



THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG PLASTIC SURGERY BOARD EXIT EXAMINATION

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The candidates must:

1. Be a registered practising Medical Practitioner in Hong Kong with moral and ethical fitness satisfactory to the Plastic Surgery Board, and in conformity with the code of ethics of the Hong Kong Medical Council.
2. Be a Fellow or ordinary member of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong.
3. Be a registered higher trainee who has undertaken three and a half years or more of accredited higher training in plastic surgery in Hong Kong or an examination eligible candidate (EEC) with the Plastic Surgery Board of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong.
4. Be able to produce proof of training experience, including the completion of the mandatory period of higher training, and evidence of necessary prescribed courses before the examination.
5. Be able to produce a certified operation logbook for inspection before the examination.
6. Declare any pre-existing medical conditions at the time of application. Candidates with special needs should advise the Secretariat at the time of application of the nature of their needs and any assistance that they require. Requests on medical grounds should be supported by medical evidence (an educational psychologist's report is required for requests for extra time because of dyslexia). Any need for adjustment of the examinations will be determined by College.

Guide to the Scope of the Exit Examination

The scope of the Examination will consist of the principles, practice and basic sciences of both adult and paediatric plastic surgery under the following headings:

- (a) Wound healing, wound care and tissue transplantation
- (b) Trauma and / or infection which involves soft tissues as part of the injury
- (c) Maxillofacial trauma
- (d) Burns – thermal, electrical, chemical and radiation, including their sequelae
- (e) Cleft and craniofacial deformities
- (f) Other congenital and acquired deformities of the head and neck (including vascular abnormalities)
- (g) Benign and malignant skin tumours, including management of the regional lymph nodes

- (h) Head and neck tumours
- (i) Congenital and acquired deformities of the trunk, limbs and other sites where the provision of skin cover is a component
- (j) Congenital and acquired deformities of the urogenital system
- (k) Paraplegic skin and soft tissue problems
- (l) All aspects of hand surgery
- (m) Microsurgery in all its applications to reparative and reconstructive surgery
- (n) Reconstructive surgery of the breast
- (o) All aspects of aesthetic surgery
- (p) Knowledge of medical ethics, aspects of informed consent and the medico-legal implications of clinical practice and developing surgical practice

GUIDE TO FORMAT OF THE EXAMINATION

1. The Examination will consist of a written examination covering 60 multiple choice questions (MCQ) of 1-hour duration, a viva examination organized into three 30-minutes sessions and a clinical examination divided into three sessions each lasting 30-minutes. Real patients will be employed during the clinical examination as appropriate. The MCQ mark will not be counted in the final score of the examination but candidates must pass the MCQ before proceeding to the Clinical and Viva Examination. The passing mark of the MCQ paper is 50%.
2. External Examiner(s) will be invited by the Plastic Surgery Board of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong. Local examiners are qualified examiners of the Plastic Surgery Board.
3. Candidates are required to bring along their certificate of experience & the certified operation logbook at the examination.
4. Candidates will be assessed on their knowledge of plastic surgery. This includes principles in theory as well as clinical application of knowledge expected of a junior consultant in the Specialty.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION

An Examiners' meeting will be held to review the candidates' marks and to discuss in detail the performance of each candidate after the examination. Candidates will receive their examination result in a personal envelope after the examiners' meeting.

Successful candidates who have completed the mandatory higher training in Plastic Surgery will be eligible for election as Fellow of the College and recommendation for nomination to the Fellowship of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. Subject to the approval of the Committee of the Plastic Surgery Board, nomination will be forwarded to the Council of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong for endorsement.