

Midwives Council of Hong Kong

Information to Applicants Applying for Registration with the Midwives Council of Hong Kong

(Applicable for Midwives Council Examination to be held **FROM April 2019 onwards**)

I. **INTRODUCTION**

1. Subject to the provisions of the Midwives Registration Ordinance, Cap. 162, Laws of Hong Kong, any person who wishes to practise as a registered midwife in Hong Kong must be registered as a registered midwife with the Midwives Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”).
2. In order to be eligible for registration, an applicant is required to satisfy the Council as to his/her identity and good character, and to meet the requirements detailed below.

II. **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Applicants who were trained outside Hong Kong should:**

- (a) be persons of good character;
- (b) have completed such training as may be prescribed by the Council (please make reference to the theoretical and clinical training requirements as set out in the “**A Reference Guide to the Syllabus of Subjects & Requirements of Midwifery Training Program of Registered Nurse**” issued by the Council in June 2017 (the document can be downloaded from the Council’s website at:

<http://www.mwchk.org.hk/english/training/syllabus.html>

For applicants who have commenced their midwifery training programme in or before June 2017, their training and application will be assessed on an individual basis);

- (c) possess a certificate to practise as a midwife issued by such certifying body as may be recognized by the Council from time to time; and
- (d) have passed the Midwives Council Examination, and if required, to undergo such further training as the Council may specify.

2. **Applicants who were trained in Hong Kong should:**

- (a) be persons of good character;
- (b) have completed an accredited midwifery training programme; and
- (c) have passed the Midwives Council Examination, and if required, to undergo such further training as the Council may specify.

III. **EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENT**

1. **Application for examination:**

- (a) Applicants who are trained in Hong Kong and have completed a midwifery training programme accredited by the Council may apply for the examination through their training school.
- (b) Applicants who are trained outside Hong Kong have to submit the form “Application for

Registration (for Midwives Trained in Hong Kong)” and provide the Council with the required documentary proofs as set out in the form. They would be informed of their eligibility to sit for the examination by the Council. Eligible applicants will also be informed of the application and payment deadline for the next examination.

2. Frequency of the examination:

The Council’s examination will be held at least once a year, taking into account the number of candidates. At present, the Council organizes the examination twice a year, normally in April and October. The date is for reference only and candidates are advised to pay regular attention to the Council’s website for announcement of the finalized date of examination.

3. General format of the examination:

- (a) The examination consists of two parts. One is the written examination and the other is the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (“OSCE”). The two examinations will be held on 2 separate days. A candidate is required to pass both examinations for registration.
- (b) Written examination: A candidate is required to attempt a 3-hour examination consisting of multiple choice questions, and essay-type questions. Total mark for the paper is 100 and the passing mark is set at 50.

Type of question	No. of questions	Marks
Multiple choice question	40	40
Essay-type question	8	60
Total:		100

- (c) OSCE: A candidate is required to sit for an OSCE to assess clinical competence. Total mark for the OSCE is 100 and the passing mark is set at 50.

No. of stations for examination	Time allowed for each station	Marks for each station
2	15 minutes	50
Total:		100

- (d) The Council may revise the format of the examination if required.

4. Time frame of the examination:

- (a) A candidate must sit the examination within one year from the date of the Council’s approval.
- (b) A candidate who passes only one part of the examination needs to re-attempt the failed part within one year. He/She has to re-sit both parts of the examination after the one-year limit.
- (c) If a candidate fails on 2 occasions to pass the examination, he/she shall not be eligible to take the examination again on any further occasion, unless he/she has undergone such period of additional training and instruction, not less than 3 months, as the Council may have directed.

5. Examination fee:

The examination fee is HK\$1,570. Fees are subject to revision and are not refundable.

6. Syllabus:

Please refer to subjects in “A Reference Guide to the Syllabus of Subjects & Requirements of Midwifery Training Program of Registered Nurse”, which is available for download at the Council’s website at www.mwchk.org.hk.

7. Notification of examination results:

Examination results are announced in 4-8 weeks after each examination. Candidates will be notified of their results in terms of pass or fail.

8. Application for review of the results of the examination:

- (a) The application for review of the examination results shall be in writing with the grounds relied on and be made with the Council within 10 working days after the announcement of the examination results by the Council.
- (b) The person who has applied for review of the examination results will be notified by the Council of the result by a written notice sent to the person by registered post within 1 month after the completion of the review.
- (c) The Council’s decision on the result of the examination review is final. Such result will be disclosed to the candidates in terms of pass or fail only. Any additional requests such as requests for comments on the performance of the candidates and requests for answer scripts will not be entertained.

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