



# THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

## ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLYING FOR THE JOINT SPECIALTY FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

**To be eligible for sitting Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery, applicants must fulfill the following requirements:**

1. One must be a Higher Surgical Trainee (HST) registered with the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong.
2. One must obtain a Membership of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong (CSHK).
3. One must complete at least **42 months** of Higher Surgical Training in Cardiothoracic Surgery with satisfactory training performance and fulfillment of training requirements as prescribed in the Higher Surgical Training Curriculum (Rules and Regulations for Higher Surgical Trainee).
4. One must complete all the mandatory courses as prescribed in the Mandatory Courses for HST.
5. One must complete at least two research projects approved by the Research Committee.
6. One must not have their training interrupted within 6 months prior to examination (*For details of interruption of training, please refer to "INTERRUPTION OF TRAINING" in "Rules & Regulations For Higher Surgical Trainee"*).
7. One must settle their registration fee of the exam year and those in arrears.
8. One must have Training Plan signed off for each 6-month-period of training. Proof of this should be kept in the trainees' logbook.
9. One must fulfil the Workplace-Based Assessment requirements (*For details of WBA requirements, please refer to "Guidelines on Workplace-Based Assessment for Higher Surgical Trainee"*).
10. One must fulfil the Presentation/Publication requirements (*For details of presentation/publication requirements, please refer to "PRESENTATION/PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS" in "Rules & Regulations for Higher Surgical Trainee"*).

**All applicants must submit the following documents together with the Completed Application Form in order to complete the application process:**

- ✓ Certified True copy of:
  - ✧ Basic Medical Degree Certificate
  - ✧ Ordinary Membership Certificate of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong (For HK Candidates)
  - ✧ CSHK Certificate of Completion of Research Requirement (For HK Candidates)
  - ✧ Educational Contract signed off of the exam year.
  - ✧ 6 Procedure Based Assessments of the exam year.
  - ✧ Official Certificate of **COMPLETION** of mandatory courses on:
    - Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)
    - Research Training Workshop
    - Critical Care Course (*For HSTs admitted from 1 July 2021 onwards*)
  - ✧ Proof of fulfilment for Presentation/Publication Requirements (For HK Candidates)
- ✓ Two passport photographs with your name on the back of the photographs
- ✓ A crossed cheque of full payment made payable to "The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong LIMITED".

\* Copies of letters and certificates will only be accepted if they have been verified as true copies by the Consultant or authorised hospital official and stamped with the hospital stamp. (The signature (name of verifier should be stated) and hospital stamp must be original)