

Medical Services

1. What are the basic requirements and application procedures for setting up hospitals and convalescent hospitals in the Mainland?

The hospitals in the Mainland are classified into different grades according to their scale and are further categorised into general hospitals, specialist hospitals, convalescent hospitals, etc. according to the scope of services provided. Relevant information relating to the classification of medical institutions in the Mainland could be found in the *Basic standards of Medical Institutions (for Trial Implementation)* (“醫療機構基本標準（試行）”) promulgated by the former Ministry of Health (now re-organised as the National Health Commission). As for the requirements and application procedures for setting up hospitals, details are set out in *Interim Administrative Measures on Setting up Wholly-Owned Hospitals by Hong Kong and Macao Service Suppliers in the Mainland* (“香港和澳門服務提供者在內地設立獨資醫院管理暫行辦法”). Relevant hyperlink of the regulations can be found at website of Trade and Industry Department: https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradeservices/med_relevant.html

2. Under CEPA, Hong Kong Service Suppliers (HKSS) are allowed to set up medical institutions in the form of wholly-owned, equity joint or contractual joint venture in the Mainland. Outpatient clinics are classified as one of the medical institutions. What is the meaning of outpatient clinics? What services do outpatient clinics cover? What are the application procedures?

According to the *Implementation details for the Management of Medical Institutions* (“醫療機構管理條例實施細則”) promulgated in the website of former Ministry of Health (now re-organised as the National Health Commission), outpatient clinics are divided into several categories such as “Integrated outpatient clinics” (“綜合門診部”) and “Specialist outpatient clinics” (“專科門診部”). In March 2009, the Department of Health of Guangdong Province (now re-organised as the Health Commission of the Guangdong Province) promulgated the *Implementation details for the Setting up of Outpatient Clinics by Hong Kong/Macao Service Suppliers (Provisional)* (“港澳服務提供者設置門診部實施細則（試行）”) in its website stipulating the requirements and application procedures for setting up outpatient clinics. Relevant hyperlink of the regulations can be found at website of Trade and Industry Department: https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradeservices/med_relevant.html

3. What are the application procedures for Hong Kong permanent residents who wish to sit the Mainland's qualification examinations for doctors?

Hong Kong permanent residents who wish to participate in the Mainland's qualification examinations for doctors should, in accordance with the *Law of the People's Republic of China on Doctors* and the *Interim Provisions on National Examination for Qualification as a Doctor* and within the deadline as set out in the public notice, submit to the Secretariat of the relevant Boards and Councils (i.e. Medical Council of Hong Kong, Dental Council of Hong Kong, or Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong as appropriate) the following documents :

1. Application for Participating in the National Qualification Examinations for Doctors by Permanent Residents of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“香港特別行政區永久性居民參加國家醫師資格考試報名申請審核表”);
2. Application for sitting the National Qualification Examinations for Doctors and Conferment of Qualification (“醫師資格考試報名暨授予醫師資格申請表”); and
3. any other relevant supporting documents as stipulated by the relevant authorities in the prevailing time.

Interested persons may visit the websites of the National Health Commission (<http://www.nhc.gov.cn/>) or the National Medical Examination Center (<https://www1.nmec.org.cn/>) for the application forms and relevant details of the qualification examinations.

4. How can Hong Kong permanent residents who are graduates of full-time Chinese medicine degree programmes of Hong Kong seek internship in the Mainland for the purpose of participating in the Mainland’s Qualification Examinations for Doctors?

Graduates of Chinese medicine degree programme from the University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Baptist University of Hong Kong, who are permanent residents of Hong Kong, can apply to those recognized Chinese medicine institutions in the Mainland direct for medical internship. An Application for Medical Internship for the Purpose of Sitting the National Qualification Examinations for Doctors by Permanent Residents of the Hong Kong/Macao Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong/Macao university graduates of Chinese medicine) (“香港/澳門特別行政區永久性居民（港澳中醫專業學歷）參加國家醫師資格考試申請實習審核表”) should be submitted. Subject to approval, the applicant will receive from the medical institution concerned a notification for internship. Upon completion of the internship for one year and passing of the assessment, the recognized Chinese medicine institutions will issue a Certificate of Completion of Internship for the Purpose of Participating in the National Qualification Examinations for Doctors by Permanent Residents of the Hong Kong/Macao Special Administrative Region (“香港/澳門特別行政區永久性居民參加國家醫師資格考試實習合格證明”) to the applicant.

5. Which is the Mainland authority for approving applications for setting up medical institutions in the Mainland?

Under the Agreement on Trade in Services signed under the framework of CEPA, applications for setting up medical institutions in the Mainland by Hong Kong service suppliers shall be approved by and registered with the health commissions at provincial level in accordance with the Mainland regulations.