

**HKCP Guidelines on Certification of Specialist Registration (CSR) /
Certification of Specialist Qualification (CSQ) applications**

1. The professional standard applied in the assessment is *identical* for CSR and CSQ, with the registration pathway of the applicant at MCHK being the only difference.
2. The framework of procedures and information required for CSR/CSQ application and assessment are stated in the prevailing HKAM Guidance Notes (Point C of HKAM Guidance Notes for CSR/CSQ; available at <https://www.hkam.org.hk/en/specialist-registration>). The assessment of training and professional standard is under the purview of the College.
3. All applicants should have passed the Intermediate Examination recognized by the College. Please note that from 2006 onwards, the College only recognizes MRCP (UK) as the only ‘equivalent’ to our College’s Intermediate Examination. Notwithstanding, the College will consider other qualifications presented for assessment, and reserves the right to accept or reject such qualifications based on ‘comparability’ of professional standards. Each application is assessed on a case-by-case basis.
4. Applicants should provide relevant information and supporting documents, including but not limited to:
 - i. the training curriculum, scope, type, sequence and duration of supervised training;
 - ii. complete history of clinical experience;
 - iii. information on CME/CPD compliance;
 - iv. any other information considered relevant, e.g. professional recognition or academic contributions.
5. On receipt of the above information, the College will appoint the relevant Specialty Boards/Subcommittees to assess whether the training can be considered ‘**comparable**’ to the Basic Physician Training (BPT) and Higher Physician Training (HPT) respectively of locally trained physicians. The assessment will take into consideration the requirements for locally trained physicians to be admitted as Member or Fellow of the College. The Guidelines on Postgraduate Training in Internal Medicine of the College can be found at its website: <https://www.hkcp.org/docs/TrainingGuidelines/HKCP%20GuideBooklet%202023.pdf>. The Specialty Board/Subcommittee will then submit recommendations for deliberation at the Education & Accreditation Committee (E&AC), which reports its recommendations for further deliberation and decision by the College Council. The resolution of the Council will be forwarded to the Education Committee of HKAM.
6. Where such a mechanism is in place in the country of training or practice of an applicant, CSR/CSQ applicants must provide proof of his/her inclusion in the Specialist Registration lists of that country.

7. A pass in an Exit Assessment for specialist certification of the country of training or practice of an applicant after the date that Exit Assessment has been implemented in that country is a standard requirement by the College. When an applicant fails to satisfy this requirement and under circumstances when reasons for the omission and/or other relevant supporting information are provided to the satisfaction of the College, the College may appoint a panel to assess the application and/or conduct an Exit Assessment on the applicant.

8. The College is not obliged to provide remedial training to unsuccessful CSR/CSQ applicants.