Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

What are the terms and conditions of various College member categories?

The Membership of the college consist of the following:-

1. Fellows

   No person shall be a Fellow unless he is a subscriber to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College or a Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Physicians elected before the incorporation of the College, who had recognized training and experience in paediatrics, or is a medical practitioner registered in Hong Kong within the meaning of Section 2 of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Chapter 161) and a Member of the College, with at least 3 years of post-registration paediatric training in an accredited institution, holding such higher professional qualifications as may be recognized by the Council and with at least 3 more years of experience in an accredited paediatric institution recognized by the Council and having passed the exit examination/assessment conducted by our College and accredited by the Academy.

2. Members

   No person shall be a Member unless he is a registered medical practitioner registered in Hong Kong within the meaning of Section 2 of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Chapter 161) with at least 3 years of post-registration paediatric training in an accredited institution and holding such higher qualifications as may be recognized by the Council, or a Member of the Hong Kong College of Physicians admitted before the incorporation of the College, who had recognized training in paediatrics.

3. Honorary Fellows

   Honorary Fellowship of the College may be bestowed on persons of eminence who do not necessarily hold a medical qualification, but have rendered exceptional services to the Science or Practice of Paediatrics. An Honorary Fellow who is a fully paid-up Fellow of the College will continue to enjoy all the privileges and rights of a Fellow including the right to vote.

4. Associates

   The College may admit as an associate of any medical practitioner registered in Hong Kong within the meaning of Section 2 of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Chapter 161) who is interested in the pursuit of continuing paediatric education. The continued membership of an associate shall be subject to his attendance of the number of hours of training prescribed by the Education Committee and shall be reviewed periodically by the Council.

5. Overseas Fellows

   Fellows may apply for overseas fellowship if they are away from Hong Kong for at least 2 years, and upon return to Hong Kong for 3 months or more, they will have to be reverted back to local membership. They will have to fulfill CME requirements. Annual subscription will be 50% of the local membership. They will enjoy all the privileges as Fellows except not receiving local correspondences, and they will have the right to vote.

What should I do if there are changes of my personal data?

When there is change of personal particulars and contact methods such as corresponding address, email or mobile phone number, College member has the responsibilities to notify College via email, phone or through e-portfolio. This is to ensure news and notification can reach College member timely.

What is the current annual subscription fee?

Annual subscription varies according to the category of membership. Overseas members will enjoy a 50% reduction of annual subscription while members over the age of 65 will be exempted from annual subscription. There is also a one-off admission fee for each category of membership.

What happen if I do not settle the annual subscription?

Members should settle the annual subscription as soon as possible after receiving the notification email of annual subscription. Only paid up members of the College shall enjoy the privileges of that category of memberships, for examples only paid up Basic Trainees will be proposed for elevation to Membership for Higher Training and only paid up Higher Trainees will be eligible to sit the Exit Assessment for Fellowship.
If the subscription is unpaid after the six-month period, all mailing will be suspended. If the subscription is still outstanding by two years, it will result in termination of membership. Two email reminders will be sent within the first year in May and November after the payment deadline, 25% on the outstanding amount as a late surcharge will be levied after 30 June of the first year and 50% on the outstanding amount as a late surcharge will be levied in the second year.

If I reside overseas, what should I do? How about if I return Hong Kong from overseas?

Fellows or Members may apply to switch from local member to overseas member if they are away from Hong Kong for at least 2 years. Upon return to Hong Kong for 3 months or more, they have to inform College for reverting back to local membership.

Under what situation would result in termination of membership?

Fellows, Members or Associates shall cease to be fellows, members or associates in the following circumstances:

1. If by notice in writing to the College he resigns as a Fellow, Member or Associate
2. If by resolution of the Council passed by a majority of at least two-thirds of the whole number of Councillors or their substitutes it be declared that his/her conduct has been prejudicial to the interests and the good name of the College
3. If fail to settle two consecutive annual subscription fee.
4. Upon the removal of his/her name from the General Register in consequence of a disciplinary inquiry by the Medical Council of Hong Kong under the Medical Registration Ordinance.

Is there a mechanism to reinstate College membership?

There are Guidelines on Reinstatement of Membership and Application Form for Reinstatement of Membership

Reference

1. Revised Memorandum and Article of Association. Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (20210527)
2. Guidelines on Postgraduate Training and Accreditation. Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
3. College Newsletter December 2020