

Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (HKCOS)

Guidance Notes for Certification for Specialist Registration (CSR) / Certification for Specialist Qualification (CSQ)

1. When a relevant overseas-trained specialist applies, the HKCOS will assess and recommend the specialist for CSR/CSQ to the Academy or provide alternative advice based on the evaluation by a panel of assessors representing the HKCOS.
2. Applications for CSR/CSQ are evaluated based on the applicants' qualifications and professional competencies to determine if they are comparable to those of the Fellows of the HKCOS, specifically for the Fellowship of the Academy (FHKAM).
3. Applicants must submit relevant documentation to ensure a prompt assessment.
4. Assessment of comparability includes:
 - a) A minimum of 6 years of full-time supervised training, equivalent to that of local trainees in Orthopaedics and Traumatology, is required. Relevant information should encompass academic, clinical, operative, and administrative experiences.
 - b) An applicant providing proof of 6 years of supervised post-registration training, along with successful completion of the Intermediate and Exit examinations as outlined in Bylaws 2.4 of the Academy.
 - c) If the criteria in paragraph 4(b) are not met, the applicant will be evaluated on all aspects of training and experience. Key emphasis will be placed on whether the applicant is currently practicing or registered as a specialist in Orthopaedics and Traumatology in their country of residence. A comprehensive conclusion will be drawn regarding the applicant's professional standards in relation to those recognized by the Academy for Fellowship qualification.
5. An assessment panel appointed by the HKCOS, will serve as assessors for the evaluation (the "Panel").
6. The Panel will report to the Council of the HKCOS (the "Council") on whether the applicant's experience and training are comparable to those of the HKCOS.
7. The applicants should provide relevant information and supporting documents, including but not limited to:
 - The training curriculum and the examination syllabus;
 - Complete history of clinical experience;
 - Information on CME/CPD compliance, research and publication;
 - Proof of inclusion in the Specialist Registration lists of their countries of training;
 - Any other information considered relevant