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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

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**WAIVER OF REGISTRATION AND RELATED FEES
FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 26 May 2020, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that the following regulations and order should be made –

- (a) the Dentists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex A**;
- (b) the Dental Hygienists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex B**;
- (c) the Medical Practitioners (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex C**;
- (d) the Midwives (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex D**;
- (e) the Registered Nurses (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex E**;
- (f) the Enrolled Nurses (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex F**;
- (g) the Medical Laboratory Technologists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex G**;
- (h) the Occupational Therapists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex H**;
- (i) the Optometrists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex I**;
- (j) the Radiographers (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex J**;
- (k) the Physiotherapists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex K**;
- (l) the Chiropractors (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex L**;
- (m) the Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at **Annex M**; and
- (n) the Revenue (Reduction of Fees for Pharmacists' Certificates of Registration and Practising Certificates) Order 2020, at **Annex N**.

JUSTIFICATION

2. The Government has proposed to waive the registration/enrolment fees for some 125 000 healthcare professionals (“the waiver”) for three years starting from 1 July 2020 (“the concession period”). Subsidiary legislation is required to effect the waiver. We propose to waive during the concession period the fees payable in respect of statutory registrations/enrolments for the 13 healthcare professions, as well as the fees payable in respect of the issuance or renewal of practising certificates that take effect during the concession period, subject to the restrictions set out below.

3. As registration in a healthcare profession generally only occurs once for a practitioner, the waiver for registration fees will be valid for one registration during the concession period. However, for a person whose name has been removed¹ or deleted¹ from the register, the waiver would not apply when the person applies during the concession period for his/her name to be re-entered into the register. Meanwhile, practising certificates require renewal, depending on the healthcare profession, either once every three years or annually. As such, the waiver will be applicable to the application for and/or renewal of practising certificates either once or three times at most during the concession period, subject to the statutory renewal interval of the respective healthcare profession.

THE REGULATIONS AND ORDER

4. The waiver will be valid for three years during the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive).

Dentists

5. The Dentists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex A, is made under the Dentists Registration Ordinance to waive the fees for registration, the inclusion of name in the Specialist Register, and the issuance of practising certificates.

¹ Mainly for reasons of misconduct.

Dental Hygienists

6. The Dental Hygienists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex B, is made under the Dentists Registration Ordinance to waive the fees for enrolment.

Medical Practitioners

7. The Medical Practitioners (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex C, is made under the Medical Registration Ordinance to waive the fees for the registration in the General Register, the inclusion of name in the Specialist Register, and the issuance of practising certificates.

Midwives

8. The Midwives (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex D, is made under the Midwives Registration Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance of practising certificates.

Nurses

9. The Registered Nurses (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex E, is made under the Nurses Registration Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance of practising certificates.

10. The Enrolled Nurses (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex F, is made under the Nurses Registration Ordinance to waive the fees for enrolment and the issuance of practising certificates.

Medical Laboratory Technologists

11. The Medical Laboratory Technologists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex G, is made under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance of practising certificates.

Occupational Therapists

12. The Occupational Therapists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex H, is made under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance of practising certificates.

Optometrists

13. The Optometrists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex I, is made under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance of practising certificates.

Radiographers

14. The Radiographers (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex J, is made under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance of practising certificates.

Physiotherapists

15. The Physiotherapists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex K, is made under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance of practising certificates.

Chiropractors

16. The Chiropractors (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex L, is made under the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance to waive the fees for registration, the issuance of certificates of registration and the issuance and renewal of practising certificates.

Chinese Medicine Practitioners

17. The Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020, at Annex M, is made under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance to waive the fees for registration and the issuance or renewal of practising certificates.

Pharmacists

18. The Revenue (Reduction of Fees for Pharmacists' Certificates of Registration and Practising Certificates) Order 2020, at Annex N, is made under the section 39A(a) of the Public Finance Ordinance to waive the fees for the issuance of certificates of registration and annual practising certificates.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

19. The waiver should be implemented as soon as possible so as to benefit the healthcare professionals as they continue their efforts in combating the pandemic. We therefore propose that the proposed subsidiary legislation to take effect on 1 July 2020. The Regulations and Order will be gazetted on 29 May 2020 and tabled in the Legislative Council on 3 June 2020 for negative vetting.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

20. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. The proposal will not affect the binding effect of existing provisions of the relevant ordinances and their subsidiary legislation. It has no productivity, environmental, sustainability, economic, gender or family implications.

21. Civil service implications, if any, will be absorbed within the existing provision of the relevant bureau/department. The estimated revenue forgone to Government arising from the proposed fee waiver is about \$92 million.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

22. The Government proposed the waiver as a token of appreciation to healthcare professionals in the fight against the coronavirus disease-2019. The waiver was announced by the Chief Executive in the context of the second round of relief measures in April 2020.

PUBLICITY

23. A spokesman will be available to answer enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

24. Enquiries on the brief should be made to Mr Michael KWAN, Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health), at 3509 8910.

Food and Health Bureau
27 May 2020

Dentists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 29(1) of the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means the Second Schedule to the Dentists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 156 sub. leg. A).

3. Registration fees

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a registration as a registered dentist that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for inclusion of names in Specialist Register

- (1) Item 1A of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), if the Registrar includes a person's name in the Specialist Register during the concession period, the fee payable for the inclusion of the name is \$0.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply in relation to—
 - (a) a person whose name is in the Specialist Register; or
 - (b) a person whose name has been removed from the Specialist Register.

5. Fees for practising certificates

- (1) Item 9 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
- (3) If more than 3 practising certificates of the same type issued to a person take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.
- (4) In this section—
type (類別), in relation to a practising certificate, means a type of practising certificate as referred to in item 9(a), (b) or (d) of the Fees Schedule.

6. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration as registered dentists;
- (b) inclusion of names in the Specialist Register; and
- (c) issue of practising certificates for registered dentists.

Dental Hygienists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 29(1) of the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Dental Hygienists Regulations (《牙齒衛生員規例》) means the Ancillary Dental Workers (Dental Hygienists) Regulations (Cap. 156 sub. leg. B);

roll (名冊) means the roll of dental hygienists maintained under regulation 4(2) of the Dental Hygienists Regulations.

3. Enrolment fees

- (1) Regulation 4(4) of the Dental Hygienists Regulations is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), if the Registrar records a person's name in the roll during the concession period, the enrolment fee payable for that under regulation 4(4) of the Dental Hygienists Regulations is \$0.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply in relation to a person whose name has been deleted from the roll.

4. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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COUNCIL CHAMBER

26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the enrolment fees payable under the Ancillary Dental Workers (Dental Hygienists) Regulations (Cap. 156 sub. leg. B) if certain criteria are met.

Medical Practitioners (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 33(1) of the
Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means the Schedule to the Medical Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 161 sub. leg. C).

3. Fees for registration in Part I or III, or provisional registration in Part II, of General Register

- (1) Items 1, 2 and 3 of the Fees Schedule are subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for a registration or provisional registration in a part of the General Register that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
- (3) If more than one registration in Part III of the General Register made in respect of a person takes effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those registrations are concerned, in relation only to the registration that first takes effect.
- (4) In this section—

part (部), in relation to the General Register, means Part I, II or III of the Register.

4. Fees for inclusion of names in Specialist Register

- (1) Item 4 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), if the Registrar includes a person's name in the Specialist Register during the concession period, the fee payable for the inclusion of the name is \$0.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply in relation to a person whose name has been removed from the Specialist Register.

5. Fees for practising certificates

- (1) Item 10 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
 - (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
 - (3) If more than 3 practising certificates of the same type issued to a person take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.
 - (4) In this section—
- type* (類別), in relation to a practising certificate, means a type of practising certificate as referred to in item 10(a), (b) or (c) of the Fees Schedule.

6. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration in Part I of the General Register;
- (b) provisional registration in Part II of the General Register;
- (c) registration in Part III of the General Register;
- (d) inclusion of names in the Specialist Register; and
- (e) issue of practising certificates for registered medical practitioners.

Midwives (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 23(1) of the Midwives Registration Ordinance (Cap. 162))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means the Schedule to the Midwives Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 162 sub. leg. B).

3. Fees for first registration

- (1) Item 1(a) of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for the first registration as a registered midwife that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for practising certificates

- (1) Item 3 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
- (3) If more than one practising certificate issued to a person takes effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the certificate that first takes effect.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Midwives Registration Ordinance (Cap. 162) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) first registration as registered midwives; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for registered midwives.

Registered Nurses (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

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Registered Nurses (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 27(1) of the Nurses Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means the Second Schedule to the Nurses (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164 sub. leg. A).

3. Registration fees

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a registration in the register that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for specified practising certificates

- (1) Item 1A of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a specified practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
- (3) If more than one specified practising certificate issued to a person in respect of the same part of the register takes effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as

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those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the certificate that first takes effect.

(4) In this section—

part (部分), in relation to a register, means a part of the register as referred to in regulation 3(2)(a), (b), (c) or (d) of the Nurses (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164 sub. leg. A);

specified practising certificate (指明執業證明書) means a certificate issued under section 10A of the Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Nurses Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration in the register of nurses; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for registered nurses.

Enrolled Nurses (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 27(1) of the Nurses Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means the Second Schedule to the Enrolled Nurses (Enrolment and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164 sub. leg. B).

3. Enrolment fees

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for an enrolment in the roll that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for specified practising certificates

- (1) Item 1A of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a specified practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
- (3) If more than one specified practising certificate issued to a person in respect of the same part of the roll takes effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those

certificates are concerned, in relation only to the certificate that first takes effect.

(4) In this section—

part (部分), in relation to a roll, means a part of the roll as referred to in regulation 3(2)(a) or (b) of the Enrolled Nurses (Enrolment and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164 sub. leg. B);

specified practising certificate (指明執業證明書) means a certificate issued under section 16A of the Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Nurses Registration Ordinance (Cap. 164) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) enrolment in the roll of enrolled nurses; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for enrolled nurses.

Medical Laboratory Technologists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 29(1) of the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means Schedule 3 to the Medical Laboratory Technologists Regulations;

Medical Laboratory Technologists Regulations (《醫務化驗師規例》) means the Medical Laboratory Technologists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 359 sub. leg. A);

register (註冊名冊) has the meaning given by regulation 2 of the Medical Laboratory Technologists Regulations.

3. Registration fees

- (1) Item 3 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a registration in the register that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for specified practising certificates

- (1) Item 10 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a specified practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

(3) If more than 3 specified practising certificates issued to a person in respect of the same part of the register take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.

(4) In this section—

part (部分), in relation to the register, means a part of the register as referred to in regulation 3(2) of the Medical Laboratory Technologists Regulations;

specified practising certificate (指明執業證明書) means a practising certificate for practising as a person of the description referred to in item 1 of the Schedule to the Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration in the register of medical laboratory technologists; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for medical laboratory technologists.

Occupational Therapists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 29(1) of the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means Schedule 3 to the Occupational Therapists Regulations;

Occupational Therapists Regulations (《職業治療師規例》) means the Occupational Therapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 359 sub. leg. B);

register (註冊名冊) has the meaning given by regulation 2 of the Occupational Therapists Regulations.

3. Registration fees

- (1) Item 3 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a registration in the register that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for specified practising certificates

- (1) Item 10 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.

- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a specified practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
- (3) If more than 3 specified practising certificates issued to a person in respect of the same part of the register take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.
- (4) In this section—
part (部分), in relation to the register, means a part of the register as referred to in regulation 3(2) of the Occupational Therapists Regulations;
specified practising certificate (指明執業證明書) means a practising certificate for practising as a person of the description referred to in item 4 of the Schedule to the Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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16 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration in the register of occupational therapists; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for occupational therapists.

Optometrists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 29(1) of the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means Schedule 3 to the Optometrists Regulation;

Optometrists Regulation (《視光師規例》) means the Optometrists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation (Cap. 359 sub. leg. F);

register (註冊名冊) has the meaning given by section 2 of the Optometrists Regulation.

3. Registration fees

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a registration in the register that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for specified practising certificates

- (1) Item 3 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a specified practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

- (3) If more than 3 specified practising certificates issued to a person in respect of the same part of the register take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.

- (4) In this section—

part (部分), in relation to the register, means a part of the register as referred to in section 3(2) of the Optometrists Regulation;

specified practising certificate (指明執業證明書) means a practising certificate for practising as a person of the description referred to in item 5 of the Schedule to the Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration in the register of optometrists; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for optometrists.

Radiographers (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 29(1) of the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means Schedule 3 to the Radiographers Regulation;

Radiographers Regulation (《放射技師規例》) means the Radiographers (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation (Cap. 359 sub. leg. H);

register (註冊名冊) has the meaning given by section 2 of the Radiographers Regulation.

3. Registration fees

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a registration in the register that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for specified practising certificates

- (1) Item 3 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a specified practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

- (3) If more than 3 specified practising certificates issued to a person in respect of the same category in a part of the register take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.

- (4) In this section—

category (分類), in relation to a part of the register, means a category subdivided in accordance with section 3(2)(b) of the Radiographers Regulation;

part (部分), in relation to the register, means a part of the register as referred to in section 3(2)(a) of the Radiographers Regulation;

specified practising certificate (指明執業證明書) means a practising certificate for practising as a person of the description referred to in item 2 of the Schedule to the Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



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26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration in the register of radiographers; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for radiographers.

Physiotherapists (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 29(1) of the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means Schedule 3 to the Physiotherapists Regulation;

Physiotherapists Regulation (《物理治療師規例》) means the Physiotherapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation (Cap. 359 sub. leg. J);

register (註冊名冊) has the meaning given by section 2 of the Physiotherapists Regulation.

3. Registration fees

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a registration in the register that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for specified practising certificates

- (1) Item 3 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee payable for the issue of a specified practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

- (3) If more than 3 specified practising certificates issued to a person in respect of the same part of the register take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.

- (4) In this section—

part (部分), in relation to the register, means Part Ia, Part Ib or Part II of the register as referred to in section 3(2) of the Physiotherapists Regulation;

specified practising certificate (指明執業證明書) means a practising certificate for practising as a person of the description referred to in item 3 of the Schedule to the Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) registration in the register of physiotherapists; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for physiotherapists.

Chiropractors (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 27(a) of the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance (Cap. 428))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means the Schedule to the Chiropractors Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 428 sub. leg. A).

3. Fees for application for registration

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for an application for registration as a registered chiropractor that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for application for issue or renewal of practising certificates

- (1) Items 2 and 3 of the Fees Schedule are subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), if a practising certificate (or renewal of a practising certificate) takes effect during the concession period, the fee payable for the application for issue (or renewal) of the certificate is \$0.
- (3) If, in relation to a person, more than 3 specified matters take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as

far as those matters are concerned, in relation only to the 3 specified matters that first take effect.

(4) In this section—

practising certificate (執業證明書) means a certificate issued under section 12 of the Ordinance;

specified matter (指明事宜) means—

- (a) a practising certificate; or
- (b) renewal of a practising certificate.

5. Fees for certificates of registration

- (1) Item 4 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for a certificate of registration that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.
- (3) In this section—
certificate of registration (註冊證明書) means a certificate of registration issued under section 14 of the Ordinance.

6. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Chiropractors Registration Ordinance (Cap. 428) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) application for registration as a registered chiropractor;
- (b) application for issue or renewal of practising certificates for registered chiropractors; and
- (c) certificate of registration as a registered chiropractor.

Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fee Concessions) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 161(1) of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Regulation—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means the Schedule to the Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 549 sub. leg. B).

3. Fees for application for registration

- (1) Item 1 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) The fee payable for an application for registration as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner that takes effect during the concession period is \$0.

4. Fees for application for or renewal of limited registration

- (1) Item 2 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), if a limited registration (or renewal of a limited registration) takes effect during the concession period, the fee payable for the application for the limited registration (or the renewal of the limited registration) is \$0.

(3) If, in relation to a person, more than one specified matter takes effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those matters are concerned, in relation only to the specified matter that first takes effect.

(4) In this section—

specified matter (指明事宜) means—

- (a) a limited registration; or
- (b) renewal of a limited registration.

5. Fees for application for issue or renewal of practising certificates

- (1) Item 4 of the Fees Schedule is subject to this section.
- (2) If a practising certificate (or renewal of a practising certificate) takes effect during the concession period, the fee payable for the application for the issue (or renewal) of the certificate is \$0.

6. Expiry

This Regulation expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.



Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

26 May 2020

Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) application for registration as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner;
- (b) application for or renewal of registration as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner with limited registration; and
- (c) application for the issue or renewal of practising certificates for registered Chinese medicine practitioners.

Revenue (Reduction of Fees for Pharmacists' Certificates of Registration and Practising Certificates) Order 2020

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Revenue (Reduction of Fees for Pharmacists' Certificates of Registration and Practising Certificates) Order 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive under section 39A(a) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) after consultation with the Executive Council)

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Order—

concession period (寬免期) means the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive);

Fees Schedule (費用附表) means Schedule 9 to the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations (Cap. 138 sub. leg. A);

Pharmacy Ordinance (《藥劑條例》) means the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138).

3. Reduction of fees for certificates of registration

(1) This section applies to the fee set out in item 2 of the Fees Schedule payable for the issue of a certificate of registration that takes effect during the concession period.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee is reduced to \$0.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply in relation to a person an entry relating to whom has been deleted, or whose name has been removed, from the register of pharmacists.

(4) In this section—

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certificate of registration (註冊證明書) means a certificate of registration as a pharmacist issued under section 9 of the Pharmacy Ordinance;

register of pharmacists (藥劑師名冊) has the same meaning as in the Pharmacy Ordinance.

4. Reduction of fees for practising certificates

(1) This section applies to the fee set out in item 17 of the Fees Schedule payable for the issue of a practising certificate that takes effect during the concession period.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee is reduced to \$0.

(3) If more than 3 practising certificates issued to a person take effect during the concession period, subsection (2) applies, as far as those certificates are concerned, in relation only to the 3 certificates that first take effect.

(4) In this section—

practising certificate (執業證明書) has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Pharmacy Ordinance.

5. Expiry

This Order expires at midnight on 30 June 2023.

Explanatory Note

This Order provides for a concession on the fees payable under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138) for the following matters if certain criteria are met—

- (a) issue of certificates of registration as pharmacists; and
- (b) issue of practising certificates for registered pharmacists.



Chief Executive

26 May 2020
