

Application for Special Registration

(Applicable for specified person under 14C(10)(a) of the Medical Registration Ordinance only)

According to section 14C(3) of the Medical Registration Ordinance (“MRO”), a person may apply for Special Registration (to have his name registered in Part V of the General Register kept in accordance with section 6(1)) if—

- (a) the person is a *specified person*;
- (b) the person has been selected for full-time employment as a medical practitioner with special registration in a specified institution; and
- (c) the person is of good character and has good professional conduct.

Pursuant to section 14C(10)(a), “*specified person*” means a person who falls within the following description –

- (a) the person –
 - (i) holds a *recognized medical qualification*;
 - (ii) is registered under the law of a qualifying place as a medical practitioner in that place; and
 - (iii) for a person who is not a Hong Kong permanent resident—
 - (A) has been awarded a Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine in a specialty, or has been certified by the Academy of Medicine to have completed the training, and obtained the qualification, comparable to that required of a Fellow in a specialty by the Academy; and
 - (B) has been certified by the Academy of Medicine to have satisfied the continuing medical education requirements for the specialty.

Pursuant to section 14D of the MRO, the meaning of “*recognized medical qualification*” is as follows—

“(1) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of *specified person* in section 14C(10), if, on the date a person enrolls on a programme that leads to the award of a medical qualification by a body (*material date*)—

(a) that qualification is one specified in column 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 1A; and

(b) that body is one specified in column 3 of that Part opposite that qualification,

that qualification is, in relation to the person, a recognized medical qualification, and any place that on the material date is specified in column 2 of that Part is, in relation to the person, a qualifying place.

(2) Also, for the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of *specified person* in section 14C(10), if—

(a) before the commencement date of the first notice, a person has already completed (or has already enrolled on, but yet to complete) a programme that leads to the award of a medical qualification by a body (*qualifying programme*);

(b) that qualification is one specified in column 4 of Part 2 of Schedule 1A, and that body is one specified in column 3 of that Part opposite that qualification; and

(c) if a year is specified in column 5 of that Part opposite that qualification—the person enrolled on the qualifying programme in or after that year,

that qualification is, in relation to the person, a recognized medical qualification, and any place specified in column 2 of that Part is, in relation to the person, a qualifying place.

(3) In subsection (2)—

first notice (首份公告) means the notice published under section 14H(a) to amend Part 2 of Schedule 1A for the first time. ”

For the list of “*recognized medical qualifications*”, please take note of the announcement of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202206/08/P2022060800301.htm>) and refer to the Council’s website (https://www.mchk.org.hk/english/registration/recognised_medical_qualifications.html).

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