

## **Reminder: Important Deadlines for Structured Training of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

The followings serve as references to the usual deadlines for examinations and submission of training documents. However, trainees should pay attention to the respective sources attentively for the most updated information.

### 1. MRCOG Examinations

- Examination dates
  - Part I and II: every January and July
  - Part III: every May and November
- Applicants would have to complete an Expression of Interest form prior to the actual booking of each examination
- Applicants would have to complete the Assessment of Training (AoT) approximately 3 months prior to Part III examination
  - A minimum of 4 years in Obstetrics and Gynaecology full-time is required before the assessment
  - Refer to <https://www.rcog.org.uk/careers-and-training/exams/mrcog-our-specialty-training-exam/assessment-of-training-aot/> for more details of the AoT
- Refer to <https://www.rcog.org.uk/careers-and-training/exams/book-an-exam/> for more details of the respective examinations

### 2. HKCOG Structured Oral Examination (SOE)

- Examination dates
  - Every April and October
- Application deadline is approximately 2 months prior to the examination
- Applicants would have to pass MRCOG Part I examination and complete 2 years of supervised training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology prior to the examination
- Refer to [https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/pages\\_2\\_53.html](https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/pages_2_53.html) for more details

### 3. HKCOG Exit Assessment

- Examination dates
  - Every January and July
- Application deadline is approximately 3 months prior to the examination
- Approval for research output from the Research Subcommittee of the College should be submitted with the application **3 months prior to the examination** (i.e. the last working day of October for January Assessment and last working day of April for July Assessment)
- Refer to [https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/pages\\_2\\_53.html](https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/pages_2_53.html) for more details

### 4. Application of Higher Training

- Applicants would have to pass SOE and complete a minimum of 4 years of supervised training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology prior to the examination
- Approval must be obtained from the College within **3 months of commencement of higher specialist training**
- Refer to [https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/Download/3-Basic\\_training.pdf](https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/Download/3-Basic_training.pdf) for more details

### 5. Application of Elective Training

- Elective and research programmes should be prospectively approved by the Education Committee
- If an elective period is applied for research training, the proposal and programme should be submitted to the Education Committee **not less than 3 months before the scheduled commencement** of the period
- Certificate of satisfactory completion of training should be submitted **within 6 months of completion** of elective training and before the Exit assessment
- Refer to the following pages for more details:  
[https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/Download/2-Specialty\\_training\\_in\\_general.pdf](https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/Download/2-Specialty_training_in_general.pdf)  
[https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/Download/research\\_mar2007.pdf](https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/Download/research_mar2007.pdf)

## 6. Application for Leaves

- All study leaves (including examination leaves) must be prospectively approved by the Education Committee
  - Trainees should inform the College and record in the e-logbook (if applicable) for retrospective approval as soon as possible if prospective approval could not be obtained for legitimate reasons (e.g. study leave for MRCOG part I examination at the beginning of first-year training while application of entry to specialty training is still in progress)
- 90 calendar days are allowed for taking maternity or paternity leave/sick leave/special leave/absence from work for other reasons without remedial training
  - Trainees need to inform the College **within 3 months once the 90 days allowance is exceeded** to assess the need of remedial training
- Refer to the “Leave rule of HKCOG” on the HKCOG trainee register/higher training/exam application form:  
[https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/pages\\_2\\_53.html](https://www.hkcog.org.hk/hkcog/pages_2_53.html)