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The Licentiate Committee and the Licensing Examination of Medical Council

4.1 The Licentiate Committee established under the Council is responsible for administering and running the Licensing Examination and assessing interns during the period of supervised training.

4.2 The Licensing Examination was introduced to replace the Licentiate Examination with effect from 1 September 1996. Upon passing the Examination and completion of the prescribed period of internship, a person will be awarded a certificate of experience by the Medical Council of Hong Kong and be accepted for full registration with the Medical Council.

4.3 The Licensing Examination is held annually by the Licentiate Committee and it consists of three parts:

Part I

Examination in Professional Knowledge - a "multiple-choice" question paper, set in both Chinese and English, on professional subjects including medicine, surgery, orthopaedic surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics & gynaecology, psychiatry, medical ethics/community medicine and basic sciences.

Part II

Proficiency Test in Medical English - a written professional English paper to test candidates' ability in the use of medical English.

Part III

Clinical Examination - an examination to test candidates' ability to apply professional knowledge to solve clinical problems, in which candidates will be examined in medicine, surgery (including cases on orthopaedic surgery), obstetrics & gynaecology and paediatrics. Candidates can choose to answer in English, Cantonese or Putonghua.

4.4 Candidates who have passed all 3 parts of the Licensing Examination will normally be required to undergo a 12-month internship training programme in hospitals accredited by the Central Internship Committee of the Hospital Authority. During this period, an intern will work under supervision in the following disciplines:-

- medicine
- surgery
- orthopaedics and traumatology
- obstetrics & gynaecology
- paediatrics
- geriatrics
- psychiatry

4.5 The membership of the Licentiate Committee (as at 31 December 2001) was as follows:-

Professor CHUNG Sheung-chee, Sydney (Chairman)

Dr CHAN Hon-yea, Constance

Dr CHAN Pui-kwong

Dr LAM Lo-kuen, Cindy

Professor LAM Siu-ling, Karen

Professor LOW Chung-kai, Louis

Dr SO Pik-han, Kathleen

Professor SUNG Jao-yiu, Joseph

Dr YU Chung-ping



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4.6 To discharge the respective functions of the Licentiate Committee, a total of five Sub-Committees have been set up:-

(a) Examination Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Professor CHENG Chun-yiu, Jack [up to 18 December 2001])

* responsible for conducting the Licensing Examination (formerly the Licentiate Examination), certifying passes and failures.

(b) Internship Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Professor LAM Siu-ling, Karen)

* responsible for the assessment and supervision of interns during the period of supervised training.

(c) Credentials Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Dr CHAN Hon-yea, Constance)

* responsible for considering and determining the eligibility of applicants for sitting the Licensing Examination.

(d) Exemptions Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Dr YU Chung-ping)

* responsible for considering and determining applications for exemption from various parts of the Licensing Examination and part of the internship training.

(e) Review Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Mr Erik SHUM)

* responsible for considering and determining appeals from candidates who are aggrieved at the decisions of other Sub-Committees regarding the examination and/or internship training.

4.7 In 2001, the Licentiate Committee and its Sub-Committees held a total of 13 meetings. Details of the results of the Licentiate Examination since its inception in 1977 and the Licensing Examination since 1996 are shown at **Table 7** and **Table 8** respectively.

