



Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine (HKCEM) Primary Examination in Emergency Medicine (PEEM) Examination Notice

General Information

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| Examination Date: | 29 August 2024 5 September 2024 (Reserved) |
| Closing Date for Application: | 18 July 2024 |
| Examination Venue: | 2/F, Function Room 1 & 2, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong |
| Examination Fee: | HK\$5,000 |

**As the examination is conjoint with Singapore, in the event any unforeseen weather conditions (e.g. typhoon signal no. 8 or above [or the equivalent condition in Singapore] is hoisted), the examination will be postponed to the 'fall back date'. Candidates will be informed via email, SMS or other means as early as possible if this happens.*

Scope of Examination

1. The Primary Examination on Emergency Medicine (PEEM) of the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine is an examination to assure proficient medical knowledge as integral to emergency medicine training.
2. The PEEM tests candidates with an emphasis on applied clinical science for emergency medicine

Format of Examination

1. The examination consists of ONE section of 100 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) in Single Best Answer (SBA) format (5-options-choose-1-best-answer).
2. The duration of the examination is 2 hours.
3. The examination will be conducted in English.
4. Example questions are available [here](#) for reference.

Award

1. The examination is organised conjointly by the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine with the National University of Singapore.
2. Successful candidates will be awarded certificates deeming them to have passed the Primary Examination in Emergency Medicine of Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine and the Master of Medicine (Emerg Med) Part A awarded by the National University of Singapore.

Eligibility of Application

Holder of basic medical degree(s) or qualification(s)

Payment Method

Can be made via

1. [Paydollar](#) – Please note, and email the 'Merchant Reference No.', 'Amount' and 'Name' to exam@hkcem.org.hk to help verify your payment

Or

2. Cheque/Bank remittance with the full amount of the fee paid by 'Account Payee Only' payable to: **Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine**



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Application Procedure

Send the following documents on or before the deadline to:

Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine
Room 809, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine,
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen,
Hong Kong.

Documents to be included in the application:

1. Properly completed Application Form,
2. Two recent photographs,
3. Certified true copies of the certificate of medical qualifications and other relevant documents (All certified true copies of documents must be certified by the respective Training Supervisor or Consultant)
4. The cheque or bank remittance with the full amount of the fee paid by 'Account Payee Only' payable to '**Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine**' if payment made by cheque/bank remittance

Curriculum

1. Please refer to the Fellowship curriculum and Content of Learning in our College website.
2. The weighting to be given for various areas of PEEM examination will be approximately as follows:

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| Anatomy | 20% |
| Biochemistry | 15% |
| Physiology | 25% |
| Pathology | 10% |
| Pharmacology | 15% |
| Microbiology | 10% |
| Genetics & Immunology | 5% |

Suggested reading List

General Emergency Medicine

1. Practice of Emergency Medicine 2nd edition – Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine 2016c)
2. Emergency Medicine: A comprehensive study guide – Judith E. Tintinalli (editor), McGraw Hill

Anatomy

1. Last's Anatomy: Regional and Applied – Chummy S. Sinnatamby (Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh)

Physiology

1. Ganong's Review of Medical Physiology – Kim E. Barrett (Appleton and Lange)
2. West's Respiratory Physiology:- The Essentials – JB West (Williams and Wilkins)
3. Guyton and Hall Textbook of Medical Physiology – John E. Hall (Saunders)

Biochemistry

1. Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry – David L. Nelson (Macmillan Learning)

Microbiology and Immunology

1. Review of Microbiology and Immunology – Warren Levinson (Lange)

Pharmacology

1. Basic and Clinical Pharmacology – BG Katzung (Appleton and Lange)

Pathology & Epidemiology

1. Robbins & Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease – Vinay Kumar, Abul K. Abbas (Elsevier)
2. The Annual Reports on Disease Statistics of Department of Health and Hospital Authority of Hong Kong

Optional

1. ABC of Emergency Radiology – Otto Chan (BMJ Publishing)



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Refund Policy

1. Applicants withdrawing from the PEEM must apply in prior writing to the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine. Candidates may be asked to provide evidence for their reason for withdrawal.
2. Withdrawal prior to the closing date of the relevant examination application: 10% of the application fee as administrative charge will be levied.
3. No refund will normally be made to candidates who withdraw from the examination after the closing date or fail to attend for any reason. No allowance will be made for postal or other delays.
4. Applicants who have submitted their applications but subsequently found to be not eligible to sit for the examination will have their fee refunded after 10% of the examination fee has been levied as administrative charge.

Results

1. The passing mark will be decided by a panel of expert examiners with scientific method of standard setting for each diet.
2. Candidates will be informed of the results by post normally within 4 weeks after the examination

Appeal

1. Appeal is defined by a request made by candidate to revise the decision of the result of the examination. Feedback is defined as a complaint or suggestion regarding the examination process, without requesting a change in the result.
2. Candidates who wish to appeal or provide feedback about the process of the examination must do so in writing within 30 days of the examination. The submission must state the details of the reason or argument.
3. Appeals will be considered if they allege mis-administration, bias or impropriety, whether in the conduct or in the determination of the result of the examination. All the feedback will be seriously reviewed by the education committee. However, anonymous complaints will generally not be considered.
4. Appeals disputing the academic judgment of the examiners will not be considered.
5. A non-refundable administrative fee of 10% of the application fee would be levied for the appeal request. No fee will be applied to feedback.
6. Examination candidates who make a complaint or appeal in good faith will not be disadvantaged in the current and future examinations.
7. The Education Committee or an appropriate committee, as decided by the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine, will review the complaint, assemble preliminary evidence, request statements from relevant parties and conduct appropriate investigation on the issue.
8. Candidates will be notified in writing about the appeal result.

Re-sit of examination

There is no limit on the number of attempts on PEEM



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Improper conduct of examination candidates

1. Candidates who are found to have improper conduct during an examination may be refused entry to the current or future examinations.
2. Improper conducts include:
 1. Dishonestly obtaining or attempting to obtain entry to the examination by making false statements, using falsified documents, false claims about training experience, qualifications or eligibility for the examination.
 2. Obtaining or seeking to obtain unfair advantage during an examination, or inciting other candidate to do the same. Examples include:
 - Having on the person any material that would give advantage in an examination once the examination has commenced by any means including electronic devices.
 - Communicating or attempting to communicate with another person (another candidate or third party) once the examination has commenced, including passing information about the contents of any part of the examination to candidates in the same diet.
 - Refusing to follow the instruction given by the examiners or examination staff concerning the conduct of and procedure for the examination.
 3. Removing or attempting to remove from the examination any confidential material relating to the conduct of the examination.
 4. Obtaining or attempting to obtain confidential information concerning the examination from an examiner or examination official.
 5. Passing confidential information on the content of the examination to a third party.
3. The list of improper conduct is not exhaustive, and the College reserves the right to investigate and judge any potential case of improper conduct or behaviour during the examination.
4. Candidates may be disqualified from the examination in case of serious misconduct after investigation by the College.

Equal opportunities

1. Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine is committed to make every effort to provide an environment to candidates that is free from discrimination.
2. It is the policy of the College that no candidate receives less favourable treatment than others on the ground of race, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital or family status, ethnic origin, colour, region, political belief, disability or social class.
3. Candidates who experience any discrimination or unequal treatment may appeal in writing to the College.

Infection Control

1. Subject to the prevalent global or local infection epidemic/endemic situation, candidates are required to declare their health status prior to the Examination.
2. Temperature measurement will also be arranged as required.
3. Candidates confirmed to have infectious diseases that may pose a risk to examiners and other candidates will not be allowed to participate in the examination.
4. Appropriate infection control measures including hand hygiene, wearing of face masks and gloves will be required as necessary.
5. The Chief Examiner or the deputy would exercise the authority to implement the essential precautionary actions.