

Diploma in Child Health Examination (DCH) 2005

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) will hold a Joint Diploma in Child Health Examination in Hong Kong in 2005, awarding DCH (HK) and DCH (International) to successful candidates.

The Examination is divided into two parts, Written and Clinical. Since January 2004, the Membership of the RCPCH (MRCPCH) Part 1 Examination is made up of two written papers - Part 1A and Part 1B. **The Part 1A (Basic Child Health) examination has replaced the previous Diploma in Child Health (DCH) written examination.** Successful completion of the Part 1A Examination will entitle the candidate to up to three attempts at the DCH Clinical Examination before being required to re-enter the Written Examination.

The MRCPCH Part 1A Examination is held three times a year in Hong Kong. The next MRCPCH Part 1A Examination will be held in September 2005. Details on application for entry to the examination are as follows:

1. **Examination Date:** 6 September 2005
2. **Examination Fee:** HK\$3,200 for Part IA
3. **Entry Requirements**

Candidates who wish to enter the examination must hold a recognized medical qualification in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians reserves the right to admission for the examination and priority will be given to candidates taking both the Part IA and IB examinations.

4. Application

- a) **HK Opening Date:** Tuesday, 3 May 2005
- b) **HK Closing Date:** Thursday, 16 June 2005
- c) Candidates who wish to sit the examination in Hong Kong **MUST** apply through the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians by completing the application forms (Form A & Form B-Overseas Centres).
- d) Application forms and examinations handbooks are obtainable in person or on request. To request for a set of application forms, please send a self-addressed envelope affixed with a stamp of HK\$1.4 to the following address. An A4 size envelope with postage of HK\$4.4 is required for requesting for a set of application forms and an examinations handbook.

College Secretariat
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road
Hong Kong

5. Completing and returning of application forms

- a) New entrants and re-entrants are required to complete Form A and Form B-Overseas Centre of the MRCPCH Part I Examination.
- b) It is required that candidates' name should appear on the application forms exactly as they are on their diplomas in order and spelling.
- c) Re-entering candidates should fill in the correct Code Number on the application forms.

d) Supporting Documents

Candidates who are entering the examination for the first time must submit certified true copies of the current annual practicing certificates and the certificates / diplomas of their medical qualifications and / or official translations authenticated by one of the following:

- i. Chief of Service of your hospital with hospital chop and signature
- ii. The issuing University or Medical School
- iii. The District Office of Home Affairs Department
- iv. A British Consulate or British Consul
- v. The candidate's own Embassy or High Commission in the United Kingdom

- e) Completed application forms (Form A & Form B) together with the certified true copies of the candidate's diploma of primary medical qualification and the current annual practicing certificate and the examination fee should reach the College Secretariat **not later than 16 June 2005**. Applications received after the local closing date will not be accepted.

6. Method of Payment

Candidates should make out a crossed cheque in the amount of HK\$3,200 payable to 'Hong Kong College of Paediatricians'.

7. Withdrawal / Refund

- a) Candidates who notify the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health of their intentions to withdraw from the examination before the UK closing date, which is 8 July 2005, will be eligible for a 90% refund of the examination fee.
- b) Please forward a copy of the withdrawal letter to us for reference and refund. Those who withdraw after the UK closing date or who are absent from the examination will forfeit their fee.

8. Enquires: please call 28718871 or email to hkcpaed@netvigator.com

Candidates can also access the RCPCH website at <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk> for further information on the examination.

Please note the Joint DCH Clinical Examination is expected to be held in Hong Kong in November 2005. This Clinical Examination is open to registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong and there will be a quota to the number of entries. Candidates should have at least 6 months of Paediatric practice (resident medical officer or intern within 5 years prior to the date of the DCH clinical examination) in a recognized institution with acute hospital admissions. Further details on the Clinical Examination will be announced at a later date.