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Registration of non-locally trained medical practitioners

Any person wishing to practise medicine, surgery or midwifery in Hong Kong is required to apply for registration with the Medical Council of Hong Kong ("the Medical Council") in accordance with the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) ("the Ordinance"). There are two main types of registration under the General Register, namely, full registration (Part I of the General Register) and limited registration (Part III of the General Register).

2. According to sections 8(1)(a) and 9 of the Ordinance, persons who (a) have been awarded a degree of medicine and surgery by the University of Hong Kong ("HKU") or The Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK"); and (b) have been granted a certificate of experience of employment in a resident medical capacity in an approved hospital or institution for a prescribed period¹ are qualified to be registered as medical practitioners.

3. For non-locally trained medical graduates, those who (a) have passed the Licensing Examination administered by the Medical Council; and (b) completed a prescribed period of assessment in an approved hospital or institution² as determined by the Medical Council under section 10A of the Ordinance are qualified to be registered as medical practitioners. The Licensing Examination comprises three parts, namely, Part I - Examination in Professional Knowledge,³

¹ According to the Medical Council, the period should be not less than 12 months.

² According to the Medical Council, the period of assessment is normally 12 months.

³ Part I consists of two papers, each of which comprises 120 multiple-choice questions. It is designed to test candidates' professional knowledge in Basic Sciences, Medical Ethics/Community Medicine, Medicine, Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Psychiatry, Paediatrics and Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Questions are in both English and Chinese. Candidates with a total mark of 50% (i.e. 120 marks) or above for two papers are considered to have passed, provided that the mark received for each paper is 40% (i.e. 48 marks) or above.

Part II - Proficiency Test in Medical English,⁴ and Part III - Clinical Examination.⁵ Candidates have to pass Part I and Part II Examinations before applying to sit for Part III Examination.⁶ As regards the assessment, the interns will receive clinical instructions to familiarize themselves with the local medical system and commonly found diseases. To facilitate more non-locally trained medical graduates to practise in Hong Kong, the Medical Council has increased the frequency of the Licensing Examination from once to twice a year starting from 2014 and launched a Virtual Education Resource Centre in October 2018. The number of candidates who sat and passed the Licensing Examination for the period between 1996 and 2018 is set out in **Appendix I**. A breakdown of the above numbers by the jurisdictions of qualification held by the candidates for the period between 2014 and 2018 is set out in **Appendix II**. Separately, more flexibility has been introduced by the Medical Council for the internship arrangement since 2016.⁷ The number of Licentiate Interns recruited by the Hospital Authority ("HA") as Resident Trainees in the Annual Recruitment Exercise for Resident Trainee was 29 in 2014-2015, 62 in 2015-2016, 31 in 2016-2017, 29 in 2017-2018 and 35 in 2018-2019.

4. Section 14A of the Ordinance provides that the Medical Council may determine and promulgate from time to time the employment or type of employment in respect of which limited registration is appropriate or necessary.⁸

⁴ Part II is a written English paper consists of 4 questions (each of which carries a maximum of 10 marks) designed to test whether candidates' command of English is adequate for professional purposes. Questions are in English. The passing mark is 20.

⁵ Part III is designed to test candidates' ability to apply professional knowledge to clinical problems in Medicine, Surgery (including cases of Orthopaedic Surgery), Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics. Candidates can answer Part III in English, Cantonese or Putonghua (choice to be made in application form).

⁶ A candidate meeting the respective requirements specified by the Medical Council can apply for exemption from taking Parts I or III of the Licensing Examination. The requirements are set out in Guidelines 2 issued by the Licentiate Committee of the Medical Council (English version only) which can be assessed at the Medical Council website (https://leip.mchk.org.hk/mchkdocs/guidelines2_exemption.pdf).

⁷ Any person who has passed the Licensing Examination and meeting the respective requirements specified by the Medical Council may apply for exemption from a specialty of internship assessment; deferment of internship training; and reduction of the period of assessment for a specialty of internship training. The requirements are set out in Guidelines 3 issued by the Licentiate Committee of the Medical Council (English version only) which can be assessed at the Medical Council website (https://leip.mchk.org.hk/mchkdocs/guidelines3_internship_revised.pdf).

⁸ A total of 12 promulgations have so far been published by the Medical Council in the Gazette. The types of employment described in promulgation nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 no longer exist. Application for limited registration can currently be made under the types of employment set out in promulgation nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 12. These six promulgations are available at the Medical Council website (http://www.mchk.org.hk/english/registration/limited_registration.html).

Subject to Section 14(2A) of the Ordinance, a person may be registered as a medical practitioner with limited registration if the Medical Council is satisfied that the person has been selected for an employment or for a type of employment determined and promulgated by the Medical Council; has obtained an acceptable overseas qualifications; has had adequate and relevant full-time post-qualification clinical experience; is registered with an approved medical authority outside Hong Kong; and is of good character. Since April 2018, the term of registration and the term for which such a medical practitioner could renew his or her registration is a period of not exceeding three years. A summary of the number of medical practitioners with limited registration under the promulgations currently in force during the period between 2014 and 2018 is in **Appendix III**.

5. There are wide public concerns over the medical manpower constraint in HA in recent years. Under promulgation no. 2 which was published by the Medical Council in the Gazette on 23 December 1994, one of the types of full-time employment in respect of which limited registration is appropriate and necessary is employment as a medical practitioner by HA for the purpose of research work or for such clinical practice of medicine or hospital work, as specified by HA.⁹ HA has resorted to recruit non-locally trained medical practitioners under limited registration as one of its measures to alleviate the heavy workload of frontline medical practitioners since 2011-2012. Since April 2019, HA has expanded the scope of limited registration recruitment to all specialties at the rank of Service Resident, and to recruit non-locally trained specialists at the rank of Associate Consultant in eight specialties which face significant shortage of specialists (i.e. Anaesthesia, Anatomical Pathology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Radiology and Nuclear Medicine).¹⁰ According to the list of

⁹ Under promulgation no. 2, the other two types of full-time employment in respect of which limited registration is appropriate and necessary are employment as a medical practitioner by (a) the Government for the purpose of research work or for such clinical practice of medicine or special health care services, as specified by the Director of Health; and (c) by HKU or CUHK for the purpose of teaching, research or performing hospital work, in the Faculty of Medicine. According to the list of registered medical practitioners on the Medical Council website, there were one, 31 and 55 non-locally trained medical practitioners employed by the Department of Health, HKU and CUHK under limited registration as at 14 May 2019.

¹⁰ The recruitment requirements in respect of Resident include: (a) possess qualification comparable to the Intermediate Examinations of constituent Colleges of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine; (b) three years of clinical experience as post-internship registered medical practitioner; (c) proficient in English; and (d) proficient in Cantonese (except for Anaesthesia, Pathology and Radiology). The recruitment requirements in respect of Associate Consultant include: (a) possess full registration with an approved medical authority outside Hong Kong; (b) certified or registered as a specialist or equivalent in relevant specialty in the country of practicing medicine, with the certification or registration system of the specialist status being a nationally or officially recognized system; (c) proficient in English; and (d) proficient in Cantonese (except for Anaesthesia, Pathology and Radiology).

registered medical practitioners on the Medical Council website, there were 14 non-locally trained medical practitioners working in HA under limited registration as at 14 May 2019.

6. At its Policy Meetings held on 3 April and 8 May 2019, the Medical Council considered various proposals on relaxation of internship assessment for non-locally trained medical practitioners with specialist status. It was approved at the meeting on 8 May 2019 that non-locally trained medical practitioners with specialist status who passed the Licensing Examination would be exempted from the internship assessment if they had served in HA, the Department of Health, HKU and CUHK for three years.

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Statistics of the Medical Council of Hong Kong's Licensing Examination

Year		Part I - Examination in Professional Knowledge		Part II - Proficiency Test in Medical English				Part III - Clinical Examination	
				March		September			
		Sat	Passed (Passing rate)	Sat	Passed (Passing rate)	Sat	Passed (Passing rate)	Sat	Passed (Passing rate)
2018	(2nd sitting)	122	24 (20%)	52	48 (92%)	-	-	54	25 (46%)
	(1st sitting)	117	40 (34%)	-	-	56	46 (82%)	56	26 (46%)
2017	(2nd sitting)	116	29 (25%)	-	-	44	44 (100%)	63	26 (41%)
	(1st sitting)	109	31 (28%)	45	40 (89%)	-	-	63	27 (43%)
2016	(2nd sitting)	132	14 (11%)	-	-	37	33 (89%)	64	27 (42%)
	(1st sitting)	163	22 (13%)	60	57 (95%)	-	-	68	14 (21%)
2015	(2nd sitting)	176	41 (23%)	-	-	56	50 (89%)	66	16 (24%)
	(1st sitting)	121	18 (15%)	42	30 (71%)	-	-	62	24 (39%)
2014	(2nd sitting)	200	35 (18%)	-	-	77	58 (75%)	70	28 (40%)
	(1st sitting)	107	25 (23%)	28	22 (79%)	-	-	85	46 (54%)
2013		280	102 (36%)	*	-	115	103 (90%)	143	46 (32%)
2012		237	61 (26%)	*	-	74	67 (91%)	108	47 (44%)
2011		221	51 (23%)	*	-	54	50 (93%)	76	21 (28%)
2010		168	43 (26%)	*	-	65	64 (98%)	72	21 (29%)
2009		158	41 (26%)	*	-	39	22 (56%)	48	15 (31%)
2008		138	12 (9%)	*	-	38	25 (66%)	23	8 (35%)
2007		117	22 (19%)	*	-	34	33 (97%)	37	18 (49%)
2006		105	21 (20%)	*	-	36	29 (81%)	26	9 (35%)
2005		81	11 (14%)	*	-	29	22 (76%)	22	5 (23%)
2004		77	7 (9%)	*	-	20	13 (65%)	21	9 (43%)
2003		76	11 (14%)	*	-	30	26 (87%)	27	7 (26%)
2002		104	11 (11%)	*	-	31	13 (42%)	33	13 (39%)
2001		124	13 (10%)	*	-	50	37 (74%)	35	9 (26%)
2000		132	13 (10%)	1	0	48	28 (58%)	42	10 (24%)
1999		165	20 (12%)	5	4 (80%)	57	39 (68%)	49	9 (18%)
1998		165	43 (26%)	7	7 (100%)	51	43 (84%)	49	17 (35%)
1997		178	13 (7%)	15	12 (80%)	90	48 (53%)	27	9 (33%)
1996		154	11 (7%)	-	-	140	88 (63%)	40	12 (30%)

* suspended from 2001 to 2013

Source: Licensing Examination Information Portal of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (<https://leip.mchk.org.hk>)

A breakdown of the number of candidates who sat and passed the Licensing Examination during the period between 2014 and 2018 by the jurisdictions of qualification hold by candidates

Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2014 (First sitting)	2 (Australia)	1 (Australia)	50	1 (Belgium)	1 (Belgium)	100	4 (Australia)	4 (Australia)	100
	1 (Belgium)	0 (Belgium)	0	1 (Indonesia)	1 (Indonesia)	100	1 (Belgium)	1 (Belgium)	100
	1 (India)	0 (India)	0	14 (Mainland)	8 (Mainland)	57	3 (Ireland)	3 (Ireland)	100
	1 (Indonesia)	0 (Indonesia)	0	2 (Pakistan)	2 (Pakistan)	100	44 (Mainland)	20 (Mainland)	45
	1 (Ireland)	0 (Ireland)	0	1 (Philippines)	1 (Philippines)	100	1 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0
	63 (Mainland)	14 (Mainland)	22	1 (Portugal)	1 (Portugal)	100	1 (Netherlands-Antilles)	1 (Netherlands-Antilles)	100
	1 (Nepal)	1 (Nepal)	100	1 (Russia)	1 (Russia)	100	5 (Taiwan, China)	2 (Taiwan, China)	40
	1 (New Zealand)	0 (New Zealand)	0	1 (Singapore)	1 (Singapore)	100	1 (The United Arab Emirates)	0 (The United Arab Emirates)	0
	2 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0	2 (Taiwan, China)	2 (Taiwan, China)	100	23 (UK)	14 (UK)	61
	1 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0	1 (Ukraine)	1 (Ukraine)	100	2 (USA)	1 (USA)	50
	1 (Portugal)	1 (Portugal)	100	3 (UK)	3 (UK)	100			
	1 (Russia)	0 (Russia)	0						
	1 (Singapore)	0 (Singapore)	0						
	1 (South Africa)	0 (South Africa)	0						
	3 (Taiwan, China)	2 (Taiwan, China)	67						
	1 (Ukraine)	0 (Ukraine)	0						
	24 (UK)	6 (UK)	25						
	1 (USA)	0 (USA)	0						
Total	107	25	23	28	22	79	85	46	54

Remarks: () jurisdictions of acquiring medical qualifications

Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2014 (second sitting)	4 (Australia)	1 (Australia)	25	2 (Australia)	2 (Australia)	100	2 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	100
	1 (Belgium)	0 (Belgium)	0	1 (Ireland)	1 (Ireland)	100	39 (Mainland)	18 (Mainland)	46
	2 (India)	0 (India)	0	54 (Mainland)	35 (Mainland)	65	1 (Myanmar)	0 (Myanmar)	0
	7 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	29	1 (Russia)	1 (Russia)	100	1 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0
	128 (Mainland)	18 (Mainland)	14	2 (Singapore)	2 (Singapore)	100	2 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0
	1 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0	1 (Sweden)	1 (Sweden)	100	1 (The United Arab Emirates)	0 (The United Arab Emirates)	0
	1 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0	2 (Taiwan, China)	2 (Taiwan, China)	100	21 (UK)	7 (UK)	33
	3 (Russia)	0 (Russia)	0	13 (UK)	13 (UK)	100	3 (USA)	1 (USA)	33
	3 (Singapore)	2 (Singapore)	67	1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100			
	1 (South Africa)	0 (South Africa)	0						
	1 (Sweden)	0 (Sweden)	0						
	3 (Taiwan, China)	1 (Taiwan, China)	33						
	42 (UK)	11 (UK)	26						
	3 (USA)	0 (USA)	0						
Total	200	35	18	77	58	75	70	28	40

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Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2015 (First sitting)	2 (Australia)	0 (Australia)	0	2 (Australia)	2 (Australia)	100	2 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	100
	1 (Colombia)	0 (Colombia)	0	1 (Colombia)	1 (Colombia)	100	29 (Mainland)	8 (Mainland)	28
	4 (India)	0 (India)	0	2 (India)	1 (India)	50	1 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0
	5 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	40	1 (Japan)	1 (Japan)	100	1 (Russia)	0 (Russia)	0
	1 (Japan)	0 (Japan)	0	21 (Mainland)	11 (Mainland)	52	1 (Singapore)	1 (Singapore)	100
	62 (Mainland)	4 (Mainland)	6	1 (Netherlands)	1 (Netherlands)	100	6 (Taiwan, China)	1 (Taiwan, China)	17
	1 (Netherlands)	0 (Netherlands)	0	1 (New Zealand)	1 (New Zealand)	100	1 (The United Arab Emirates)	0 (The United Arab Emirates)	0
	2 (New Zealand)	0 (New Zealand)	0	1 (Pakistan)	1 (Pakistan)	100	18 (UK)	11 (UK)	61
	1 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0	1 (Philippines)	1 (Philippines)	100	3 (USA)	1 (USA)	33
	1 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0	1 (Russia)	1 (Russia)	100			
	1 (Poland)	0 (Poland)	0	1 (Switzerland)	1 (Switzerland)	100			
	3 (Russia)	2 (Russia)	67	2 (Taiwan, China)	1 (Taiwan, China)	50			
	1 (Switzerland)	0 (Switzerland)	0	5 (UK)	5 (UK)	100			
	4 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0	2 (USA)	2 (USA)	100			
	29 (UK)	7 (UK)	24						
	3 (USA)	3 (USA)	100						
Total	121	18	15	42	30	71	62	24	39

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Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2015 (Second sitting)	2 (Australia)	1 (Australia)	50	43 (Mainland)	37 (Mainland)	86	1 (Australia)	0 (Australia)	0
	7 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	29	1 (Mynamar)	1 (Mynamar)	100	2 (Ireland)	1 (Ireland)	50
	113 (Mainland)	22 (Mainland)	19	1 (Pakistan)	1 (Pakistan)	100	37 (Mainland)	6 (Mainland)	16
	1 (Myanmar)	0 (Myanmar)	0	1 (Philippines)	1 (Philippines)	100	1 (Mynamar)	0 (Mynamar)	0
	1 (Netherlands)	0 (Netherlands)	0	1 (Russia)	1 (Russia)	100	1 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0
	3 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0	3 (Taiwan, China)	3 (Taiwan, China)	100	1 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0
	2 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0	6 (UK)	6 (UK)	100	2 (Russia)	0 (Russia)	0
	1 (Poland)	0 (Poland)	0				1 (Taiwan, China)	1 (Taiwan, China)	100
	1 (Russia)	0 (Russia)	0				18 (UK)	7 (UK)	39
	1 (Singapore)	0 (Singapore)	0				2 (USA)	1 (USA)	50
	1 (South Africa)	0 (South Africa)	0						
	6 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0						
	36 (UK)	15 (UK)	42						
	1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100						
Total	176	41	23	56	50	89	66	16	24

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Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2016 (First sitting)	1 (Australia)	1 (Australia)	100	1 (Bulgaria)	1 (Bulgaria)	100	1 (Australia)	0 (Australia)	0
	1 (Bulgaria)	0 (Bulgaria)	0	1 (Germany)	1 (Germany)	100	2 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	100
	1 (Germany)	0 (Germany)	0	3 (India)	3 (India)	100	36 (Mainland)	1 (Mainland)	3
	5 (India)	0 (India)	0	2 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	100	1 (Nepal)	1 (Nepal)	100
	4 (Ireland)	1 (Ireland)	25	1 (Italy)	1 (Italy)	100	2 (Russia)	1 (Russia)	50
	1 (Italy)	0 (Italy)	0	38 (Mainland)	35 (Mainland)	92	1 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0
	91 (Mainland)	9 (Mainland)	10	1 (Nepal)	1 (Nepal)	100	22 (UK)	8 (UK)	36
	2 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0	1 (Pakistan)	1 (Pakistan)	100	3 (USA)	1 (USA)	33
	1 (Netherlands)	0 (Netherlands)	0	1 (Poland)	1 (Poland)	100			
	3 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0	1 (South Africa)	1 (South Africa)	100			
	1 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0	1 (South Korea)	1 (South Korea)	100			
	1 (Poland)	0 (Poland)	0	7 (UK)	7 (UK)	100			
	2 (Russia)	0 (Russia)	0	2 (USA)	2 (USA)	100			
	1 (South Africa)	0 (South Africa)	0						
	1 (South Korea)	0 (South Korea)	0						
	3 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0						
	42 (UK)	10 (UK)	24						
	2 (USA)	1 (USA)	50						
Total	163	22	13	60	57	95	68	14	21

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Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2016 (Second sitting)	4 (Australia)	0 (Australia)	0	4 (Australia)	4 (Australia)	100	1 (Australia)	1 (Australia)	100
	1 (Czech)	0 (Czech)	0	1 (France)	1 (France)	100	37 (Mainland)	13 (Mainland)	35
	1 (France)	0 (France)	0	23 (Mainland)	20 (Mainland)	87	1 (Poland)	0 (Poland)	0
	1 (Germany)	0 (Germany)	0	1 (Netherlands)	1 (Netherlands)	100	1 (Russia)	1 (Russia)	100
	1 (India)	0 (India)	0	1 (Poland)	1 (Poland)	100	21 (UK)	12 (UK)	57
	2 (Ireland)	0 (Ireland)	0	2 (Taiwan, China)	1 (Taiwan, China)	50	1 (United Arab Emirates)	0 (United Arab Emirates)	0
	1 (Italy)	0 (Italy)	0	5 (UK)	5 (UK)	100	2 (USA)	0 (USA)	0
	76 (Mainland)	6 (Mainland)	8						
	2 (Netherlands)	0 (Netherlands)	0						
	2 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0						
	2 (Poland)	1 (Poland)	50						
	1 (South Africa)	0 (South Africa)	0						
	3 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0						
	35 (UK)	7 (UK)	20						
Total	132	14	11	37	33	89	64	27	42

Remarks: () jurisdictions of acquiring medical qualifications

Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2017 (First sitting)	5 (Australia)	3 (Australia)	60	3 (Australia)	3 (Australia)	100	3 (Australia)	0 (Australia)	0
	1 (Bangladesh)	0 (Bangladesh)	0	1 (Bangladesh)	1 (Bangladesh)	100	1 (Germany)	0 (Germany)	0
	1 (Egypt)	0 (Egypt)	0	1 (Egypt)	1 (Egypt)	100	1 (India)	0 (India)	0
	1 (France)	0 (France)	0	31 (Mainland)	26 (Mainland)	84	27 (Mainland)	11 (Mainland)	41
	1 (Germany)	1 (Germany)	100	1 (Malaysia)	1 (Malaysia)	100	1 (Malaysia)	0 (Malaysia)	0
	2 (India)	1 (India)	50	2 (Nepal)	2 (Nepal)	100	1 (Pakistan)	1 (Pakistan)	100
	1 (Ireland)	0 (Ireland)	0	2 (Philippines)	2 (Philippines)	100	1 (Poland)	0 (Poland)	0
	55 (Mainland)	8 (Mainland)	15	1 (South Africa)	1 (South Africa)	100	2 (Taiwan, China)	1 (Taiwan, China)	50
	1 (Malaysia)	1 (Malaysia)	100	2 (UK)	2 (UK)	100	24 (UK)	13 (UK)	54
	3 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0	1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100	2 (USA)	1 (USA)	50
	3 (Pakistan)	0 (Pakistan)	0						
	3 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0						
	1 (Poland)	1 (Poland)	100						
	1 (South Africa)	0 (South Africa)	0						
	1 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0						
	28 (UK)	16 (UK)	57						
	1 (USA)	0 (USA)	0						
Total	109	31	28	45	40	89	63	27	43

Remarks: () jurisdictions of acquiring medical qualifications

Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2017 (Second sitting)	7 (Australia)	3 (Australia)	43	4 (Australia)	4 (Australia)	100	5 (Australia)	4 (Australia)	80
	1 (Bangladesh)	0 (Bangladesh)	0	1 (Italy)	1 (Italy)	100	1 (Germany)	0 (Germany)	0
	5 (Ireland)	3 (Ireland)	60	26 (Mainland)	26 (Mainland)	100	1 (India)	0 (India)	0
	2 (Italy)	0 (Italy)	0	1 (Malaysia)	1 (Malaysia)	100	2 (Ireland)	0 (Ireland)	0
	68 (Mainland)	9 (Mainland)	13	2 (Philippines)	2 (Philippines)	100	28 (Mainland)	10 (Mainland)	36
	1 (Malaysia)	1 (Malaysia)	100	1 (Poland)	1 (Poland)	100	1 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0
	2 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0	1 (South Korea)	1 (South Korea)	100	1 (Portugal)	0 (Portugal)	0
	4 (Philippines)	1 (Philippines)	25	4 (UK)	4 (UK)	100	1 (South Korea)	0 (South Korea)	0
	1 (Poland)	0 (Poland)	0	3 (USA)	3 (USA)	100	21 (UK)	10 (UK)	48
	1 (South Africa)	0 (South Africa)	0	1 (Venezuela)	1 (Venezuela)	100	1 (United Arab Emirates)	1 (United Arab Emirates)	100
	1 (South Korea)	1 (South Korea)	100				1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100
	1 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0						
	18 (UK)	9 (UK)	50						
	3 (USA)	2 (USA)	67						
	1 (Venezuela)	0 (Venezuela)	0						
Total	116	29	25	44	44	100	63	26	41

Remarks: () jurisdictions of acquiring medical qualifications

Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2018 (First sitting)	4 (Australia)	3 (Australia)	75	3 (Australia)	3 (Australia)	100	5 (Australia)	1 (Australia)	20
	1 (Brazil)	0 (Brazil)	0	1 (Brazil)	1 (Brazil)	100	1 (Canada)	1 (Canada)	100
	1 (Canada)	1 (Canada)	100	1 (Canada)	1 (Canada)	100	1 (India)	1 (India)	100
	1 (Hungary)	0 (Hungary)	0	1 (Hungary)	1 (Hungary)	100	4 (Ireland)	3 (Ireland)	75
	1 (India)	0 (India)	0	1 (India)	1 (India)	100	25 (Mainland)	8 (Mainland)	32
	5 (Ireland)	4 (Ireland)	80	2 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	100	1 (Singapore)	1 (Singapore)	100
	73 (Mainland)	8 (Mainland)	11	30 (Mainland)	26 (Mainland)	87	1 (South Korea)	1 (South Korea)	100
	2 (Nepal)	0 (Nepal)	0	1 (Philippines)	1 (Philippines)	100	13 (UK)	9 (UK)	69
	1 (Netherlands)	0 (Netherlands)	0	4 (Taiwan, China)	4 (Taiwan, China)	100	2 (USA)	0 (USA)	0
	2 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0	6 (UK)	6 (UK)	100	1 (Venezuela)	0 (Venezuela)	0
	7 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0	1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100			
	21 (UK)	6 (UK)	29	1 (Venezuela)	1 (Venezuela)	100			
	1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100						
	2 (Venezuela)	1 (Venezuela)	50						
Total	122	24	20	52	48	92	54	25	46

Remarks: () jurisdictions of acquiring medical qualifications

Year	Exam in Professional Knowledge (Part I)			Proficiency Test in Medical English (Part II)			Clinical Examination (Part III)		
	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%	Number who sat for exam	Number who passed	%
2018 (Second Sitting)	3 (Australia)	2 (Australia)	67	1 (Australia)	1 (Australia)	100	6 (Australia)	4 (Australia)	67
	1 (Brazil)	0 (Brazil)	0	2 (Ireland)	2 (Ireland)	100	3 (Ireland)	3 (Ireland)	100
	2 (India)	0 (India)	0	38 (Mainland)	29 (Mainland)	76	26 (Mainland)	9 (Mainland)	35
	5 (Ireland)	3 (Ireland)	60	2 (Nepal)	2 (Nepal)	100	1 (Nepal)	1 (Nepal)	100
	74 (Mainland)	16 (Mainland)	22	2 (Philippines)	1 (Philippines)	50	2 (Taiwan, China)	0 (Taiwan, China)	0
	2 (Nepal)	1 (Nepal)	50	1 (Taiwan, China)	1 (Taiwan, China)	100	14 (UK)	7 (UK)	50
	3 (Philippines)	0 (Philippines)	0	9 (UK)	9 (UK)	100	3 (USA)	2 (USA)	67
	6 (Taiwan, China)	3 (Taiwan, China)	50	1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100	1 (Venezuela)	0 (Venezuela)	0
	20 (UK)	14 (UK)	70						
	1 (USA)	1 (USA)	100						
Total	117	40	34	56	46	82	56	26	46

Remarks: () jurisdictions of acquiring medical qualifications

Source: Information extracted from the Administration's replies to Members' initial written questions during examination of estimates of expenditure 2019-2020

**The number of medical practitioners with limited registration
under the General Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong during the period between 2014 and 2018**

Promulgation	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
No. 2	97	104	93	110	92
- Employment as a medical practitioner by the Government for the purpose of research work or for such clinical practice of medicine or special health care services, as specified by the Director of Health	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
- Employment as a medical practitioner by the Hospital Authority for the purpose of research work or for such clinical practice of medicine or hospital work, as specified by the Hospital Authority	(13)	(12)	(14)	(14)	(12)
- Employment as a medical practitioner by the University of Hong Kong for the purpose of teaching, research or performing hospital work, in the Faculty of Medicine	(33)	(30)	(27)	(48)	(30)
- Employment as a medical practitioner by The Chinese University of Hong Kong for the purpose of teaching, research or performing hospital work, in the Faculty of Medicine	(51)	(62)	(52)	(48)	(50)
No. 3					
- Being such persons (whose names were entered prior to the end of 1964 into a list maintained by the Registrar of Clinics, Department of Health) appointed for the provision of primary healthcare, and to be responsible for the medical management of those clinics exempted from the provisions of section 7 of the Medical Clinics Ordinance (Cap. 343)	34	31	27	22	22
No. 4					
- Being such persons (whose names were entered prior to the end of 1964 into a list maintained by the Registrar of Clinics, Department of Health and who are or who have been registered under Promulgation No. 3 of the Medical Council of Hong Kong on Limited Registration) appointed for the provision of primary healthcare, and to be responsible for the medical management of those clinics registered under the Medical Clinics Ordinance	15	13	12	10	9
No. 9					
- Employment as an appointed medical practitioner for the purpose of supervising the medical matters which may arise in connexion with the construction work in compressed air by works contractors commissioned by the Highways Department under contract number HY/2012/08	-	2	2	2	-
No. 10					
- Employed by a firm of solicitors registered by the Law Society of Hong Kong to carry out a medical examination of a person in Hong Kong for the sole purpose of preparing a medical expert report on that person for use in a pending court proceedings in Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	1

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