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Guidelines on Quoting of Qualifications

According to section 5 “Professional communication and information dissemination” of the *Code of Professional Conduct*, doctors may quote those quotable qualifications approved by the Medical Council in the dissemination of service information to the public. The Medical Council has published the *Guidelines on Quoting of Qualifications* (“*QQ Guidelines*”) in August 2014 providing advice to doctors on how they should quote their approved quotable qualifications. The Medical Council has recently reviewed and made a series of amendments to the existing *QQ Guidelines*. The updated version of the *QQ Guidelines* has been disseminated to members of the profession by a letter of 12 November 2025 and has taken effect from 1 January 2026. The major revisions are summarized in the table below, and the full version is available on the Medical Council’s website (https://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/files/Guidelines_on_Quoting_of_Qualifications.pdf). All doctors are kindly requested to make any necessary adjustments on visiting cards, signboards, websites, and other relevant materials for communication with patients and the public within a transitional period from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029.

Paragraph	Amendment
1(b) [new]	To allow <u>quoting of primary (first) medical qualification</u> attained by a doctor under full, limited, temporary or special registration, with detailed definitions of primary (first) medical qualifications for different types of registration provided in <u>footnote 2</u> of the <i>QQ Guidelines</i> .
2	To reaffirm the principle of quoting the qualification entitling a doctor to full registration and / or the primary (first) medical qualification attained by him / her as the <u>first qualification</u> before all other quotable qualifications.
3	To simplify the quoting arrangement for the <u>Licentiate of the Medical Council</u> by allowing him / her to quote his / her primary (first) medical qualification (no need to put in brackets) after “LMCHK” and before all other quotable qualifications, e.g.: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;">LMCHK, MB BS (Sydney), FHKAM (Medicine), FRACP</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content; text-align: center;">LMCHK MB BS (Sydney) FHKAM (Medicine) FRACP</div>

Paragraph	Amendment
4 [new]	To state the requirement of <u>non-quotability</u> of “Honours” / “Distinction” / “Merit” or the <u>like</u> in any primary (first) and /or additional quotable qualifications ¹ .
5 [new]	To summarize at <u>Annex</u> the quoting arrangements for different types of registration.
6	To remove / replace obsolete schedules and directories of medical qualifications.
7 & 8	To rearrange paragraph numbers.

Doctors are particularly reminded to observe paragraph 2 of the *QQ Guidelines* when quoting their qualifications. Definition of primary (first) medical qualification under different types of registration can be found in footnote 2 of the *QQ Guidelines*.

According to footnote 2(iv) of the *QQ Guidelines*, doctors under limited registration or temporary registration need to declare their primary (first) medical qualifications if they wish to quote such qualifications. Existing registrants should submit a proforma to the Registrar of Medical Practitioners for the aforesaid declaration. The proforma for doctors can be found on the Medical Council’s website (<https://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/qualification.html>).

Quotable Qualifications

The *List of Quotable Qualifications* (“*QQ List*”) approved by the Medical Council is promulgated on the Medical Council’s website. To ensure accuracy, doctors should be careful in wording the English and Chinese titles and abbreviations of the qualifications. It is important to specify the conferring authority or medical school for both the full titles and abbreviations.

If doctors wish to quote a qualification that is not currently listed in the *QQ List*, they must submit a new application to the Medical Council through its Education and Accreditation Committee (“EAC”). Additionally, for specifically approved qualifications (such as research master and doctoral degrees other than “Master of Surgery” and “Doctor of Medicine”), individual approval from the Medical Council is necessary.

Change of Chinese titles of the quotable qualifications “*Doctor of Medicine, University of Dundee*” and “*Master of Surgery, University of Dundee*”

The Medical Council decided on 4 June 2025 to change the Chinese titles of the qualifications “*Doctor of Medicine, University of Dundee*” and “*Master of Surgery, University of Dundee*” to “鄧迪大學醫學博士” and “鄧迪大學外科碩士” respectively. The decision was made by following the official Chinese translation of the university’s name, and the Council’s policy decision in 2006 not to add the country name to the Chinese title of future qualifications to be included in the *QQ List* if the country name is not in the original title. There will be a transitional period from 4 June 2025 to 3 June 2028, during which the use of either the previous or the revised Chinese titles by a medical practitioner would be acceptable by the Medical Council.

¹ The requirement of impermissible quoting of “Honours” was promulgated vide the Medical Council’s Newsletter Issue No. 31 in March 2024, with a transitional period from 6 December 2023 to 5 December 2026 for removing any reference to “Honours” in the primary (first) medical qualification.

New quotable qualifications under the *QQ List*

For the year of 2025, the Medical Council, on the EAC's recommendation, has approved the following qualifications for inclusion in the *QQ List* under the generally approved category:

	Title of Qualification	Abbreviation	Chinese Title	Date of Approval by the Medical Council
1	Master of Health Leadership and Management, University of New South Wales	MHLM (UNSW)	新南威爾斯大學 衛生領導及管理碩士	2 April 2025
2	Master in Forensic Medical Sciences, University of Verona	MSc Forensic Medical Sciences (UNIVR)	維羅納大學 法證醫療科學碩士	7 May 2025
3	Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (Urology)	FAMS (Urology)	新加坡醫學專科學院 院士 (泌尿外科)	4 June 2025
4	Master of Medical Education, University of Dundee	MMed (Dund)	鄧迪大學 醫學教育碩士	4 June 2025
5	Diploma in Urology, University College London	Dip. Urol, UCL	倫敦大學學院 泌尿科文憑	2 July 2025
6	Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (Cardiothoracic)	FRCSEd (CTS)	愛丁堡皇家外科醫學院 院士 (心胸肺外科)	6 August 2025
7	Master of Medicine in Surgery, National University of Singapore	MMed (Surgery) (Singapore)	新加坡國立大學 外科醫學碩士	6 August 2025
8	Doctor of Medicine, Fudan University	MD (Fudan)	復旦大學 臨床醫學博士學位	8 October 2025
9	RCPSG Postgraduate Diploma in Expedition and Wilderness Medicine, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow	PGDipEWM, RCPS (Glasg)	格拉斯哥皇家醫學院 野外醫學深造文憑	5 November 2025
10	Fellowship in the Specialty of Plastic Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	FRCSEd (Plastics)	愛丁堡皇家外科醫學院 整形外科院士	3 December 2025
11	Graduate Diploma in Child Health, Western Sydney University	GDCH, WSU	西悉尼大學 兒童健康文憑	3 December 2025

In addition, the Medical Council, on the EAC’s recommendation, has approved the following qualifications for inclusion in the *QQ List* under the specifically approved category:

	Title of Qualification	Abbreviation	Chinese Title	Date of Approval by the Medical Council	Reference
1	Doctor of Philosophy, The University of Hong Kong	PhD (HK)	香港大學哲學博士	6 August 2025	MC/QQ/04/25
2	Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Sciences, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	-	香港中文大學 內科科學哲學博士	8 October 2025	MC/QQ/09/25

For the avoidance of doubt, the qualification under the specifically approved category can only be quoted by those applicants to whom the approvals have been given.

Quotable Appointments

The Medical Council has implemented the revised *Rules on Quotable Appointments* (“*QA Rules*”) and *Guidelines on Quotability of Appointments by Healthcare Facilities* (“*QA Guidelines*”) with effect from 8 October 2025 to extend the Quotable Appointments application mechanism to cover the newly-established The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong, which has appointed medical practitioners in its “Western Medicine Division”.

Under the *QA Rules* and *QA Guidelines*, healthcare facilities must meet the Medical Council’s requirements for their appointment systems to be considered acceptable. Only then can doctors quote these appointments in their medical practice. The Medical Council has so far accepted the appointment systems of 21 institutions, and the approved quotable appointments are listed in *List of Quotable Appointments by Healthcare Facilities accepted under the Rules on Quotable Appointments* (“*QA List*”).

It is important for doctors to adhere to the *QA Rules* when mentioning their appointments for professional practice in Hong Kong. They are encouraged to refer to the *QA List* on the Medical Council’s website to ensure the quotability of appointments made by healthcare facilities.

For more details, the *QA Rules*, *QA Guidelines* and *QA List* can be found on the Medical Council’s website (<http://www.mchk.org.hk/english/guideline/appointment.html>).

Addition of New Specialty in the Specialist Register

At its meeting on 21 March 2025, the EAC of the Medical Council accepted the recommendation of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine for addition of the new specialty Paediatric Cardiology (兒童心臟科) (S68) to the Specialist Register.

Statistics on Complaints / Inquiries Handled in 2025

Table 1 - Complaints received by the Medical Council

Number of Complaints Received	<u>2021</u> 538	<u>2022</u> 729*	<u>2023</u> 598	<u>2024</u> 624	<u>2025</u> 616
(A) Allegations by category					
1. Conviction in court	57	53	68	64	69
(a) Failure to keep proper record of dangerous drugs	(1)	(0)	(1)	(2)	(0)
(b) Others	(56)	(53)	(67)	(62)	(69)
2. Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	303	315	347	356	361 [#]
3. Issuing misleading / false medical certificates	29	66	45	38	36
4. Practice promotion	15	21	29	30	25
5. Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	37	10	5	7	10
6. Improper / indecent behaviour to patients	8	7	7	14	11
7. Abuse of professional position to further improper association with patients	-	-	-	1	3
8. Fitness to practise	2	3	2	4	2
9. Abuse of professional confidence	-	-	1	1	-
10. Depreciation of other medical practitioners	1	1	6	9	1
11. Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	11	2	3	3	3
12. Fee dispute	31	46	39	35	33
13. Failure to maintain proper medical records	12	5	3	2	6
14. Mishandling of patient's personal data	6	7	4	2	5
15. Improper delegation of medical duties to unregistered persons	-	-	-	-	3
16. Others	26	193	39	58	48
(B) Progress of complaints as at 31 December 2025					
1. Dismissed by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the relevant PIC in consultation with a lay member as being frivolous or groundless	23	31	28	55	18
2. Could not be pursued further because the complainants failed to provide further information or statutory declaration or the complaints were anonymous or withdrawn, etc.	232	372	215	139	16
3. Under consideration by the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman or a lay member of the relevant PIC	-	-	2	92	421
4. Held in abeyance	3	2	1	-	1
5. Being considered at the PIC meetings	9	22	40	103	131
6. Dismissed by the relevant PIC	186	217	224	167	16
7. Referred to the Medical Council for no disciplinary inquiry	38	46	57	52	9
8. Referred to the Medical Council for no pre-registration inquiry	2	-	1	2	1
9. Referred to the Medical Council for no restoration inquiry	-	-	-	2	-
10. Referred to the inquiry panel for disciplinary inquiry	45	39	26	8	2
11. Referred to the Medical Council for pre-registration inquiry	-	-	2	2	-
12. Referred to the Medical Council for restoration inquiry	-	-	1	-	-
13. Referred to the Health Committee for hearing	-	-	1	2	1

Remarks:

* The net number of complaints received in 2022 was 568 as there were 162 complaints on the same incident against a doctor received in 2022.

The breakdown of cases on "Disregard of professional responsibility to patients" in 2025 is as follows:
 (a) Failure / unsatisfactory result of treatment / surgery, failure to properly / timely diagnose illness and disagreement with doctor's medical opinion – 153 cases
 (b) Conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery – 61 cases
 (c) Inappropriate prescription of drugs – 51 cases
 (d) Doctor's unprofessional attitude / doctor-patient communication – 59 cases
 (e) Failure to give proper medical advice / explanation – 22 cases
 (f) Other treatment-related issues – 15 cases

Table 2 - Breakdown on the complaints received in 2025 which were dismissed by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the PICs of the Medical Council as being frivolous or groundless

<u>Nature of Complaints</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
1. Failure to properly / timely diagnose illness	1
2. Conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery	1
3. Inappropriate prescription of drugs	1
4. Doctor's unprofessional attitude / doctor-patient communication	1
5. Failure to give proper medical advice / explanation	1
6. Issuing misleading / false medical certificates	2
7. Practice promotion	1
8. Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	1
9. Improper / indecent behaviour to patients	1
10. Fee dispute	5
11. Others	3
Total:	18

Table 3 - Work of the PICs of the Medical Council

Nature		1. Total number of cases concluded by the PICs	2. Total number of cases referred by PICs to the Medical Council for no disciplinary inquiry / restoration inquiry / pre-registration inquiry	3. Total number of cases referred by PICs to the Medical Council / inquiry panel for disciplinary inquiry / restoration inquiry / pre-registration inquiry	4. Total number of cases referred by PICs to the Health Committee for hearing
2021	Deemed PIC	56	-	19	-
	PIC (1)	221	30	39	-
	PIC (2)	102	31	7	-
2022	Deemed PIC	18	-	8	-
	PIC (1)	219	12	35	2
	PIC (2)	148	25	21	1
2023	Deemed PIC	8	-	6	-
	PIC (1)	175	15	31	-
	PIC (2)	194	18	29	1
2024	Deemed PIC	3	-	-	-
	PIC (1)	144	23	14	-
	PIC (2)	163	25	17	1
2025	Deemed PIC	10*	- [#]	1 [#]	-
	PIC (1)	162*	33 [#]	36 [#]	1
	PIC (2)	186*	31 [#]	20 [#]	-

Remarks:

* This figure included those cases received before 2025. Cases concluded by the PICs in 2025 fell under the following categories:

	No. of Cases		
	Deemed PIC	PIC(1)	PIC(2)
(a) Conviction in court	-	41	34
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	9	91	107
• <i>inappropriate prescription of drugs</i>	1	10	20
• <i>conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery</i>	-	30	29
• <i>failure to properly / timely diagnose illness</i>	1	9	16
• <i>doctor's unprofessional attitude / ineffective doctor-patient communication</i>	-	8	8
• <i>failure / unsatisfactory results of treatment / surgery</i>	6	21	16
• <i>failure to give proper medical advice / explanation</i>	-	7	9
• <i>disagreement with doctor's medical opinion</i>	-	2	7
• <i>other treatment-related issues</i>	1	4	2
(c) Issuing misleading / false medical certificates	-	11	8
(d) Practice promotion	-	2	12
(e) Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	-	-	3
(f) Improper / indecent behaviour to patients	-	1	4
(g) Fitness to practise	-	1	-
(h) Abuse of professional confidence	-	-	-
(i) Depreciation of other medical practitioners	-	1	2
(j) Sharing fee and improper financial transaction	-	-	1
(k) Fee dispute	-	6	5
(l) Failure to maintain proper medical records	-	1	2
(m) Mishandling of patient's personal data	-	1	1
(n) Others	1	6	7
Total:	10	162	186

Cases referred by the PICs to the Medical Council / inquiry panel in 2025 are classified as follows:

	No. of Cases		
	Deemed PIC	PIC(1)	PIC(2)
(A) Recommended for no disciplinary inquiry			
Conviction in court	-	33	29
• <i>careless driving</i>	-	27	28
• <i>careless driving and driving/using an unregistered/unlicensed vehicle</i>	-	1	-
• <i>driving / using an unregistered/unlicensed vehicle and using vehicle without insurance</i>	-	1	-
• <i>failing to comply with a prescribed traffic sign within the Tsing Ma Control Area</i>	-	2	-
• <i>failing to comply with notice issued by Building Authority</i>	-	1	-
• <i>failing to comply with order issued by Building Authority</i>	-	1	-
• <i>using vehicle without insurance</i>	-	-	1
(B) Recommended for no pre-registration inquiry			
Conviction in court	-	-	2
• <i>careless driving</i>	-	-	2
(C) Recommended for disciplinary inquiry			
(a) Conviction in court	-	8	1
• <i>conspiracy to commit subversion</i>	-	-	1
• <i>dangerous driving</i>	-	1	-
• <i>indecent assault</i>	-	1	-
• <i>loitering causing concern</i>	-	1	-
• <i>theft</i>	-	3	-
• <i>two counts of the offence of possession of a dangerous drug, two counts of the offence of possession of apparatus fit and intended for the smoking or inhalation of dangerous drug, and possession of Part I Poison</i>	-	1	-
• <i>unlawful recording or observation of intimate parts</i>	-	1	-
(b) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients	1	20	9
• <i>conducting unnecessary or inappropriate treatment / surgery</i>	-	4	2
• <i>disagreement with doctor's medical opinion</i>	-	-	1
• <i>failure to properly / timely diagnose illness</i>	-	4	2
• <i>failure / unsatisfactory results of treatment / surgery</i>	1	6	1
• <i>inappropriate prescription of drugs</i>	-	6	3
(c) Issuing misleading / false medical certificate	-	2	1
(d) Practice promotion	-	1	4
(e) Misleading, unapproved description and announcement	-	-	2
(f) Improper/indecent behaviour to patients	-	1	-
(g) Failure to maintain proper medical records	-	1	-
(h) Mishandling of patient's personal data	-	1	-
(i) Others	-	2	1
(C) Recommended for pre-registration inquiry			
Conviction in court	-	-	2
• <i>causing grievous bodily harm by dangerous driving</i>	-	-	1
• <i>criminal damage</i>	-	-	1
Total:	1	69	51

Table 4a - Work statistics of the deemed PIC of the Medical Council in 2025

	Quarter				Total
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	
No. of PIC meetings	2	1	1	1	5
No. of cases concluded	3	3	2	2	10
No. of cases dismissed (%)	2 (66.7%)	3 (100%)	2 (100%)	2 (100%)	9 (90%)
No. of cases referred to the inquiry panel (%)	1 (33.3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (10%)
No. of cases referred to the Health Committee (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

Table 4b - Work statistics of the PIC(1) of the Medical Council in 2025

	Quarter				Total
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	
No. of PIC meetings	3	3	3	3	12
No. of cases concluded	31	42	53	36	162
No. of cases dismissed (%)	23 (74.2%)	15 (35.7%)	39 (73.6%)	15 (41.7%)	92 (56.8%)
No. of cases referred to the Medical Council / inquiry panel (%)	7 (22.6%)	27 (64.3%)	14 (26.4%)	21 (58.3%)	69* (42.6%)
No. of cases referred to the Health Committee (%)	1 (3.2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.6%)

* Among the 69 cases, 33 cases were of minor nature and the Medical Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no disciplinary inquiry was to be held (Please see details in Table 3).

Table 4c - Work statistics of the PIC(2) of the Medical Council in 2025

	Quarter				Total
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	
No. of PIC meetings	3	4	3	3	13
No. of cases concluded	37	51	60	38	186
No. of cases dismissed (%)	28 (75.7%)	33 (64.7%)	46 (76.7%)	28 (73.7%)	135 (72.6%)
No. of cases referred to the Medical Council / inquiry panel (%)	9 (24.3%)	18 (35.3%)	14 (23.3%)	10 (26.3%)	51* (27.4%)
No. of cases referred to the Health Committee (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

* Among the 51 cases, 31 cases were of minor nature and the Medical Council accepted the PIC's recommendation that no disciplinary inquiry or pre-registration inquiry was to be held (Please see details in Table 3).

Table 5 - Disciplinary inquiries conducted in 2025

Nature	No. of cases involved	Decision
(A) Conviction in court		
(a) Indecent assault	2	Removed for 9 months
(b) Offence of loitering causing concern	1	Removed for 6 months (suspended for 18 months)
(c) Offence of publishing an obscene article	1	Removed for 9 months
(d) Offence of theft	1	Removed for 4 months (suspended for 24 months)
(e) Possession of a dangerous drug / possession of apparatus fit and intended for the smoking or inhalation of dangerous drug / possession of Part I Poison	1	Removed for 6 months (suspended for 18 months)
Sub-total:		6
(B) Disregard of professional responsibility to patients		
	3	Not guilty
	2	Warning letter (not gazetted)
	5	Warning letter (gazetted)
	1	Reprimand
	1	Removed for 1 month (suspended for 6 months)
	1	Removed for 1 month (suspended for 24 months)
	2	Removed for 2 months (suspended for 12 months)
	1	Reprimanded / Removed for 3 months (suspended for 12 months)
	1	Removed for 3 months (suspended for 18 months)
	3	Removed for 3 months (suspended for 24 months)
	1	Removed for 4 months (suspended for 18 months)
	1	Removed for 6 months (suspended for 24 months)
	2	Removed for 9 months (suspended for 36 months)
	1	Removed for 6 months
	5	Disciplinary inquiries to continue in 2026
Sub-total:		30

Nature	No. of cases involved	Decision
(C) Practice Promotion / Quotable Qualification / Misleading description and announcement	1	Warning letter (not gazetted)
	1	Warning letter (gazetted)
	1	Reprimand
	2	Removed for 3 months (suspended for 12 months)
	5	Removed for 12 months (suspended for 36 months)
Sub-total:	10	
(D) Others	1	Removed for 1 month (suspended for 18 months)
Sub-total:	1	
Total:	47	

Table 6 - No. of appeal cases

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
No. of appeals lodged during the year	3	1	3	3	0
No. of appeal cases carried forward from previous years	3	5	2	3	6
Total no. of appeal cases in progress in the year:	6	6	5	6	6

Results of appeal cases concluded in 2025:

	<u>No. of cases</u>
(a) Dismissed by Court of Appeal	0
(b) Allowed by Court of Appeal	0
(c) Appeal withdrawn	1
Total:	1

Result of the 2025 Election of Medical Members of the Medical Council

The Medical Council held its 30th election of Medical Council Members to fill two vacancies with vote counting conducted on 18 December 2025. Dr HO Pak Leung and Dr CHOI Kin Gabriel were re-elected by obtaining 1,852 and 1,477 votes respectively. Their term of office as Members of the Medical Council commenced from 24 January 2026 for a period of three years.

Reminders

Timely completion of CME

All doctors whose names are included in the Specialist Register (“specialists”) are reminded of the importance of fulfilling the Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) requirement. Undertaking CME activities is not only a professional obligation but also a statutory requirement under section 20L of the Medical Registration Ordinance. Failure to comply with the CME requirement puts their status as specialists at risk and may result in removal of name from the Specialist Register.

In the previous CME cycles, cases of specialists failing to comply with the CME requirement in a timely manner have been reported to the Medical Council. As a result, some of these specialists were required to participate in the remedial programme organized by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (“the Academy”) in order to make up the deficient CME points. Some others had their names removed from the Specialist Register and could not continue to practise as specialists. The Medical Council noted that in some cases, specialists were found to have failed to comply with the CME requirement because some of the activities they had taken part in could not be recognized as CME activities and the specialists concerned only became aware of it at a late stage.

To ensure compliance with the CME requirements in a timely manner, the Medical Council advises all specialists to make advance planning and closely monitor their progress in accumulating CME points during the 3-year CME cycle through the respective constituent colleges within the Academy. Should there be any enquiries or doubts on whether certain activities can be counted for meeting the CME requirement, they can always approach the respective colleges for advice and assistance.

Ongoing professional development is important in maintaining the high standards of medical practice of individual practitioners. It also has a bearing on the fulfillment of the medical profession’s commitment to providing quality healthcare service to the community.

Reporting of offences punishable with imprisonment

A doctor convicted of any offence punishable with imprisonment is liable to disciplinary proceedings of the Medical Council, regardless of whether he / she is sentenced to imprisonment. Some common examples of offences punishable with imprisonment that have been reported to the Medical Council include careless driving, dangerous driving, driving / using an unregistered / unlicensed vehicle, riding / driving on a footpath, failing to comply with notice / order under the Buildings Ordinance, etc. Please note that the above list is not exhaustive.

Members of the profession are reminded that they should **report to the Medical Council within 28 days upon conviction of an offence punishable with imprisonment**, as required under section 29 of the *Code of Professional Conduct* as follows:

“A doctor who has been convicted in or outside Hong Kong of an offence punishable with imprisonment or has been the subject of adverse findings in disciplinary proceedings by other professional regulatory bodies is required to report the matter to the Council within 28 days from the conviction or the adverse disciplinary finding, even if the matter is under appeal. Failure to report within the specified time will in itself be ground for disciplinary action. In case of doubt the matter should be reported.”

In reporting conviction cases to the Medical Council, the doctor should provide all relevant document(s) such as the certificate of trial as far as possible. Provision of sufficient information saves the Medical Council from having to make clarification with the doctor and/or liaise with the adjudicating court for retrieval of the related court document(s) and will facilitate the Medical Council in making an earlier decision on whether a disciplinary inquiry on the conviction should be held.

Timely renewal of practising / retention certificates

A notification letter was issued to individual medical practitioners on 26 September 2025 inviting them to apply for renewal of the annual practising / retention certificates. The Medical Council would like to remind medical practitioners to make timely application for renewal of the certificates every year, and draw medical practitioners' attention to the following:

- (a) According to section 20A of the Medical Registration Ordinance (“MRO”), a medical practitioner who has not renewed the practising certificate by 31 December cannot lawfully practise medicine from 1 January of the following year onwards, until and unless he / she has obtained a valid practising certificate; and
- (b) Section 19(1)(b) of the MRO provides that the Medical Council may order the removal from the General Register of the name of any person who has not, before 30 June of a year, obtained his / her practising / retention certificate for that year. If a medical practitioner's name is removed from the General Register, he / she will cease to be a registered medical practitioner and cannot continue to practise. It is a criminal offence under section 28(2) of the MRO for a person whose name is not on the General Register to practise medicine or surgery.

Change of registered addresses

Under the MRO, a registered medical practitioner is required to provide the Registrar of Medical Practitioners with an address at which notices from the Medical Council may be served on him / her. For this purpose, members of the profession should notify the Registrar of Medical Practitioners by completing the electronic form “Notification of Change of Registered Address” (<https://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/dh0105/en/>) as soon as there is any change in the registered address.

The address provided will be used for the purposes associated with registration under MRO. The registered addresses as well as the names, registration numbers and other relevant particulars of all persons whose names appear on Part I, III or V of the General Register are required to be published annually in the Gazette. Although a registered address may be a practising address, a residential address or a Post Office Box number, the Medical Council advises that practising address be provided as registered address. The practising address will be of more meaningful reference for the public in ascertaining who is entitled to practise medicine in Hong Kong, and will also afford privacy to the practitioner’s residential address.

While publication of a registered medical practitioner’s registered address in the Gazette is a mandatory requirement under MRO, the Medical Council has decided that a registered medical practitioner may choose whether to have his / her registered address published on the Medical Council’s website. The list of registered medical practitioners on the Medical Council’s website will be updated on a monthly basis.

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