



**The College of Emergency Medicine (CEM) (UK) and
Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine (HKCEM)
Membership Examination of the College of Emergency Medicine
(MCEM) / Intermediate Examination in Emergency Medicine (IEEM)
Important Notice**

General Information

Examination Date:	19-23 March, 2012	
Deadline for Application:	14 December 2011 (Wednesday)	
Examination Venue:	Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) 30-32 Ngan Shing Street, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong	
Eligibility of Application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to Regulations relating to the examination for Membership of the College of Emergency Medicine (MCEM) Applicable to the Spring 2011 diet and subsequent diets and Training Programme for Specialists in Emergency Medicine of Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine. • Eligible candidates will be notified by letter if they are accepted to take the Conjoint Examination. • Trainee applicants and Training supervisors are advised to visit the CEM website for current eligibility criteria. 	
Examination Fee:	re-sit MCEM Part B - SAQ * ¹	HK\$6,800
	re-sit MCEM Part C - OSCE * ¹	HK\$8,200
	MCEM Part B and Part C	HK\$15,000
	IEEM/MCEM (double diploma) re-sit Part B * ²	HK\$6,800
	IEEM/MCEM (double diploma) re-sit Part C * ²	HK\$8,200
	IEEM/MCEM (double diploma) Part B and Part C * ²	HK\$15,000

*¹ Re-sit MCEM application forms have been sent to the candidates who failed the examination. They should contact CEM to request another form if they lost the forms.

*² It is available for HKCEM trainees only.

Aim of Examination

The MCEM examination is set at a standard commensurate with the level of expertise necessary for entry into higher specialist training in Emergency Medicine.



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Format

1. **Part B - Short Answer Questions (SAQ)**

This paper examines data interpretation and problem solving skills and consists of 16 questions. The questions present a clinical scenario and may have clinical data including radiographs, CT scans, ECGs, blood test results and clinical photographs.
Duration: 2 hours

2. **Part C - Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)**

This consists of 18 OSCE stations that assess knowledge, psycho-motor ability, interpersonal skills (including communication and conflict resolution), professional behaviour and clinical decision-making skills. There will normally be two rest stations.
Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours

- All parts of the examination will be conducted in English.
- Each Part stands alone, candidates being awarded either a “pass” or a “fail” in each part.

Eligibility Criteria

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Trainees

- Trainees working in Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Far and Middle East Countries.
- Candidates from **OUTSIDE** Far and Middle East Countries need to contact the College of Emergency Medicine, UK directly to see if they would be allowed to sit the examination in Hong Kong. If the CEM reply that it is possible for them to sit the MCEM examination in Hong Kong, then they should formally apply to HKCEM and pay the relevant fee in HK dollars. The documentary proof from College of Emergency Medicine UK should also be submitted by the candidate simultaneously.
- MCEM/IEEM application (double diploma) is only open to trainees of the HKCEM.

Qualification

- Candidates must have passed the MCEM Part A before entry to MCEM Part B.
- Acceptable alternatives are:
 - the Primary examination of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine.
 - **the Primary examination of the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine (PEEM).**
 - the Primary examination of South African College of Emergency Medicine.
- Candidates who sat the Part B prior to Autumn 2009 retain exemption from Part A.



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Experience

- Candidates must have completed at least of **36 months** of medical training after graduation from medical school (and in full time employment as a doctor), 6 months of which must be at SHO level in Emergency Medicine. The College of Emergency Medicine does not require mandatory experience in specific specialties but recommends time in Acute Medicine, Anaesthetics and Critical Care, and Paediatric Emergency Medicine.
- Department heads or consultants should verify that the performance of the candidates is satisfactory during the training period by signing on the training certification letters.
- For MCEM/IEEM (double diploma) applicants, they must have completed at least 24 months of accredited **post registration training** (following 12 months of internship); and including at least 12 months of accredited training in Emergency Medicine by the time of examination

Remarks

- **Candidates who are re-sitting the exam must take the re-sit exam in the same geographical location as the original examination.** For Asia, this means that candidates may sit in either Singapore or Hong Kong.
- **Please note that the MHKICBSC Part 1&2 are NOT accepted in this diet of MCEM/IEEM**
- **Please note that the MRCS Parts 1&2, and MRCP Part 1 are NOT accepted in this diet of MCEM/IEEM**
- For applicants who held the MRCS Parts 1&2 and/or MRCP Part 1 prior to December 2010, and are re-sit candidates for the MCEM/IEEM, these qualifications are acceptable after 2010. However this does NOT apply for those applicants who enroll for the first time after 2010. Such candidates are advised to attempt the PEEM
- There is **no scheduled stand alone or independent IEEM** in 2012
- If candidates from Hong Kong wish to apply for the IEEM qualification in addition to the MCEM then they should complete both the sets of forms – those required for the MCEM and those required for the IEEM. The qualifications required for this diet of the MCEM and IEEM are those required for the MCEM. However, the experience is different for MCEM and IEEM. Although there is only one examination, candidates applying for both qualifications should ensure that they complete both sets of forms, and meet the experience levels required for IEEM.



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Format of the training certification letter (required if the candidate cannot obtain signatures from an educational supervisor for each post declared)

1. Letter head - Institution / Hospital / Dept / Correspondence Address
2. Date
3. To whom it may concern (so that this certified true copy of this certification may be used for Conjoint / Exit / other examinations to be taken by this doctor)
4. This is to certify that Dr ABC (in full spelling) worked / served (or other appropriate verb) as a Medical Officer / Resident in XXX Dept of YYY Hospital from BBB date to DDD date. This experience included direct supervision, regular appraisal of educational progress and attendance at educational meetings.
5. Other info or remarks would be optional.
6. Signature
7. Name & Post (Dept Head, Consultant, Hosp Administrator) of signing authority

Notes: Many trainees might need a better filing system (eg use a clear folder) to store the important training documents for future use.

Certification

1. Successful candidates in the examination will be eligible to apply for admission to the Membership of The College of Emergency Medicine (UK).
2. Successful candidates who have also fulfilled the training requirement of Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine will also be eligible to apply for the Certificate of the Intermediate Examination in Emergency Medicine of the College and for Membership of the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine.



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Application Procedure

For HK candidates

Please enclose [IEEM application form](#) and [MCEM application form](#)
with [2 sets of all certified true copies](#), one for HKCEM and one for CEM.

Please [discuss with the training supervisor](#) concerned or any member of the College Education Committee if there is any query.

For Singapore, Australia, New Zealand candidates

Apply directly through HKCEM and pay the local Hong Kong examination fee.

For all other overseas candidates

Enquire CEM, UK to seek approval to take MCEM examination in Hong Kong.

After approval is sought, apply through HKCEM by paying the local Hong Kong examination fee.

Please send

- (1) Completed application form(s),
- (2) Photographs with name written on the back, <how many photographs are required here for each exam taken – plz specify>
- (3) Certified true copies of Registration with Medical Council,
- (4) Certified true copies of Qualification (Degree and Examination Results),
- (5) Certified true copies / the Training Certification Letters of Experience,
- (6) Cheque

on or before the Deadline by hand / mail to

[Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine,](#)
[Room 809, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine,](#)
[99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong](#)

(Attn: Dr Gordon Wong, Censor-in-chief of the Education Committee, HKCEM).

All [certified true copies](#) of documents must be certified by the respective Consultant or Authorised Hospital Officer.

The full amount of the fee is paid by 'Account Payee Only' cheque or bank remittance payable to '[Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine](#)'.

Enquiry

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PWH Map





 A&E Medicine Academic Unit, CUHK
2/F, Main Clinical Block and Trauma Centre,
Prince of Wales Hospital


 **MCEM Part B:**
Lecture Theatre, Clinical Science Building,
Prince of Wales Hospital

MCEM Part C:
(venue to be confirmed)


 Staff Quarters Carpark

 1 Accident & Emergency Department

 2 Northern Entrance

 3 Visitors Carpark

 4 To 2/F Podium (Taxi stand)

 5 The Hong Kong Jockey Club Sports Medicine
& Health Science Centre /
Allied Health Services Multi-purpose Centre

 6 Southern Entrance



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Withdrawal from Examination

- Candidates withdrawing from the Examination must do so in writing to the Examination Administrators. Candidates may be asked to provide evidence for their reason for withdrawal.
- **Withdrawal prior to closing date of application for the relevant examination:**
The deposit will not be refunded unless there are exceptional circumstances.
The candidate may choose to have the balance of the entrance fee returned or transferred to a future examination when written notice is received prior to the closing date for receipt of applications.
- **Withdrawal after closing date but more than 21 working days prior to the date of the relevant examination:**
The deposit will not be refunded unless there are exceptional circumstances.
The candidate may choose to have 50% the balance of entrance fee returned or transferred to a future examination when written notice is received more than 21 working days before the commencement of the examination.
- **Withdrawal after closing date but less than 21 working days prior to the date of the examination:**
When written notice is received less than 21 working days before the commencement of the examination, no refund will be made to a candidate who withdraws or fails to attend.
- Candidates should note that if the fee for the examination is increased between sittings, candidates who have withdrawn will be required to pay the revised fee for the next examination.
- Withdrawal will guarantee a place in the next diet if the deposit is paid. Candidates must re-apply to the examination with the full set of documents as enlisted above.

Notification of Pregnancy

A candidate applying for the examination and who is pregnant at the time of application must inform the Chairman of Examination Subcommittee (Prof. Timothy H Rainer) of her condition and the Estimated Week of Confinement (EWC). Any candidate who becomes pregnant after applying and before sitting the examination must inform the Chairman of Examination Subcommittee of their EWC as soon as pregnancy is confirmed [if she wishes to apply to postpone her attempt](#).

HSI/SARS or Avian Flu-related Infection Control

1. Subject to the prevalent HSI/SARS or Avian Flu situation, candidates are required to declare their health status prior to the Examination.
2. Temperature measurement will also be arranged as required.
3. Candidates who are confirmed of having HSI will not be allowed to the Examination and will be deferred to the next diet.
4. Candidates who are febrile & / or suspected of having SARS disease will not be allowed to the Examination and will be deferred to the next diet.
5. Infection control measures including face masks will be required as necessary.
6. The Chief Examiner or his deputy would exercise the authority to implement the essential precautionary actions.