

Announcement from Committee for Subspecialty Boards

Quotable Qualification of a subspecialty 可引述專科資歷

The information below aims to assist College Fellows in quoting the Fellowships of the College and specialist titles.

Doctors in quoting qualifications in dissemination of service information to the public should follow the “Guidelines on Quoting of Qualifications” available at the Medical Council’s website at http://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/files/Guidelines_on_Quoting_of_Qualifications.pdf

There are 3 types of quotable qualifications:

- (a) qualifications entitling a doctor to registration (i.e. primary registrable qualifications) (e.g. MB BS (HK), MB ChB (CUHK), LMCHK,)
- (b) specialist qualifications registered on the Specialist Register (e.g. FHKAM (Paediatrics)); and
- (c) additional registrable qualifications as well as other additional quotable qualifications approved by the Medical Council as included in the List of Quotable Qualifications.



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1. List of Quotable Qualifications maintained by the Medical Council before 1997 under ‘Fellowship’:

Title in Full	Abbreviation	Title in Chinese
Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Paediatrics)	FHKAM (Paediatrics)	香港醫學專科學院院士(兒科)
Fellow, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	FHKCPaed	香港兒科醫學院院士

2. List of Quotable Qualifications approved by the Medical Council on the recommendation of the Education and Accreditation Committee since 1997 (related to Paediatrics in Hong Kong)

Quotable Qualifications under Generally Approved Category

(these qualifications can be quoted by doctors who has **conferred the qualifications**)

Title in Full	Abbreviation	Title in Chinese	Date
Member of Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health	MRCPCH	英國皇家兒科醫學院院員	6 October 1999
Diploma in Child Health (Hong Kong), Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	DCH (HK) (HKCPaed)	香港兒科醫學院兒科文憑(香港)	5 June 2002

Diploma in Child Health (International), Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health	DCH (International) (RCPCH)	英國皇家兒科醫學院兒科文憑(國際)	
Certificate of Subspecialist Accreditation in Paediatric Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Disease, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	Cert HKCPaed (PIAID)	香港兒科醫學院兒童免疫, 過敏及傳染病科證書	1 June 2022
Certificate of Subspecialist Accreditation in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	Cert HKCPaed (PRM)	香港兒科醫學院兒童呼吸科證書	19 May 2023
Certificate of Subspecialist Accreditation in Paediatric Neurology, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	Cert HKCPaed (PN)	香港兒科醫學院兒童腦神經科證書	10 Jan 2024

You may wish to note that doctors in quoting qualifications in dissemination of service information to the public should follow the “Guidelines on Quoting of Qualifications” available at the Council’s website at: https://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/revised_guidelines.html



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3. **Specialist Titles** 專科醫生名冊

A fellow who has acquired the Fellowship qualification after completion of paediatrics training is eligible to apply for inclusion of his/her name in the Specialist Register. Most fellows will apply for ‘specialist in Paediatrics’. For fellows who have completed the subspecialty training with approval from MCHK as listed below, they may apply for change of specialist title. A registered doctor can only claim one Specialist titles at one time, i.e. need to change from ‘Specialist in Paediatrics’ to “Specialist in a paediatric subspecialty”

The following Subspecialties are listed under the Specialist Register of MCHK:

Specialty Description	Specialty Code
Paediatrics	S10
Paediatric Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Diseases	S56
Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics	S57
Paediatric Neurology	S58
Paediatric Respiratory Medicine	S60
Genetics and Genomics (Paediatrics)	S61
Paediatric Endocrinology	S62
Paediatric Haematology & Oncology	S65

4. How to obtain a Quotable Qualifications in Subspecialty under our College

Our College started the subspecialty training with recognition of 7 subspecialties by MCHK since 2013. A fellow completed the above subspecialty training and conferred fellowship in that subspecialty has the following options:

1. Continue to keep his/her ‘Specialist in Paediatrics’,
2. Change the Specialist registration to the new subspecialty,
3. Keep the ‘Specialist in Paediatrics’ but also apply for a quotable qualification in the subspecialty. The objectives of quotable qualification include: (1) To provide information to the public as to additional medical training of significance received by the medical practitioner. (b) To provide information to medical practitioners as to additional medical training of significance received by other medical practitioners to facilitate decisions on referral of patients.

To apply for a quotable qualification in subspecialty can only be initiated by a fellow in that subspecialty, our College cannot apply the quotable qualification for the applicant. However, the College will assist the above application by verifying the training (Application form attached above). Medical Council will vet the information and then decide on approval of the subspecialty quotable qualification. MCHK had communicated with our College on the title of quotable qualification of a subspecialty which is recognized by our College, and had unified the nomenclature as ‘Certificate of Subspecialist Accreditation in Paediatric xxx’ (香港兒科醫學院 兒童 xxx 科證書).

Please note the following points:

1. Each subspecialty only requires **one fellow** to apply for that quotable qualification as the approval is for the ‘training’ rather than for an individual doctor. When the qualification is approved, then all eligible doctors who have completed the same structured training, passed examination and obtained the ‘Certificate of Subspecialist Accreditation in Paediatric xx subspecialty’ are entitled to quote that qualification (just like MBBS/MChB, you don’t need to apply to MCHK individually for the qualification)
2. For fellows in the subspecialties of our College, only those who have gone through the structured training according to the curriculum and passed the Exit assessment are eligible to quote that qualification because the approval of application of quotable qualification is based on the College training and assessment.
First Fellows who have been awarded Fellow in that subspecialty will not be eligible to quotable qualification since they had not gone through the College training and assessment, but they can claim ‘Specialist in xxx subspecialty’ if they have applied for change in MCHK specialist register.
3. Our College can only certify training which is organized by the College.
4. The administration charge to apply for the ‘Certificate of Subspecialist Accreditation in Paediatric xx subspecialty’ will be HK\$2,000 payable to “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians”.

If a doctor wishes to quote any of the qualifications on the List, he/she has to satisfy himself / herself that he/she has been conferred by the stated conferring institution with that particular qualification. Registered doctors awarded the qualification “Cert HKCPaed (XX)” can quote it on signboards, visiting cards and letterheads, etc. for the purpose of professional practice in Hong Kong.

Reference Source:

Medical Council of Hong Kong 香港醫務委員會

<https://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/qualification.html>

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