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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 Scheme 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 2002) was as follows:-

Professor CHUNG Sheung-chee, Sydney (Chairman)

Dr CHAN Hon-yee, Constance

Dr CHAN Pui-kwong

Professor CHAN Yan-keung, Thomas

Dr LAM Lo-kuen, Cindy

Professor LAI Ching-lung

Professor LOW Chung-kai, Louis

Professor NG Ho-keung

Dr SO Pik-han, Kathleen

Dr YU Chung-ping



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 NG Ho-keung)

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

(b) Internship Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Professor LAM Siu-ling, Karen [up to 3 June 2002])

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

(c) Credentials Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Dr CHAN Hon-ye, Constance)

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

(d) Exemptions Sub-Committee

(Chairman : Dr YU Chung-ping)

- responsible for considering 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 2002, the Licentiate Committee and its Sub-Committees held a total of 10 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.