



THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

CLINICAL ATTACHMENT PROGRAMME

FOR EXAMINATION ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE

INTRODUCTION

Those who have fulfilled all the training requirements including the duration of training, operational requirements and mandatory course requirements but not yet passed the required examination will fall into the category of Examination Eligible Candidate (EEC). Clinical Attachment Programme (CAP) is a programme to which an EEC will be attached for the purpose of maintaining surgical skills until passing the Fellowship Examination. Every EEC must actively involve in surgical practice. CAP must be monitored by at least one trainer. Trainer to EEC ratio should be 1:1. (This is independent of the Trainer to HST or BST ratio.)

The maximum period allowed for clinical attachment:

5 years - Cardiothoracic Surgery

Neurosurgery

Paediatric Surgery

Plastic Surgery

Urology

3 years - General Surgery

Any registered EECs failing to complete the Fellowship Examination of their respective Specialty within the stipulated time frame are required to withdraw from CAP. They are no longer eligible to restart either from Basic Surgical Training (which will not be recognized by CSHK) or Higher Surgical Training in any specialties under the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong.

REGISTRATION

Trainees who cannot complete the Fellowship Examination within the stipulated Higher Surgical Training will be required for admission to the CAP for sitting the Fellowship Examination. These trainees are required to submit the EEC Registration Form to CSHK within the first month of the CAP. **Failure to do so will render disqualification of sitting for the Fellowship Examination of their respective specialties.**

ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

EEC must keep logbook on recording the experiences gained during the period of clinical attachment. On completion of every 6-month period of CAP, EECs in all specialties (except General Surgery) must submit the assessment documentation **on or before 21st January or 21st July**. The deadline will be automatically extended to the next working day if that day falls on Saturday or public holiday. For those in General Surgery, they are required to submit the documentation to the Training Subcommittee of the College via their supervisor regularly in January and July every year for recognition of the respective period. Deadline for submission of half-yearly assessment documentation falls on the date of Training Subcommittee

meeting. **Late submission of the half-yearly assessment documentation will render disqualification of sitting for the Fellowship Examination of their respective specialties.**

The assessment documentation should include the followings:

- **1 Assessment Form**
- **CME Report Form**

EECs who receive unsatisfactory assessment from their trainers will **render disqualification of sitting for the Fellowship Examination of their respective specialties.** EEC status will be reviewed half yearly by the respective Specialty Board until they pass the Fellowship Examination. The eligibility of EEC will be expired if their performance is unsatisfactory for two consecutive 6-month periods.

INTERRUPTION OF TRAINING

EECs are required to follow the Regulations on Interruption of Training as stipulated on P.12 of the Rules & Regulations for HST. According to the Regulations of CAP for EEC, any registered EECs failing to complete the Fellowship Examination of their respective Specialty within the stipulated time frame are required to withdraw from CAP. Thus, the interrupted period can be exempted from this time frame limit only under the condition that the interruption of training has been pre-approved.

EECs are not allowed to have their attachment programme interrupted within 6 months prior to examination.

CME REQUIREMENTS

EECs must have adequate CME score (Minimum 10 points in each category / 30 points per year)

- **In-hospital meetings (Category 1)**
- **National/international scientific meetings (Category 2)**

ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE

All EECs are required to pay an annual registration fee until they leave the CAP. Effective from 1 January 2012, EECs are required to make payment of their annual registration fee **within the first month of the year, i.e. on or before 31st January. A surcharge of 100%** will be levied for any late payment after the first month of the year. Those who still fail to settle the outstanding fee within the first three months of the year, **i.e. on or before 31st March, will be removed from the College Register.**