

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161)

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1A) (NO. 2) NOTICE 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Registrar of Medical Practitioners (i.e. the Director of Health) made the Medical Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1A) (No. 2) Notice 2022 (“the Notice”) at **Annex** under section 14H of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) (“the Ordinance”) to recognize the second 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 recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized 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 recognized 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.

As for other considerations, the SRC opines that the medical qualifications should be recognized 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 recognized 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 first batch of a total of 27 medical qualifications recognized by the SRC was announced in end-April 2022. The SRC has earlier submitted to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners the second batch of 23 medical qualifications recommended for recognition. In other words, the SRC has so far recognized a total of 50 medical qualifications. The SRC is pressing ahead with the assessment of other non-local medical programmes. During the process, medical qualifications that fulfill the stipulated criteria will not be excluded. The SRC targets to submit the remaining medical qualifications to be recognized 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 recognize in both its Part 1 and Part 2 a total of 23 medical qualifications recommended by the SRC. Part 1 applies to persons who have not yet enrolled on a recognized medical programme when the Notice comes into effect, while Part 2 applies to persons who have enrolled on or completed a recognized medical programme when the Notice comes into effect. Insofar

as Part 2 is concerned, the SRC has not specified the effective year of the recognized medical qualifications. In other words, these medical qualifications are recognized irrespective of the year of conferment.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

6. The Notice will come into effect upon gazettal on 10 June 2022. The Notice will be tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on 15 June 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 recognized medical qualifications. Therefore, no public consultation is conducted in this regard.

PUBLICITY

9. A press release will be issued on 8 June 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
8 June 2022

Medical Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1A) (No. 2) 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—

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“28.	Australia	Australian National University	Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (4-year medical programme)
29.	Australia	The University of Queensland	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
30.	Australia	University of Adelaide	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
31.	Australia	University of New South Wales	Doctor of Medicine; Bachelor of Medical Studies

			(6-year medical programme)
32.	Australia	University of Sydney	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme offered in Metropolitan Stream)
33.	Canada	University of Alberta	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
34.	Canada	University of Ottawa	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme with medium of instruction in English)
35.	China	Fudan University	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
36.	South Africa	University of Cape Town	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
37.	The United Kingdom	Queen Mary University of London	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme offered at London Campus)

38.	The United Kingdom	University of Birmingham	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)
39.	The United Kingdom	University of Bristol	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)
40.	The United Kingdom	University of Liverpool	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)
41.	The United Kingdom	University of Manchester	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)
42.	The United Kingdom	University of Nottingham	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Medical Sciences (5-year medical programme)
43.	The United Kingdom	University of Warwick	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (4-year medical programme)

44.	The United States of America	Brown University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
45.	The United States of America	Dartmouth College	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
46.	The United States of America	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
47.	The United States of America	University of California, San Francisco	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
48.	The United States of America	University of Chicago	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
49.	The United States of America	University of Minnesota	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme offered at Twin Cities Campus)
50.	The United States of America	University of Pittsburgh	Doctor of Medicine

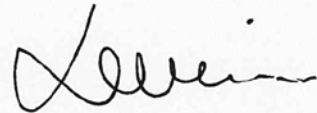
	States of America		(4-year medical programme offered at Pittsburgh Campus)".
(2)	Schedule 1A, Part 2—		
	Repeal		
"27.	The United States of America	Yale University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)"
	Substitute		
"27.	The United States of America	Yale University	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme)
28.	Australia	Australian National University	Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda (4-year medical programme)
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Registrar of Medical Practitioners

7 June 2022

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.