Thursday) with a format described on the HKCPaed website:

http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=45&Itemid=46

The DCH Syllabus, which has been introduced since November 2009, will serve as the basis for assessments for the DCH Clinical Examination to be held in Hong Kong in October 2017. The Syllabus is available for viewing at the following link on the RCPCH Website:

<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/training-examinations-professional-development/assessment-and-examinations/examinations/dch-clinic-4>

Entry Qualification:

The DCH Clinical Examination is open to registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong. Candidates should have at least 6 months of Paediatric practice (resident medical officer or intern within 5 years prior to the date of the DCH Clinical Examination) in a recognized institution with acute paediatric hospital admissions. Candidates need not pass the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice paper first before being eligible to apply for the DCH Clinical Examination.

However, candidates still need to pass the Foundation of Practice paper after passing the DCH Clinical in order to be awarded the DCH Diploma. The DCH Diploma will **ONLY** be issued when **BOTH** components (Theory & Clinical) are passed.

Whichever component is passed first, candidates will need to pass the other component within a 7-year period counting from the date the first component is passed. If candidates are not able to pass the other component within the 7 years, the previously passed component is no longer valid and candidates have to re-sit and pass that component before being able to apply for the other component again.

There is no limit to the number of attempts that candidates can make with regard to the DCH Clinical and DCH Theory examinations.

Application:

HK opening date: 19 June 2017

HK closing date: 17 July 2017

Examination Fee: HK\$9,000

***DCH (HK) Diploma Fee:** HK\$1,200 (payable to Hong Kong College of Paediatricians)

***DCH (International) Diploma Fee:** £70 (payable to the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health in UK £ Sterling)

* Successful candidates will be notified of these payments separately by the RCPCH and the HKCPaed in due course.

The following documents are available on the HKCPaed website at http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=45&Itemid=46

(A) RCPCH documents:

1. Application Form B2
2. Notes to Application Form B2
3. Information For Candidates (February 2010)

(B) HKCPaed documents

1. HKCPaed Application Form
2. Details of Application

Applications must be completed in every detail and accompanied by the correct fee and any other documents required. Completed applications of both Colleges must be returned to the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians at Room 801 HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong **before 5:30 p.m. on 17 July 2017 by post or in person.** Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

Notes on Submission:

In your submission, the following are required:

1. Completed application forms of both Colleges;
2. Certified true copy of the Annual Practising Certificate by the COS of your hospital or the District Office of Home Affairs Department or a practicing solicitor;
3. One recent photograph of passport size (applicant's name should be printed in Capital letters at the back of the photograph);
4. A cheque in the amount of **HK\$9,000** made payable to “**Hong Kong College of Paediatricians**”.

Please note that as the number of places for DCH Clinical Examination will be limited, candidates will be accepted for examination on a first-come-first-served basis.