

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

Date: 15th August 2020

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.4-2020 MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science Examination, 14 October 2020

The MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science (formerly known as Part I) Examination will be held in Hong Kong in October 2020. Application details for entry to the above examination are as follows:

- 1. Examination Date:** 14 October 2020 (Wednesday)
- 2. Examination Fee:**

HK\$7,600 (both papers)	Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science	(Part IA & IB)
HK\$4,700 (single paper)	Foundation of Practice only	(Part IA) (DCH written)
HK\$4,700 (single paper)	Theory & Science only	(Part IB)

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 Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science (Part IA and IB) examinations.

4. Application

- From November 2013 onwards, all candidates **must apply** for MRCPCH written examinations **online** using the RCPCH website via the **member sign in** area <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/user>. In order to access the online application form, you need to be a registered user. If you do not have an RCPCH online account, you will be required to create one using the following link: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/user/signup>

All candidates must adhere to the set application dates and times. Applications for all exams will open at 9.00am UK local time on the first day of the advertised application period and close at 4.30pm UK local time on the last day.

Online applications cannot be submitted before or after the published deadlines. If you miss the deadline for any examination online application period, you will need to wait for the next exam.

Please note that your application is NOT confirmed until payment of examination fees is received in Hong Kong.

- b) **Opening Date:** 20 August 2020 (Thursday)
- c) **Closing Date:** 31 August 2020 (Monday)
- d) Candidates who wish to sit the examination in Hong Kong **MUST ALSO** submit paper application to the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians by **completing Form B** (Application for entry to the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science Examinations - Overseas Centres) and indicating which paper(s) you intend to sit.
- e) Application Form B and Notes for completing Form B can be downloaded from our College website:
http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=47

MRCPCH theory exams structure and syllabus are also available on the RCPCH website:

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/theory-exams-structure-syllabus>.

5. Completing and returning of application forms

- a) Both first time applicants and re-entrants are required to complete “Form B-Application for entry to the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science Examinations - Overseas Centres”
- 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 RCPCH 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 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 HK College Secretariat at the following address **not later than 31 August 2020**. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.

*Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Room 801 HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road
Aberdeen
Hong Kong*

6. Method of Payment

The following examination fees should be paid by cheques payable to “**Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.**” The examination fees in GB Pounds listed in Form B are not applicable in Hong Kong.

HK\$7,600 (in one cheque)	Both papers Foundation of Practice & Theory and Science	(Part IA and Part IB)
HK\$4,700	Single paper Foundation of Practice only	(Part IA) (DCH written)
HK\$4,700	Single paper Theory and Science	(Part IB)

7. Withdrawal / Refund

- Candidates who notify the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in writing of their intentions to withdraw from the examination on or before the Application Closing Date (31 August 2020) may be eligible for a 100% refund of the examination fee, depending upon the circumstances and at the discretion of the Examination Committee.
- Please forward a copy of the withdrawal letter to Hong Kong College of Paediatricians for reference and refund. Those who withdraw after the Application Closing Date (31 August 2020) or who are absent from the examination will not receive a refund except in exceptional circumstances subject to the discretion of the Examination Committee.

8. Examination Details

- Examination Time:** 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm (Foundation of Practice)
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm (Theory and Science)
- Examination Venue:** All candidates have the option to take the exam at a test centre or at one's own home or workplace with online invigilation. The exact location of the test centre is to be announced.
- Computer-based Testing:** **All RCPCH theory exams are delivered via computer-based testing from January 2015.** For more information on the **CBT** exam, please click on the link below:

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/theory-exams-mrcpch-dch-how-apply>

Sample papers are available from the RCPCH website.

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/theory-exam-sample-papers>

- Admission documents** detailing the examination time and venue will be sent to candidates via email directly from the RCPCH 3 – 4 weeks before the date of the examination. Candidate should ensure that his/her email address as appeared on the Application Form is clear and correct.
- Additional Requirements:** The College has a commitment to equality and diversity. Candidate requests in relation to additional requirements are considered on an individual basis. Arrangements will be made for various requirements, such as:

dyslexia
dyspraxia
mobility issues.

If you have additional requirements, please describe these in your online application. A member of the Examinations Team will contact you during or shortly after the application period to discuss these. Arrangements will be made for you once we have more details.

9. Coronavirus Outbreak:

In view of the outbreak of the coronavirus in HK, there is the risk of the examination not being held on 14 October 2020 depending on the situation in the coming months. Your application will be confirmed online once payment is received by the HK College of Paediatricians; but your payment will not be cashed until mid-September 2020. Please check for the latest updates on the HK College website.

10. Enquires: please call 28718773 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 SO King Woon Alan, Chairman, Examination Committee*

**Information for candidates intending to take the Diploma of Child Health (DCH)
Examination**

The DCH Examination is divided into two parts, written and clinical. The DCH written examination is the same as the MRCPCH Foundation of Practice (formerly known as MRCPCH Part IA). Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is expected that the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health will **not** hold a Clinical Examination for the Joint Diploma in Child Health in Hong Kong in **October 2020**.