Diploma in Child Health (DCH) Written Examination 2018

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 2018, awarding DCH (HK) and DCH (International) to successful candidates.

The 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 If candidates are not able to pass the other component within the 7 years, the previously passed component is no longer valid and candidates have to re-sit and pass that component before being able to apply for the other component again.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 October 2018 are as follows:

1. **Examination Date**: **9 October 2018 (Tuesday)**

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

   The application period in HK will be the same as that in the UK. 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**: **23 July 2018 (Monday)**

c) **Closing Date**: **8 August 2018 (Wednesday)**

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

Examinations handbooks for DCH examination can also be found on the RCPCH website www.rcpch.ac.uk .

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 8 August 2018**. 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 (**8 August 2018)** 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 (**8 August 2018)** 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. **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

9. **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.

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.

Please note the Joint **DCH Clinical Examination** is expected to be held in Hong Kong on **25 October 2018**. 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 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 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

Clinical Examination format for DCH from April 2011

Details of the DCH Clinical Examination format and other relevant information can be viewed on the RCPCH website at:
https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/dch-clinical-examination-candidate-guide