

THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

FIFTEENTH CONJOINT HKCFP/RACGP FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Examination & Assessment is pleased to announce the following preliminary information on the Fifteenth Conjoint Fellowship Examination with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to be held in 2001.

(1) REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

Only Full and Associate members of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners who are fully registered with the Hong Kong Medical Council may apply for the examination.

In addition, they must be EITHER:-

(a) CATEGORY I CANDIDATES

Recent graduates, fully registered with the Hong Kong Medical Council and who are undergoing a full vocational training programme as outlined in the College's Handbook for Vocational Training in Family Medicine, subject to final approval by the Conjoint Examination Committee, Board of Examination & Assessment.

After satisfactory completion of two years approved training, trainees may apply to sit the written segments of the examination, all of which must be taken at the first attempt. Unsuccessful segments only need to be re-attempted. All written segments must be completed successfully within **three** years of the first attempt **by 2004**.

After satisfactory completing a further two years of supervised training Category I candidates may apply to sit for the clinical segments, all of which must be taken at the first attempt. Unsuccessful segments only need to be reattempted. All clinical segments must be completed successfully within **three** years of the first attempt **by 2004**.

Part-time trainees must have completed their vocational training by the time of the Written Examination before they can apply to sit the examination.

OR

(b) CATEGORY II CANDIDATES who have been predominantly in general practice for not less than five years.

Category II candidates must apply to sit all written and clinical segments in the first attempt and all segments must be successfully completed **by 2004**.

Enquiries about eligibility to sit the examination should be directed to the Chairman of the Conjoint Examination Committee, Board of Examination & Assessment.

(2) DATES

The written segments will be held on 27th and 28th October, 2001. Oral segment will be held on 30th October - 1st November, 2001 and the clinical segments will be held on 3rd - 4th November, 2001.

(3) FORMAT AND CONTENTS

The examination will consist of the following segments:-

Multiple Choice Questions	}	Written
Modified Essay Questions		
Clinical Interpretation		

Diagnostic Interviews	}	Clinical
Physical Examination		
Management Interviews		
Orals - Log Diary		
- Case Commentary		
- Short Questions		

(4) PRE-REQUISITE FOR CLINICAL SEGMENTS

A valid CPR (Competence in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) certificate issued by HKCFP is a pre-requisite for sitting the clinical segments of the Conjoint Fellowship Examination.

(5) CRITERIA FOR A PASS IN THE EXAMINATION

A candidate must obtain a minimum of 55% of the marks in each segment and a minimum overall of 65% for the whole examination. The score of a segment of the examination can be retained until 2004 only if a score of at least 65% is achieved in that segment.

NOTE: With the possibility of development of a new examination format in the next few years, the scores of any segment of the examination, for candidates taking the examination this year, can only be retained until 2004.

(6) APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application forms are available from the College Secretariat at Room 701, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. The deadline for application is **31st May, 2001**.

The full Examination fee is \$19,600 (including the Administrative Fee of \$6,300) payable in full on first application, except for vocational trainees. The fee for each individual segment is \$1,900 plus the Administrative Fee, for each subsequent attempt.


For vocational trainees applying to take the Written segments, the fee is \$12,000 payable on first application; and \$7,600 on first application to sit the Clinical segments. The fee for each individual segment is \$1,900 plus the administrative fee for each subsequent attempt.

All fees paid are neither refundable nor transferable.

(7) ELECTION TO FELLOWSHIP

Members should be aware that passing the Conjoint Fellowship Examination does not equate with election to the Fellowship of either the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians or the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Those wishing to apply for Fellowship of either or both College(s) should ensure that they satisfy the requirements of the College(s) concerned.

Entry forms for Fellowship, Membership and Associateship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners are available from the HKCFP Secretariat, Room 701, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. Tel: 2528 6618, Fax: 2866 0616.


Board of Examination & Assessment


Conjoint Examination Committee