

JOINT SPECIALTY FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY (2025) NOTES

PLEASE READ THESE NOTES CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE 1 – APPLICATION

This application must be returned to the Chief Censor, The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Room 905, 9th Floor, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong no later than the closing date together with the necessary documents and full payment of the examination fee (RCSEd Administration Fee per candidate is included). Cheque should be made payable to “The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons”. Fax will not be accepted.

NOTE 2 – EXAMINATION FEE

- 2.1 For those candidates whose application is rejected by the College for whatever reason, 20% of the examination fee will be charged as administrative fee.
- 2.2 For those candidates who withdraw from the examination for whatever reason, an administrative fee will be charged (For detail, please refer to point 3 of “Important notice” of the application form).

NOTE 3 – RECORD OF TRAINING

- 3.1 Candidates shall submit a print out of the following records from e-Logbook System, with a certified true copy by the candidate and the training director of corresponding hospital with official chop of the hospital.

- (i) Training Rotation Records and
- (ii) Summary of Training Requirement.

Alternatively, candidates may fill in the record of training rotation on the designated sheet provided, with a certified true copy by the supervisor or training director of corresponding hospital and official chop of the hospital.

- 3.2 Candidates must ensure their training rotations satisfy the following requirement:
 - (i) Minimum of twelve months’ training in an approved post in General Orthopaedics;
 - (ii) Minimum of eighteen months’ training in an approved post in Musculo-skeletal Trauma;
 - (iii) Minimum of three months’ training in an approved post in Hand Surgery;
 - (iv) Minimum of three months’ training in an approved post in Paediatric Orthopaedics;
 - (v) Minimum of three months’ training in an approved post in Rehabilitation; and
 - (vi) Six months of rotational training must be arranged by the College.
- 3.3 Please count the training period up to the date of the Examination.

NOTE 4 – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 Documents submitted, if they are photocopies, must be certified by the Training Director or Chief of Service of the training unit of the applicant; or a public notary; or a solicitor (with his/her full name).
- 4.2 Application must be supported by a full set of documents, including the followings:
 - (i) Copy of HKID card / passport
 - (ii) Copy of MCHK / NHFPC registration
 - (iii) Copy of current Annual Practicing Certificate
 - (iv) Proof of basic medical qualifications
 - (v) Proof of recognized intermediate qualifications
 - (vi) Proof of paper publication of an orthopaedic related scientific paper as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal

- (vii) Proof of oral presentation at an orthopaedic related local or overseas conference
 - (viii) Proof of completion of one research project
 - (ix) Proof of attendance of the Five bioskill workshops:
 - (1) Basic Orthopaedic Bioskill Workshop
 - (2) ATLS Course
 - (3) Basic Microvascular Skill Training
 - (4) Fracture Fixation Course
 - (5) Acute and Definitive Management of Unstable Pelvic Injuries Course
- 4.3 For those candidates who have NOT completed 48 months of Higher Orthopaedic Training at the date of the examination, a letter signed by the Chief of Service of the training unit (with hospital chop and printed on letterhead) must be submitted to certify that continuous training will be available for him/her to complete the remaining months of Higher Orthopaedic Training.
- 4.4 Where a document is not in English, it must be accompanied by an English translation certified as a true translation by a sworn translator, court translator, authorized public translator, expert translator or official translator.

NOTE 5 – FELLOWSHIP

The examination is organized and conducted by the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons in Hong Kong. Successful examination candidate will be awarded with Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (FHKCOS) provided that the candidate fulfils all the college training requirement. The successful candidate will also be awarded with Fellowship of Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Orthopaedics [(FRCS(Edin) Orth)] provided that the examination fulfilled the requirement of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

In the extra-ordinary event that the examination cannot be conducted in the originally planned format, the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons reserves the right to cancel or defer the examination, or to change the format of the examination while keeping the same dates, according to prevailing changed conditions, before the commencement of the examination. In the latter situation that the format is changed, the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons will still award the successful candidates with FHKCOS, while the decision whether to award the successful candidates with FRCS(Edin) Orth. or not will be made in full consultation with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in accordance with prevailing by laws and regulations of both colleges.

NOTE 6 – ENQUIRIES

For enquiries in relation to the application, please contact the HKCOS Secretariat via email at: hkcoss@hkcoss.org.hk; telephone: 2871 8722 or fax: 2873 4077.