

DH commences recruitment of non-locally trained dentists today

Following the passage of the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024 by the Legislative Council this July, the Department of Health (DH) today (July 23) formally commenced the recruitment of non-locally trained dentists and published the latest information on its website (www.dh.gov.hk/english/main/main_ds/main_co.html).

In addition to disseminating information on its website for access from around the world, the DH will also collaborate with offices outside Hong Kong to conduct recruitment promotion in various regions. Dentists who are interested to practise in Hong Kong and granted a conditional offer after the interview may submit a limited registration or special registration application to the Dental Council of Hong Kong (DCHK), and upon approval directly practise at the DH.

A spokesperson for the DH said that, with the phased implementation of the amended provisions starting from 2025, qualified non-locally trained dentists will be allowed to practise in Hong Kong, which can increase local dental manpower and better support public and subsidised dental services. The DH will work closely with the DCHK, striving to admit the first batch of non-locally trained dentists to Hong Kong through the mechanism to serve the public in the first quarter of 2025.