

**Special Notes on Arrangements for  
Part III – Clinical Examination of the 2023 Licensing Examination (First Sitting)  
under the COVID-19 Epidemic**

In view of the COVID-19 epidemic, there will be a number of special arrangements for Part III – Clinical Examination of the 2023 Licensing Examination (“LE”) (First Sitting) which are set out below:

**1) Examination Venue and Format of the Clinical Examination**

The examination may be held in **non-clinical venue**. The format of the Clinical Examination is at **Appendix I**.

**2) Undergoing COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test (“RAT”)**

Candidates are required to undergo **RAT** before EACH of the four disciplines of the Clinical Examination according to the arrangements as set out below.

Candidates are required to undergo RAT on **EACH of the respective day of examination**. Candidates should arrange the testing kits themselves at their own cost and the test should be conducted **within 4 hours before the start of examination of EACH day of examination**. The required RAT should be conducted **before arrival at the examination venue** but not at the examination venue. Candidates are required to declare on the declaration form (copy at **Appendix II**) the conduct of the required RAT, specifying the brand, expiry date and lot number of the RAT testing kit used, date and time of the RAT conducted and result of the RAT. Candidates are required to take **photo on EACH of the respective day of examination displaying (i) the result of the RAT, (ii) their identity card / passport and (iii) the time and date of testing in ONE image**. Candidates must bring along the electronic image of the required photos to the examination venue and keep records of the required photos for at least 2 weeks. The Secretariat will conduct random checking of the required photos taken on each of the respective day of examination during registration.

Candidates **will not** be allowed to take the examination if they:

- (i) have not conducted the required RAT during the required period; or
- (ii) have conducted the required RAT during the required period but without a negative test result; or
- (iii) have conducted the required RAT during the required period but fail to provide the required information and/or the required photos of the results of RAT.

Candidates must ensure that the relevant RAT is conducted on EACH respective day of examination during the required period as elaborated in the table below:

Example

Subject	Date and starting time of Examination	Earliest date and time for conduct of RAT
Paediatrics	13 May 2023 at 9 a.m.	13 May 2023 at 5 a.m.
	14 May 2023 at 9 a.m.	14 May 2023 at 5 a.m.
Medicine	18 May 2023 at 9 a.m.	18 May 2023 at 5 a.m.
	19 May 2023 at 9 a.m.	19 May 2023 at 5 a.m.
	20 May 2023 at 9 a.m.	20 May 2023 at 5 a.m.
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	21 May 2023 at 9 a.m.	21 May 2023 at 5 a.m.
Surgery	3 June 2023 at 9 a.m.	3 June 2023 at 5 a.m.

For information about RAT, please refer to the pamphlet vide the following web link of the Department of Health:

<https://www.mdd.gov.hk/filemanager/common/mdacs/RAT-pamphlet-EN.pdf>

### 3) Infection Control Measures

Infection control measures will be implemented at the examination venue.

### 4) Health Declaration

In addition to production of the documentary proof showing a negative test result and the relevant time of specimen taken issued by the recognized institutions, candidates will be required to **submit a completed health declaration (Appendix III) at the time of registration on EACH day of the examination and before entering the examination venue for ALL of the four disciplines.**

**Candidates with an answer of “Yes” to any of the questions (a) to (b) in the health declaration will not be allowed to take the examination.**

In addition, the site Infection Control Supervisor will monitor and identify whether there are questionable cases. For example, the Infection Control Supervisor will have a **clinical assessment** in a separate room (manned by a chaperone) on a candidate who returns a clean Health Declaration Form but exhibits symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection. Based on the assessment of the Infection Control Supervisor, the candidate may NOT be permitted to sit the examination.

**5) Right to Alter Infection Control Requirements and/or Cancel the Examination with Short Notice**

The Medical Council of Hong Kong reserves the right to alter the infection control requirements and/or cancel the examination in short notice and should not be held liable for any loss and/or expenses incurred by candidates arising from alterations of infection control requirements and/or cancellation of the examination.

**I understand the above arrangements and I agree to comply with the requirements as set out in these “Special Notes on Arrangements for Part III – Clinical Examination of the 2023 Licensing Examination (First Sitting) under the COVID-19 Epidemic”. Any failure to comply with any of the above requirements will be regarded as having breached the examination rules and shall be subject to penalties or even disqualification from the examination.**

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate : \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

## **LICENSING EXAMINATION OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG**

### **2023 CLINICAL EXAMINATION (FIRST SITTING)**

Candidates will be examined in four disciplines, namely Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics and Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Details are as follows :

#### **Medicine**

Candidates will be tested in a long case for 20 minutes and several short cases for 40 minutes. **Real patients** will be involved.

To prepare for the long case, candidates will be given 40 minutes for history taking and physical examination, followed by 20 minutes for questioning by two examiners. He should check for the physical signs of the patients. Candidates will be tested on the clinical management of the patients.

For the short cases, candidates will be examined by two pairs of examiners at 2 Stations, each for 20 minutes. At Station 1, candidates will be tested in cases of Abdomen (for 8 minutes), Cardiovascular System (for 8 minutes) and General Medicine (such as Joint, Thyroid, Fundi, etc.) (for 4 minutes). At Station 2, candidates will be tested in cases of Respiratory System (for 8 minutes), Neurology (for 8 minutes) and General Medicine (for 4 minutes). Written tasks can be part of a station in short-case examinations.

#### **Surgery**

Candidates will be tested on a selection of cases and investigations in Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). There will be 8 OSCE stations (5 interactive stations and 3 non-interactive stations) with one examiner and in a 6-minute duration for each station. The aim of the examination is to ensure that candidates are competent to handle clinical situations, including history taking, physical examination, interpretation of investigations and treatment. The stations may be either interactive or non-interactive. At least one station will be devoted to an orthopaedic problem. **Real patients** will be involved in interactive stations. Candidates may need to complete written tasks in non-interactive stations. Rest stations may also be present in addition to these 8 OSCE stations.

Some of the examples of themes in OSCE stations are as follows: history taking and communication, investigation and management, procedural skills, X-ray in Orthopaedic Surgery and clinical stations in head & neck, breast, vascular system, abdomen, hernia, lumps & bumps and Orthopaedic Surgery.

#### **Paediatrics**

Each candidate will be tested in a long case and four short cases.

In the long case examination, he will be given 20 minutes to clerk case with a surrogate in the presence of two examiners, followed by a 10-minute discussion with the two examiners. The aim is to test the candidate's communication skills, competence in interpreting symptoms and identifying the key problems, and ability to arrive at a diagnosis and suggest relevant investigations and management measures.

In regard to the short cases, each candidate will be examined by four pairs of examiners for four virtual / simulated cases. These cases will cover cardiovascular system, neurological system, respiratory system, and general examination. Each case will last for 10 minutes. The aim is to test the candidate's competency in identifying and interpreting physical signs. **No** real patients will be involved. Video clips, laboratory findings, and other clinical materials will be used.

### **Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

1. This is an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).
2. There will be 10 stations (3 interactive stations and 7 non-interactive stations) with one examiner for each interactive station. Each candidate will start with a specific station and then rotate through all the stations.
3. There may be station(s) to examine the candidates' clinical skills. There may be resting station(s) depending on the number of candidates. **No** real patients will be involved.
4. Each station lasts for 9 minutes. A bell will ring to signify the start of the examination. At the end of the 9 minutes, a bell will ring again to signify the end of the station and all candidates must move out of the station. There will be a one-minute break between each station.
5. Candidates are not allowed to write on the answer sheets during any resting stations or the break between stations.
6. Non-interactive stations :
  - Each station will have one or more probe objects, based on which candidates are required to answer questions. The probe objects could be anything related to the specialty, such as a chart, an instrument, a photograph, a pathology specimen, a short description of a patient, etc.
  - Candidates are required to write their answers only in the answer sheets provided.
  - Where appropriate, answers may be given in note form or phrases or lists. Answers can be given in either English or Chinese.
  - Candidates are not allowed to remove, alter, or write on the probes. Any attempt to change the probe in any form is not allowed.
7. Interactive stations :
  - Question sheets may be given to the candidate. Candidates are allowed to read the question during the one-minute break between stations but is not allowed to answer before the starting bell rings.

### **General**

1. Examiners will normally speak in English throughout the examination. Some examiners may choose to speak in Cantonese or Putonghua to facilitate communication if they are proficient in that language.
2. Candidates may choose English, Cantonese, or Putonghua as the spoken language used in the examination. Interpreters will be arranged if the language used by the candidate is different from that of the patients and if the candidate has so indicated in the application form.

3. The written signages and instructions in the clinical examination, being simple English, will be provided in English only.

*Licentiate Committee*  
*January 2021*

**香港醫務委員會 2023 年度執業資格試 (第一次考試)**  
**第三部分：臨床考試**  
**Part III – Clinical Examination**  
**of the 2023 Licensing Examination (First Sitting)**  
**of the Medical Council of Hong Kong**

**考生 2019 冠狀病毒病快速抗原測試申報表**

**Candidate's Declaration on COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test**

考生姓名 Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

考試科目 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

考生編號 ULE Number: \_\_\_\_\_

考試日期 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

本人聲明以下所有申報的資料均為屬實，並明白根據執業資格試的考生指引，提供虛假、不完整或誤導訊息將受到懲處，甚至被取消考試資格。

**I declare that all information given below is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that according to the Guidelines for Candidate of Licensing Examination, I shall be subject to penalties or even disqualification from the examination for giving false, incomplete or misleading information.**

		是 Yes	否 No
(a)	於考試當日開考前的 4 小時內，我是否進行了 2019 冠狀病毒病快速抗原測試(快速抗原測試)？如是，請回答下列(b)項有關(a)項所進行的快速抗原測試。 Have I conducted the rapid antigen test ("RAT") for COVID-19 within 4 hours before the start of the examination on the day of examination? If yes, please answer question (b) below regarding conduct of the RAT.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	我的快速抗原測試結果是否呈陰性？如是，請提供下列資料：  使用的快速抗原測試包的品牌：_____ 使用的快速抗原測試包的有效期：_____ 使用的快速抗原測試包的批號：_____ 進行快速抗原測試的日期及時間：_____  Is my result of the RAT negative? If yes, please provide the required information as follows:  Brand of the RAT testing kit used: _____ Expiry date of the RAT testing kit used: _____ Lot number of the RAT testing kit used: _____ Date and Time of conduct of the RAT: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

考生簽署 Candidate's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

日期 Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**注意事項 Points to note :**

如有以下任何一種情況，考生不應前赴考試場地應考：

- 在上述(a)項聲明中表示「否」；或
- 在上述(a)項中表示「是」，但在(b)項中表示「否」；或
- 在上述(a)項及(b)項中表示「是」，但在(b)項中未能提供所需資料及/或所需的快速抗原測試結果照片。

**Candidates under any of the following scenarios should NOT go to the examination venue:**

- **indicating 'No' in statement (a) above; or**
- **indicating 'Yes' in statement (a) above but indicating 'No' in statement (b) above; or**
- **indicating 'Yes' in statements (a) and (b) above but failing to provide the required information in statement (b) and/or the required photos of the result of RAT.**



香港醫務委員會 2023 年度執業資格試 (第一次考試)  
第三部分：臨床考試  
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考生健康申報表 Candidate's Declaration on Health

考生姓名 Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ 考試科目 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
考生編號 ULE Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 日期 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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		是 Yes	否 No
(a)	我是否發燒 (耳探體溫達攝氏 38.0 度或以上) ? Do I have fever (tympanic temperature at or higher than 38.0°C) ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	(i) 於考試前 7 日，我是否有 2019 冠狀病毒病感染徵狀，包括發燒、咳嗽、呼吸急促、嗅覺／味覺受損及／或喉嚨痛？ Do I have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection including fever, cough, shortness of breath, smell/taste impairment and/or sore throat in the 7 days before the day of examination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(ii) 於考試當日，我是否有 2019 冠狀病毒病感染徵狀，包括發燒、咳嗽、呼吸急促、嗅覺／味覺受損及／或喉嚨痛？ Do I have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection including fever, cough, shortness of breath, smell/taste impairment and/or sore throat on the day of examination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

考生簽署 Candidate's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

日期 Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**注意事項 Points to note :**

如考生在上述(a)至(b)項任何一項聲明中表示「是」，便不應前赴考試場地應考。

**Candidates indicating 'Yes' in any statement (a) to (b) above should NOT go to the examination venue.**