

Board of Conjoint Examination News

HKCFP/RACGP CONJOINT EXAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP) had recently been notified by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) with respect to the status related to our HKCFP **category 2 candidates** sitting the conjoint exam:

1. These doctors have not been enrolled in a training program as a requirement to either sit the exam or be awarded Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP).
2. The alternative pathway other than formal training is no longer aligned with the RACGP and Australian Medical Council position that all doctors must be on, or have completed, a training program for exam eligibility and to gain Fellowship.

Therefore, the RACGP Council of Censors had resolved that:

1. HKCFP category 2 doctors who enroll for 2022 and 2023 conjoint exams will be eligible for the International Conjoint Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (ICFRACGP) (but not FRACGP) provided other Fellowship requirements are met.

If they wish to work in Australia and gain medical registration as a Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG), they will need to apply to the Practice Experience Program Specialist Stream and the application will be dealt with on its own merit. The concession granted to the holders of the ICFRACGP via the training program will not apply. The lack of training program will be taken into consideration as it would be for any other SIMG.

2. After 2023 no HKCFP category 2 candidate will be eligible for the conjoint exams.
3. The Australian Medical Council will be notified of the issue of the HKCFP category 2 doctors.

However, up to the present moment, the HKCFP category 2 doctors are still eligible to sit for our HKCFP college exam and be awarded FHKCFP similar to previous years provided all HKCFP Fellowship requirements are met.

(N.B. For our **category 1 candidates** - those who commenced the HKCFP training program before 31st December 2018, will remain entitled to be awarded FRACGP, provided all requirements for Fellowship are met. All other candidates are eligible to apply for the award of ICFRACGP.)

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