

# **The Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (HKCOG)**

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

1. Upon an application by a relevant overseas-trained specialist, the HKCOG shall recommend an overseas-trained specialist to obtain a CSR/CSQ to the Academy, or advise otherwise, after the assessment by a panel of assessors on behalf of the HKCOG
2. The CSR/CSQ applications are assessed according to the applicants' qualifications and professional competency as whether those qualifications and professional competency are comparable to that of the Fellows of the HKCOG for the award of the qualification of the Fellow of the Academy in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FHKAM (O&G)).
3. The applicant is required to provide relevant materials so that the assessment could be accomplished with expediency.
4. The assessment of comparability of standards:
  - (a) The minimal requirement for the recommendation is 6 years of full time supervised training as comparable to those undertaken by local trainees in the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Relevant information should include, but not limited to academic, clinical, operative and administrative aspects of the applicant's experience and training.
  - (b) An applicant who produces evidence of 6 years of supervised post-registration training and that of passing the Intermediate and Exit examinations as laid down in Bylaws 2.4 of the Academy, shall in normal circumstances, be regarded as comparable to the requirements for the training leading to the qualification of the Fellowship of the Academy in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
  - (c) Where paragraph 7.4 (b) of this Guideline hereinabove is not met, the applicant is assessed on all aspects of his/her training and experience. Major consideration will be given to whether or not the applicant is or has been practising, and/or registered, as a specialist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in the country of residence of the applicant. An overall conclusion would be reached as whether or not the applicant has achieved a professional standard as comparable to that recognized by the Academy for the award of its Fellowship.
5. An assessment panel of not fewer than 3 Fellows seconded by the HKCOG shall serve as assessors for the assessment (the "Panel").
6. The Panel shall report to the Council of the HKCOG (the "Council") as whether or not the applicant has the experience and training as comparable to the Fellows of the HKCOG in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.