

Audiologist profession accredited under Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions

The Department of Health (DH) announced today (November 30) that the Hong Kong Institute of Audiologists (HKIA) has been granted full accreditation status under the Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions (AR Scheme). The HKIA is authorised as the accredited healthcare professional body responsible for administering a register for the audiologist profession. Audiologist is the second profession accredited under the AR Scheme.

Under the principle of professional autonomy, the AR Scheme aims to enhance the existing society-based registration arrangement of healthcare professions currently not subject to statutory registration with a view to ensuring the professional competency of healthcare professionals and providing more information for the public to make informed decisions.

The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (JCSPHPC) is the independent Accreditation Agent of the AR Scheme. According to the assessment of the JCSPHPC, the HKIA has met the accreditation standards covering governance, operational effectiveness, risk management and quality improvement, standards for registrants, education and training requirements, and management of the register. The DH has accepted the recommendation of the JCSPHPC to grant full accreditation status to the HKIA.

As an accredited healthcare professional body, the HKIA is permitted to use the Accreditation Mark on its website and Certificates of Registration issued to its members for easy identification by the public. Members of the HKIA can use the title "Member of Register of Audiologists accredited by Department of Health" on their name cards.

In addition to administering a register for the profession, the HKIA is also responsible for improving professional competency of the audiologist profession and handling complaints against its members.

Healthcare professionals and members of the public may visit the websites of the HKIA (www.audiologists.org.hk) and the AR Scheme (www.ars.gov.hk) for more information about the HKIA and its register of members.