



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Certification for Specialist Registration / Qualification in Paediatrics (S10)

The College has been given the duty by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to verify the eligibility of doctors who are not fellows of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to enter the Specialist Registry of the Medical Council of Hong Kong under Paediatrics (S10). The applicant will have to satisfy the following conditions for their eligibility to be certified, namely

- (i) achieving a professional standard comparable to that required for award of the relevant FHKAM,
- (ii) completing the postgraduate medical training comparable to those required by HKAM for the relevant specialty
- (iii) satisfying the continuing medical education (CME) requirements comparable to those required by HKAM for the relevant specialty

The Postgraduate Medical Training in Hong Kong

The requirements tabulated below have to be met before a local trainee can attain fellowship of the Academy and enter the Specialist Registry of Paediatrics. The training should be conducted at accredited training institutions. When considering the eligibility of an applicant who is not a fellow of the Academy, the College will match the training history of the applicant to the same requirements.

	Paediatric Basic Training commencement date		
	Before 1.7.1997	1.7.1997 - 30.6.2003	After 1.7.2003
Basic Training of three years. Requirements during Basic Training:			
At least 18 months of training in General Paediatrics@	Yes	Yes	Yes
Six to twelve months of training in Neonatology\$	Yes	Yes	Yes
Six months of Community Paediatrics Training &	No	No	Yes
A trainee cannot spend more than 6 months in one subspecialty area (except Neonatology) to ensure general training.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Passing the Intermediate examination #	Yes	Yes	Yes

	Paediatric Higher Training commencement date		
	Before 1.7.1997	1.7.1997 - 1.7.2000	After 1.7.2001
Higher Training of three years. Requirements during Higher Training:			
General Paediatrics Training for 24 months with no requirement for training at an institution with acute hospital admissions.	Yes	No	No
Hospital based Paediatrics Training for at least 24 months of which at least 12 months at an institution with acute hospital admissions not restricted by age or subspecialty.	No	Yes	Yes
Training in subspecialties, including Neonatology, is limited to no more than 12 months in total.	Yes	Yes	Yes
At least six months of training at a second institution.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full time medical research leading to a child health related master or doctorate degree may be accredited up to 6 months toward the 12-month paediatric subspecialty training.	No	No	Yes
Passing the Exit Assessment	Yes	Yes	Yes

@ General Paediatrics is defined as the clinical practice involving patients from 1 month to 18 years old and does not select any age, gender, disease complexity or subspecialty.

§ Neonatology is defined as the clinical practice involving infants below 1 month-old.

& Community Paediatrics Training may be undertaken during either Basic or Higher Training.

Additional requirements

1. Certification in Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) course or its equivalent (for trainees starting their basic training after 1.7.2005)
2. Certification of completion of "Child Protection Course" or its equivalent (for trainees starting their basic training after 1.7.2009)
3. Certification in Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) or its equivalent (for trainees starting their basic training after 1.7.2013)

4. Certification of completion of "Enhancing Sedation Safety in Children undergoing Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures" course or its equivalent (for trainees starting their basic training after 1.7.2015)
5. Certification of completion of "Paediatric Palliative Care" training or its equivalent (for trainees starting their higher training after 1.7.2020)

The Intermediate Examination

The following qualifications are recognized as, or considered equivalent to, the passing of an intermediate examination.

1. Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH)
2. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (UK)
3. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (London)
4. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (Glasgow)
5. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)
6. Member of the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland)
7. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London)
8. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Glasgow)
9. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh)
10. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland)
11. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Canada)
12. Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP)
13. Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (FRCPCH)
14. Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics (DAB Paed)
15. Master of Medicine (Paediatrics) (Singapore) - MMed (Paed)(Singapore)

Documents required for verification purpose

The College requires the following documents from the applicants:

1. A curriculum vita with details of the training history of the applicant, including the names of the training institutions, the names of the trainers who directly supervised the applicant at different periods, the nature of the training (whether it is general paediatrics at a hospital, subspecialty training or community paediatric training).
2. Certificates of the intermediate examination, PALS, NRP, Sedation safety, Child Protection training and Paediatric Palliative Care Training (if relevant).
3. Any officially certified record of training if appropriate (e.g. from the relevant governing body of paediatric training)
4. Certificates of advanced training or qualifications in paediatrics, when appropriate
5. Certification or documentation that the applicant has fulfilled CME requirement during his professional career.

The College may require additional documents or information regarding the training of the applicant as the need arises. The College may contact any person, institution or governing body of the training to verify the authenticity of the documents.

Interview

The College may conduct an interview with the applicant before making the recommendation on eligibility for specialist registration.

Administrative Charge

An administrative charge is levied for the accreditation process. The fee is not refundable after the accreditation process has started even if a recommendation is not made.