

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161)

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1A) NOTICE 2024

INTRODUCTION

The Registrar of Medical Practitioners (i.e. the Director of Health) made the Medical Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1A) Notice 2024 (“the Notice”) at **Annex** under section 14H of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) (“the Ordinance”) to recognize the fifth batch of medical qualifications recommended by the Special Registration Committee (“SRC”) under the Medical Council of Hong Kong (“MCHK”).

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 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 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. 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 four batches of 100 medical qualifications in total recommended by the SRC were announced in 2022 and 2023. The SRC has earlier submitted to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners the fifth batch of 28 medical qualifications recommended for recognition. Hence, the SRC has so far recommended a total of 128 medical qualifications. The SRC will continue with the assessment of other non-local medical programmes that fulfill the stipulated criteria in order to determine the next batch of recognized

medical qualifications.

THE NOTICE

5. The Notice is made by the Registrar of Medical Practitioners under section 14H of the Ordinance to amend Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 1A to the Ordinance to recognize a total of 28 medical qualifications recommended by the SRC. Part 1 applies to persons who have not yet enrolled on a recognized medical programme as contemplated under section 14D(1) of the Ordinance, while Part 2 applies to persons who have enrolled on or completed a recognized medical programme as contemplated under section 14D(2) of the Ordinance. Since seven of the recognized medical programmes in the fifth batch have ceased to admit new students, these seven medical qualifications are only added to Part 2 of Schedule 1A to the Ordinance. In other words, the Notice will add 21 and 28 medical qualifications to Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 1A to the Ordinance respectively.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

6. The Notice will come into effect upon gazettal on 28 June 2024. The Notice will be tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on 3 July 2024.

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 26 June 2024, and a spokesperson will be available to answer enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

10. For enquiries, please contact Mr Derek Lee, Principal Assistant Secretary for Health, at 3509 8917.

Health Bureau
26 June 2024

Medical Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1A) Notice 2024

(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—

Add

“98.	Canada	University of Alberta	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year medical programme)
99.	Canada	University of British Columbia	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (7-year medical programme)
100.	Canada	University of Toronto	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year to 9-year medical programme)

101.	China	Capital Medical University	Bachelor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士”) (5-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制”) medical programme)
102.	China	Capital Medical University	Bachelor of Medicine; Master of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士；醫學碩士”) (8-year (“5+3”) Integrated Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業(“5+3”)一體化八年制”) medical programme)
103.	China	Fudan University	Bachelor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士”) (5-year Clinical Medicine medical programme in Paediatric Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床

104.	China	Huazhong University of Science and Technology	醫學專業五年制(兒科學方向)醫學課程”) Bachelor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士”) (5-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制”) medical programme)
105.	China	Huazhong University of Science and Technology	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (a translation of “醫學學士”) (6-year Clinical Medicine medical programme in MBBS (a translation of “臨床醫學專業六年制 MBBS 班醫學課程”))
106.	China	Sun Yat-sen University	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (a translation of “醫學學士”)

107.	China	Sun Yat-sen University	Bachelor of Medicine; Doctor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士；臨床醫學博士專業”) (8-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業八年制”) medical programme)
108.	The United Kingdom	King’s College London	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)
109.	The United Kingdom	University of Cambridge	Doctor of Philosophy; Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Medicine (9-year medical programme)

110.	The United Kingdom	University of Southampton	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year European Medicine Programme)
111.	The United States of America	Cornell University	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (7-year medical programme)
112.	The United States of America	Duke University	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (7.5-year Medical Scientist Training Programme medical programme)
113.	The United States of America	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (7-year to 8-year Medical Scientist Training Programme medical programme)
114.	The United States of America	Northwestern University	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy

			(8-year Medical Scientist Training Programme medical programme)
115.	The United States of America	Stanford University	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (7-year to 8-year Medical Scientist Training Programme medical programme)
116.	The United States of America	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year Medical Scientist Training Programme medical programme)
117.	The United States of America	University of Chicago	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year Medical Scientist Training Programme medical programme)
118.	The United States of America	University of Florida	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy

			(8-year medical programme)".
(2)	Schedule 1A, Part 2—		
	Repeal		
"100.	The United States of America	University of Colorado	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme offered at Anschutz Medical Campus)"
	Substitute		
"100.	The United States of America	University of Colorado	Doctor of Medicine (4-year medical programme offered at Anschutz Medical Campus)
101.	Australia	Monash University	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (4-year medical programme)
102.	Australia	Monash University	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)

103.	Australia	University of New South Wales	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
104.	Australia	University of Western Australia	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (4.5-year medical programme)
105.	Australia	University of Western Australia	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (6-year medical programme)
106.	Canada	University of Alberta	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year medical programme)
107.	Canada	University of British Columbia	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (7-year medical programme)

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| 108. | Canada | University of Toronto | Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy
(8-year to 9-year medical programme) |
| 109. | China | Capital Medical University | Bachelor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士”)
(5-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制”) medical programme) |
| 110. | China | Capital Medical University | Bachelor of Medicine; Master of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士；醫學碩士”)
(8-year (“5+3”) Integrated Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業(“5+3”)一體化八年制”) medical programme) |
| 111. | China | Fudan University | Bachelor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士”) |

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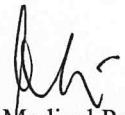
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| 108. | Canada | University of Toronto | Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy
(8-year to 9-year medical programme) | (5-year Clinical Medicine medical programme in Paediatric Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制(兒科學方向)醫學課程”)) |
| 109. | China | Capital Medical University | Bachelor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士”)
(5-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制”) medical programme) | (5-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制”) medical programme) |
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| 112. | China | Huazhong University of Science and Technology | Bachelor of Medicine (a translation of “醫學學士”)
(5-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制”) medical programme) | (5-year Clinical Medicine (a translation of “臨床醫學專業五年制”) medical programme) |
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(6-year Clinical Medicine medical programme in MBBS (a translation of “臨床醫學專業六年制 MBBS 班醫學課程”)) | (6-year Clinical Medicine medical programme in MBBS (a translation of “臨床醫學專業六年制 MBBS 班醫學課程”)) |

114.	China	Sun Yat-sen University	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (a translation of “醫學學士”) (6-year Clinical Medicine medical programme in MBBS (a translation of “臨床醫學 MBBS 六年制醫學課程”))
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116.	The United Kingdom	King’s College London	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (5-year medical programme)

117.	The United Kingdom	University of Bristol	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (4-year medical programme)
118.	The United Kingdom	University of Cambridge	Doctor of Philosophy; Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Medicine (9-year medical programme)
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125.	The United States of America	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year Medical Scientist Training

			Programme medical programme)
126.	The United States of America	University of California, Los Angeles	Doctor of Medicine (4-year Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science/University of California, Los Angeles Medical Education Programme)
127.	The United States of America	University of Chicago	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year Medical Scientist Training Programme medical programme)
128.	The United States of America	University of Florida	Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy (8-year medical programme)".



Registrar of Medical Practitioners

24 June 2024

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 (*Schedule 1A*).

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