

# Midwives Council of Hong Kong

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

### **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 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 “**Core Curriculum of Midwifery Training for Registered Nurses**” issued by the Council in August 2008 (the document can be downloaded from the Council’s website at:

*[http://www.mwchk.org.hk/english/training/core\\_curriculum.html](http://www.mwchk.org.hk/english/training/core_curriculum.html)*

For applicants who have commenced their midwifery training programme in or before July 2008, 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) have completed midwifery training in a recognized training institute; and
- (b) have passed the Midwives Council Examination, and if required, to undergo such further training as the Council may specify.

### **III. EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENT**

#### **1. Eligibility of candidates:**

- (a) To be eligible to sit for the Midwives Council Examination leading to registration, a student midwife who is a registered nurse in Hong Kong must have successfully completed a midwifery training course of not less than 12 months (a student midwife who is not a registered nurse in Hong Kong must have completed a midwifery training course of not less than 2 years) and/or acquired the theoretical and clinical experience as stipulated by the Council.
- (b) For applicants trained outside Hong Kong, they have to fill in the required application form and they would be informed whether they are eligible to sit for the examination by the Council.

## 2. Frequency of examinations:

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, one in April and another one in October.

## 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, long and short essay questions. Total mark for the paper is 100 and the passing mark is set at 50.

Type of question	No. of questions	Marks
Long question	2	30
Short question	6	30
Multiple choice question	40	40
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
9-11	6 minutes	10-15

- (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:

- (a) Professional Issues in Midwifery  
History of midwifery, role of the midwife, professional conduct, the statutory and legal framework for midwifery, ethical issues, models and patterns of midwifery care, childbirth trends, evidence based midwifery practice, and quality assurance in maternity care.
- (b) Biological Sciences related to Childbearing  
Human reproduction, female pelvis, embryonic and fetal development, anatomy and physiology related to pregnancy, anatomy and physiology related to labour, anatomy and physiology related to puerperium, mechanism of normal labour and pharmacology in obstetrics.
- (c) Normal Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium  
Preconceptional care, screening and assessment of maternal and fetal well-being, antenatal care, management of normal labour, management of normal puerperium, preparation for parenthood and family planning.
- (d) Abnormal Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium  
Infections in pregnancy, disorders/problems associated with pregnancy, medical disorders complicating pregnancy, structural abnormalities affecting pregnancy, malposition and malpresentation, operative deliveries and obstetric anaesthesia, obstetric emergencies, problems associated with labour and problems in puerperium.
- (e) The Newborn Baby  
Physiological adaptation, newborn care, newborn at-risk, low birth weight infant, birth asphyxia, neonatal jaundice, congenital abnormalities, birth injuries, neonatal infection, care of family with an at-risk newborn, infant feeding and infant development in the first year.
- (f) Behavioural Sciences and Social Aspects related to Childbearing  
Psychology of childbearing, family dynamic, communication and counselling skills, grief and bereavement, health education, social and health services for childbearing woman and vital statistics in maternity care.

## 7. Notification of examination results:

Examination results are announced in 4-8 weeks after each examination.

## 8. Application for appeal against the results of the examination:

- (a) A person who is aggrieved by the results of the examination may apply for appeal. The appeal request shall be in writing, shall state 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 appeal against 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.

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