

*****Timely Renewal of Practising / Retention Certificates*****

A notification letter / email was issued to individual doctors on 30 September 2026 inviting them to apply for renewal of the practising / retention certificates.

This year's renewal exercise takes place alongside the legislative process for the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2026 ("the Bill"), which, if passed, will introduce a number of changes to the application and issuance of practising certificates. These include criminalisation of practice without a valid practising certificate, revised application and declaration requirements, change of validity period of the certificates, and introduction of continuing medical education as a prerequisite for renewal of practising certificates, etc. The amended provisions may take effect shortly after the passage of the Bill by the Legislative Council.

Given the additional time required in the application and approval for practising certificates after the commencement of the amended provisions, the Medical Council of Hong Kong would like to remind doctors to **submit the applications in accordance with the existing provisions of the Medical Registration Ordinance as early as possible and, in any event, no later than 7 November 2026, so as to ensure the issuance of the practising certificate by 31 December 2026.**

To assist doctors in understanding the provisions of the Bill relating to practising / retention certificates and the arrangements for this renewal exercise, a set of **Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs")** has been prepared for reference. Please [click here](#) to refer to the FAQs.

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