

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161)

### **MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1A) NOTICE 2022**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Registrar of Medical Practitioners (i.e. the Director of Health) made the Medical Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1A) Notice 2022 (the Notice) at **Annex** under section 14H of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) (the Ordinance) to recognise the first batch of medical qualifications recommended by the Special Registration Committee (SRC).

#### **JUSTIFICATIONS**

2. After the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 came into effect upon gazettal on 29 October 2021, non-locally trained doctors who possess the recognised medical qualifications, subject to their fulfilment of certain criteria, may apply for special registration to practise in the public healthcare institutions (i.e. the Hospital Authority, the Department of Health, The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong) in Hong Kong. After serving for a certain period, obtaining recognised specialist qualifications and passing the assessment, they will be granted full registration to practise in Hong Kong. For non-locally trained medical graduates who possess the recognised medical qualifications but have yet to undergo internship outside Hong Kong, subject to their fulfilment of relevant criteria, they may take the Licensing Examination of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) in order to apply for special registration to practise in the public healthcare institutions in Hong Kong. They may also obtain full registration after meeting the requirements applicable to all special registration doctors. In November 2021, the SRC was established under the MCHK in accordance with the amended Ordinance to determine the list of recognised medical qualifications after

reviewing programmes offered by non-local medical schools with quality comparable to those provided by the two medical schools in Hong Kong. The SRC will submit the list to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners for promulgation by legal notice.

3. Under section 14F of the Ordinance, when determining the list of recognised medical qualifications, the SRC will consider and recommend a medical qualification –

- (a) that is at the level of degree or higher;
- (b) that is awarded by a body broadly comparable to any local university awarding medical qualifications in terms of international rankings; and
- (c) that is broadly comparable to the medical qualifications awarded by any local university in terms of —
  - (i) curriculum of the programmes leading to the medical qualifications;
  - (ii) medium of instruction of the programmes; and
  - (iii) any other aspects the SRC considers appropriate.

On the international rankings of non-local bodies awarding medical qualifications, the SRC has decided after discussion to refer to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, the QS World University Rankings and the Academic Ranking of World Universities. It has also decided that in line with the two local medical schools, English should be adopted as the medium of instruction of the programmes leading to the medical qualifications, and the medical training involved should be comparable to the local basic medical training of doctors. As for other considerations, the SRC opines that the non-local medical qualifications should be recognised by the medical regulatory authorities in respective places and the duration of the programmes leading to the medical qualifications should be on par with that for the medical qualifications awarded in Hong Kong.

4. In order that the list of recognised medical qualifications could be determined early, the SRC has engaged the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications to support the relevant work. After detailed examination, the SRC has earlier submitted to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners the first batch of 27 medical qualifications recommended for recognition. Meanwhile, the SRC is pressing ahead with the assessment of other non-local medical programmes

with a view to submitting the remaining medical qualifications to be recognised in batches as soon as possible.

## **THE NOTICE**

5. The Notice is made by the Registrar of Medical Practitioners under section 14H of the Ordinance to amend Schedule 1A to the Ordinance to recognise in both its Part 1 and Part 2 a total of 27 medical qualifications recommended by the SRC. Part 1 applies to persons who have not yet enrolled on a recognised medical programme when the Notice comes into effect, while Part 2 applies to persons who have enrolled on or completed a recognised medical programme when the Notice comes into effect. Insofar as Part 2 is concerned, the SRC has not specified the effective year of the 27 medical qualifications. In other words, these medical qualifications are recognised irrespective of the year of conferment.

## **LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**

6. The Notice will come into effect upon gazettal on 29 April 2022. The Notice will be tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on 4 May 2022.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL**

7. The Notice is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. It will not affect the current binding effect of the Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

8. Under section 14F of the Ordinance, the SRC is responsible for making recommendations independently to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners direct with respect to the list of recognised medical qualifications. Therefore, no public consultation is conducted in this regard.

## **PUBLICITY**

9. A press release will be issued on 27 April 2022, and a spokesperson will be available to answer enquiries.

## **ENQUIRIES**

10. For enquiries on this brief, please contact Mr Chris FUNG, Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health), at 3509 8917.

**Food and Health Bureau**  
**27 April 2022**

## Medical Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1A) Notice 2022

## Section 1

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## Medical Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1A) Notice 2022

(Made by the Registrar of Medical Practitioners under section 14H of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161))

### 1. Medical Registration Ordinance amended

The Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) is amended as set out in section 2.

### 2. Schedule 1A amended (list of recognized medical qualifications)

(1) Schedule 1A, Part 1—

#### Repeal

everything after “Part 1”

#### Substitute

“Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Item	Place	Body awarding medical qualifications	Medical qualifications
1.	Australia	Monash University	Doctor of Medicine; Bachelor of Medical Sciences (5-year medical programme)

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## Section 2

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Item	Place	Body awarding medical qualifications	Medical qualifications
2.	Australia	The University of Melbourne	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
3.	Canada	McGill University	Doctorem Medicinae et Chirurgiae Magistrum (4-year medical programme offered at Montreal Campus)
4.	Canada	University of British Columbia	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
5.	Canada	University of Toronto	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
6.	Singapore	National University of Singapore	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)

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7.	The United Kingdom	Imperial College London	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
8.	The United Kingdom	The University of Edinburgh	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Medical Sciences (6-year medical programme)
9.	The United Kingdom	University College London	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
10.	The United Kingdom	University of Cambridge	Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Medicine (6-year medical programme)

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11.	The United Kingdom	University of Glasgow	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)
12.	The United Kingdom	University of Oxford	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
13.	The United States of America	Boston University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
14.	The United States of America	Columbia University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
15.	The United States of America	Emory University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)

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16.	The United States of America	Johns Hopkins University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
17.	The United States of America	New York University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
18.	The United States of America	Northwestern University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
19.	The United States of America	Stanford University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
20.	The United States of America	University of California, Los Angeles	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)

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21.	The United States of America	University of California, San Diego	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
22.	The United States of America	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
23.	The United States of America	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
24.	The United States of America	University of Pennsylvania	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
25.	The United States of America	University of Washington	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)

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26.	The United States of America	Washington University in St. Louis	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)	
27.	The United States of America	Yale University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)".	
(2)	Schedule 1A, Part 2— <b>Repeal</b> everything after “ <b>Part 2</b> ” <b>Substitute</b>			
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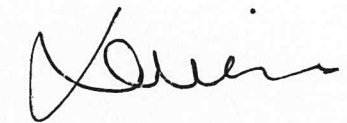
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Registrar of Medical Practitioners

27 April 2022

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### **Explanatory Note**

Under section 14H of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) (*Ordinance*), on receiving a recommendation made by the Special Registration Committee on the medical qualifications to be recognized for the purpose of granting a special registration under section 14C of the Ordinance, the Registrar of Medical Practitioners must recognize those medical qualifications by amending Schedule 1A to the Ordinance.

2. This Notice amends Schedule 1A to the Ordinance to recognize the medical qualifications recommended by the Special Registration Committee.