

Limited Registration applications for non-locally trained doctors

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (August 13) submitted to the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) new applications of seven non-locally trained doctors for Limited Registration to practise in public hospitals.

The HA spokesperson said public hospitals had been facing doctor manpower shortages and workload issues in various clinical units. The recruitment of non-locally trained doctors has been supported by the respective Co-ordinating Committees and endorsed by the HA Task Force on the Limited Registration Scheme.

The seven new applicants for Limited Registration submitted to the MCHK today are from the specialties of Anaesthesia, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Surgery.

The HA spokesperson said, "The recruitment of overseas doctors has been progressing well since last year, with the extension of a limited registration to a three-year term. Up to July 2019, there were about 20 non-locally trained doctors who have been assessed as eligible for the recruitment exercise, passing the screenings by respective specialty panels, vetted further by the Task Force and considered suitable for appointment after interviews by user departments. All the applicants have fulfilled related qualification requirements recognised by the constituent colleges of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and they all have licenses to practise in their respective countries. The HA will submit limited registration applications for non-locally trained doctors by batches according to their intended date of reporting duty."

As at August 2019, there are 13 non-locally trained doctors working in public hospitals under Limited Registration in the specialties of anaesthesia, cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine and radiology to help relieve the manpower pressure in the respective units. Another four non-locally trained doctors will report for duty in the third quarter of 2019.

The HA will continue the recruitment of non-locally trained doctors under Limited Registration and closely monitor the overall manpower situation in public hospitals.