

The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (HKCOS) Selection of Higher Orthopaedic Trainees (HOTs)

College's recommendation/guidelines for Basic Surgical Trainees (BSTs) who intend to apply for HOTs post.

1. **Registered as BST under the HKCOS during the basic surgical training period in addition to the mandatory registration under the Hong Kong Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges (HKICBSC)**
 - Even when you do not have a chance to work in an O&T Department during the 24 months BST training
 - After registration, you can attend the training activities arranged by the College and earn orthopaedic training points
2. **Apply for the Higher Surgical Training post (usually before you attempt the intermediate examination) according to the standard procedures of the HA head office (HAHO)**
3. **At the same time, also apply to the HKCOS for HOT post through the College secretariat**
4. **Admission Criteria and Selection Procedure of HOT**
(Abstract from the new Training Guidelines from the HKCOS Version 2005, Section 3.5)

Section 3.5.1

The following criteria must be met:

- a. A Hong Kong citizen with a current full registration with the Medical Council of Hong Kong and in good standing.
- b. Completed an accredited Basic Surgical Training programme
- c. Holds a recognized intermediate qualification.

Section 3.5.2

The selection procedure consists of a structured interview and requires the following documents from the applicant:

- a. An application form and the prescribed fees.
- b. A structured curriculum vitae using a specific form, including information on basic medical qualification, postgraduate qualification(s), training and research experience.
- c. Documentation of a successful pass in a recognized intermediate examination [see section 2.6]*
- d. 6-monthly Assessment Reports of an accredited BST training programs, including documentation of training points and CME points, unless otherwise exempted by the College.

Section 3.5.3

Information supplied by the applicant and the interview will be rated. The selection criteria may be changed from time to time. Potential applicants may obtain the most updated information from the College secretariat.

* (Section 2.6 - The Intermediate Examination)

The BST must pass an Intermediate Examination in order to be eligible to be considered for admission as a Higher Orthopaedic Trainee. Currently the HKCOS recognizes any one of the following intermediate qualifications as an acceptable qualification:

- a. Fellowship or Associate Fellowship of one of the British Royal Colleges in Surgery, or of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong;
 - b. The intermediate examination of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong;
 - c. Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (MRCSEdin), which may be taken in Hong Kong, jointly with the intermediate examination of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, or taken elsewhere in approved centers;
 - d. The Joint Membership of the Colleges of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, starting from January 2004, taken in Hong Kong or elsewhere.)
- 5. The result of the HKCOS selection board will be brought to the HAHO selection board (on Higher Surgical Trainees) for consideration. However, the final decision will depend on the group decision after the selection interview as arranged by the HAHO.**
- 6. This is just a recommendation/guidelines for the basic surgical trainees to facilitate their application to the post of HOT. Full compliance to the recommendation does not guarantee a post of HOT after the basic surgical training.**