

Information Brief on Registration of Health Workers

Residential care homes for the elderly are required to comply with the types and numbers of staff in accordance with the Schedule 1 “Employment of Staff” of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation. Among others, health workers should be employed. Health worker means any person whose name appears on the Register of health workers as established and maintained by the Director of Social Welfare.

In accordance with Section 4 of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation, a person who has completed a course of training approved by the Director of Social Welfare in writing or by reason of his education, training, professional experience and skill in health work satisfies the Director that he is a suitable person to be registered as a health worker, shall be qualified to be registered as a health worker.

Persons who are interested to attain the qualification may refer to “Training Courses for Health Worker approved by Director of Social Welfare” under this section or make enquiries to the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of the Social Welfare Department.

Application for registration as a health worker should be made in the prescribed form “Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation Application for Inclusion in the Register of Health Workers Working in Residential Care Homes for the Elderly” and submitted to the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of the Social Welfare Department. Applicants with their applications approved will be required to pay a fee prescribed.

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