

Diploma in Child Health (DCH) Written Examination 2021

The Diploma in Child Health (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). The DCH written examination is not a prerequisite for entry into the DCH Clinical Examination.

However, the DCH Diploma will **ONLY** be issued when **BOTH** components (Written & 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 If candidates are not able to pass the other component within the 7 years, the previously passed component is no longer valid and candidates have to re-sit and pass that component before being able to apply for the other component again.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 Written examinations.

The DCH written examination (MRCPCH Foundation of Practice Examination) is held two times a year in Hong Kong, in the month of February and October. Details on application for entry to the examination in February 2021 are as follows:

1. **Examination Date: 10 February 2021 (Wednesday)**
2. **Examination Fee: HK\$4,700** 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 & Theory and Science examinations.

4. Application

- a) From November 2013 onwards, all candidates **must apply** for MRCPCH or DCH 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: 2 December 2020 (Wednesday)**
- c) **Closing Date: 14 December 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 the application form** (Form B-Overseas)

Centres).

- 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

Syllabus for DCH examination can also be found on the RCPCH website
<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/education-careers/examinations/about-diploma-child-health>

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 form 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 HK College Secretariat at the following address **not later than 14 December 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

Candidates should make out a crossed cheque in the amount of **HK\$4,700** payable to ‘**Hong Kong College of Paediatricians**’.

7. Withdrawal / Refund

- a) 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 (14 December 2020) may be eligible for a 100% refund of the examination fee, depending upon the circumstances and at the discretion of the Examination Committee.
- b) 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 (14 December 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 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.

9. **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>

10. **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.

11. **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.

Please note that in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Joint **DCH Clinical Examination** may not be held in Hong Kong in October 2021. Please check for the latest updates on the HK College of Paediatricians webpage nearer the time.