



To facilitate the public to search for primary care providers in the community, the Department of Health (DH) launched the Primary Care Directory (the Directory) in 2011, which is a web-based electronic database containing practice information and professional qualification of enrolled doctors, dentists and Chinese medicine practitioners. Doctors listed in the Directory are eligible for enrolment in the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme and the Pilot Public-Private Partnership Programme on Smoking Cessation of the DH; as well as for joining the network of the upcoming Kwai Tsing District Health Centre to be set up by the Government.

Enrolment in the Directory is easy

All registered doctors with a valid practising certificate issued under the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) and committed to provide directly accessible, comprehensive, continuing and coordinated person-centred primary care services are welcome to enrol in the Directory online either at www.pcdirectory.gov.hk or through the eHealth System (Subsidies) at apps.hcv.gov.hk/en/ for doctors who also enrol in the Health Care Voucher Scheme or the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme.

Maintenance requirements for listing in the Directory

To promote and maintain the quality of services provided by primary care providers listed in the Directory, doctors enrolled in the Directory must demonstrate that they are pursuing continuing medical education (CME) and fulfill the maintenance requirements stipulated in the “Terms and Conditions” (apps.pcdirectory.gov.hk/PCD_SP/EN/TermsAndConditions.htm) of the Directory.

The Primary Care Office of the DH conducts regular checking of CME status of doctors starting from the second year of enrolment in the Directory, upon update of the following lists by the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK):

- (a) the Specialist Register
(www.mchk.org.hk/english/list_register/specialist_list.php);
- (b) the lists of doctors with valid title of “CME-Certified”
(www.mchk.org.hk/english/cme/cme_certified_title_list.html); or
- (c) the lists of doctors awarded with CME Certificates
(www.mchk.org.hk/english/cme/cme_certificates_ended.html) for any one of the three years preceding the checking.

Those not found on the lists will be subject to inactivation of the accounts and their information will not be displayed in the Directory.

Procedures and requirements of reactivation of accounts

For reactivation of accounts in the Directory, doctors have to fulfill one of the following criteria:

- (a) Being listed in the Specialist Register of the MCHK (for specialists); or
- (b) Have obtained the CME Certificate issued by the MCHK for the past calendar year preceding the application (for non-specialists) ; or
- (c) Have been certified by one of the CME Programme Administrators that the CME points accumulated in the past calendar year have met the minimum requirement for the MCHK CME certification (for non-specialists).

For processing and verifying the application, the doctors have to submit the completed and signed Application Form (available at the website of the Directory at apps.pcdirectory.gov.hk/PCD_SP/EN/PCD_SP_PDF_Reactivation_Application_Form_EN.pdf) with consent and authorization granted to the Primary Care Office to collect CME information from the MCHK and/or the respective CME Programme Administrator.

Be CME active

For non-specialist doctors, the easiest way to keep CME active is to participate in the MCHK “CME Programme for Practising Doctors who are not taking CME Programme for Specialists” through one of the approved CME Programme Administrators; and accumulate at least 30 credit points per year (with a maximum of 20 credit points awarded for self-study per year) to obtain the yearly MCHK CME Yearly Certificate or sufficient CME points to obtain the “CME-Certified” title. For more details, please refer to the MCHK website (www.mchk.org.hk/english/cme/index.html) or the website of the Directory (www.pcdirectory.gov.hk).

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