

## **Frequently Asked Questions for the Licensing Examination**

### **(I) Before the Examination / Eligibility**

#### **1. I have acquired a dental degree from an institution outside Hong Kong and would like to practise dentistry in Hong Kong. What should I do?**

Any person who intends to practise dentistry in Hong Kong, irrespective of any specialty of dentistry, must first obtain registration with the Dental Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”). Any person who is not locally trained must pass the Licensing Examination of the Council before he/she is eligible to apply for registration and to practise dentistry in Hong Kong.

#### **2. How can I know if I am eligible to apply for the Licensing Examination?**

In order to be eligible to sit for the Licensing Examination (“LE”), an applicant has to be a holder of a dental degree or a dental qualification acceptable to the Dental Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”) and such dental degree or dental qualification must consist of not less than 4 years’ full-time dental training. All applications for sitting LE are considered by the Examination Committee of the Council on individual basis.

#### **3. Is there a list of dental qualifications approved by the Dental Council of Hong Kong for taking the Licensing Examination?**

The Dental Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”) does not have a list of approved dental qualifications for sitting the Licensing Examination (“LE”). All applications for sitting LE are considered by the Examination Committee of the Council on individual basis.

#### **4. When and where is the Licensing Examination held?**

The Licensing Examination (“LE”) is held twice a year. The first sitting of LE is usually held from April to July while the second sitting of LE is usually held from September to December. Details of each sitting of LE, including the examination schedule and application period, are announced in the website of the Dental Council of Hong Kong <https://www.dchk.org.hk>.

LE consists of three separate parts and all three parts of LE are held in Hong Kong. All candidates are required to come to Hong Kong to sit LE.

## **(II) Application Procedures**

### **1. What should I do if I want to apply for the Licensing Examination?**

Applicants are required to submit a completed application form together with the required supporting documents in person or by post to the Dental Council Secretariat (address: 4/F, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong) during the application period.

Different categories of applicant should submit the required application forms as follows –

- (a) For new applicants – Application Form (Form 1)
- (b) For old / re-sit candidates of Part I – Application Form (Form 2)
- (c) For old / re-sit candidates of Parts II and III – Application Form (Form 3)

Application form is made specific to each sitting of the Licensing Examination and applicants are reminded to complete the form as appropriate.

### **2. How can I complete the “Declaration” on the application form?**

Declaration can be made before a Commissioner of Oaths, a solicitor, a Justice of Peace or a Notary Public to confirm that all information and documents provided for the application are true and accurate. Declaration service before a Commissioner of Oaths is available free of charge at the Dental Council Secretariat for applicants who need to make declarations for their application.

### **3. What supporting documents are required in the application?**

Applicants may refer to the “Checklist of Supporting Documents” in the application form for the list of supporting documents required.

All photocopies of the supporting documents must be notarized by a **Notary Public**. Photocopies certified by other persons, such as solicitor or Justice of Peace, will **NOT** be accepted. Applicants may also bring along the original documents in person to the Dental Council Secretariat for verification during the application period.

All supporting documents provided must be in English or Chinese. If any of the supporting documents are not in the aforesaid languages, an official English translation, such as translation provided by the issuing institutions or authorities of the documents should be provided.

### **4. Can I apply for all three parts of the Licensing Examination in one-go?**

No. Candidates are required to pass Part I of the Licensing Examination (“LE”) before proceeding to Part II or to Parts II and III. Upon obtaining a pass in Part I, candidates are allowed

to apply for sitting LE in the same diet for –

- (a) only Part II; or
- (b) both Parts II and III irrespective of the result of Part II.

For candidates who wish to apply for sitting Part III only in any diet of LE, they must first obtain a pass in Part II.

**5. How much is the examination fee of the Licensing Examination and how can I make the payment?**

The Licensing Examination consists of three separate parts and the examination fee for each part is HK\$5,810. Applicants will be informed of the payment arrangement by email when eligibility is confirmed.

**(III) Preparation for the Licensing Examination**

**1. What is the format of the Licensing Examination?**

The Licensing Examination consists of three separate parts. Part I is Written Test in the format of multiple choice questions. Part II is Practical Test and Part III is Clinical Test. Please refer to the Candidate's Guide in the Dental Council's website <https://www.dchk.org.hk> for details of each part of the examination.

**2. What language(s) is used in the Licensing Examination?**

The Licensing Examination ("LE") comprises of three separate parts – Part I Written Test, Part II Practical Test and Part III Clinical Test. Part I Written Test consists of multiple-choice question papers for 8 subjects in both English and Chinese. For Part II Practical Test and Part III Clinical Test, candidates may use English or Cantonese during the examination and must state their choice of language before the examination.

**3. Does the Dental Council of Hong Kong provide past papers or organize revision courses for the Licensing Examination?**

The Dental Council of Hong Kong ("the Council") does not provide past papers nor organize revision courses for the Licensing Examination ("LE"). Candidates should note that it is not a prerequisite to join any revision course(s) before they apply or to sit LE.

To prepare for LE, candidates may refer to the recommended booklist in the Candidate's Guide for reference. In addition, information including sample questions, sample structure simulated viva voce cases and the list of instruments provided are also available on the Council's website (<https://www.dchk.org.hk>).

#### **(IV) Others**

##### **1. What is the passing rate of the Licensing Examination?**

Statistics on the Licensing Examination in the past years are available in the Annual Reports of the Dental Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”). Please visit the Council’s website (<https://www.dchk.org.hk>) for the past Annual Reports.

##### **2. Is there any deadline for registration after passing the Licensing Examination?**

Registration of dentists in Hong Kong is governed by the Dentists Registration Ordinance (“DRO”), Cap. 156 of the Laws of Hong Kong. Any person who have passed the Licensing Examination can apply for registration as dentist and there is no provision in DRO setting the time limit for registration as a dentist in Hong Kong after passing the Licensing Examination. For details about registration, please contact the Central Registration Office ([cro1@dh.gov.hk](mailto:cro1@dh.gov.hk)) for information.