

Registration of Health and Care Practitioner

Frequently Asked Questions

1.	What are the requirements for application for registration as a registered health and care practitioner?
	Pursuant to section 3Z of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (the RCHE Regulation) and the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation (the RCHD Regulation), a person applying for registration as a registered health and care practitioner must meet the following requirement of which Director of Social Welfare (the Director) is satisfied that the applicant – 1. holds a qualification specified by the Director, i.e. completed a programme approved by the Director and obtained the professional diploma for health and care practitioner; 2. is competent to perform the duties of a health and care practitioner; 3. is fit and proper to be so registered; and 4. has paid the applicable fee for the registration. Moreover, the Director may impose on the registration any condition that the Director considers appropriate, including any condition relating to continuous learning.
2.	How to apply for registration as a registered health and care practitioner?
	Applicant shall submit the application and upload the required documentary proof through the “CarePro Registration System for Residential Care Homes”*(CPRS) (https://cprs.swd.gov.hk/), attend an interview, and pay the registration fee in order to complete the registration. * The system will be updated in early 2027 for processing application for registration as a health and care practitioner
3.	How long is the validity of registration of health and care practitioner? Is there any renewal of registration? How about the fee?
	As stipulated in the RCHE and RCHD Regulations, the validity period of a registration or renewed registration as a registered health and care practitioner must not exceed 5 years. A registered health and care practitioner may apply for the renewal of his/her registration at least 3 months, but not earlier than 6 months before the expiry of the registration. In-service applicants must allow sufficient time when submitting applications for renewal of registration in order to avoid any disruption to their current employment as a health and care practitioner. The registration fee of a registered health and care practitioner is \$245 and that of a renewed registration is \$190.

4.	Is it correct that I will immediately become a registered health and care practitioner after completing the professional diploma programme for health and care practitioners?
	Those having completed the professional diploma programme for health and care practitioners should first submit application to the Social Welfare Department and upload the required documentary proof for registration through CPRS (https://cprs.swd.gov.hk/), attend the interview, and pay the registration fee. Upon receiving the approval, he/she will be regarded as a registered health and care practitioner. * The system will be updated in early 2027 for processing application for registration as a health and care practitioner
5.	Does fixed penalty regarded as conviction or prosecution record that a registered health and care practitioner requires to report to the Director?
	In accordance with section 3ZK of the RCHE and RCHD regulations, a registered health and care practitioner must report to the Director in writing as soon as reasonably practicable after certain events occurs, including a prosecution being started against the health and care practitioner for an indictable offence in Hong Kong, the health and care practitioner being convicted of an indictable offence in Hong Kong, a prosecution being started against the health and care practitioner for an offence punishable with imprisonment in a place outside Hong Kong, or the health and care practitioner being sentenced to imprisonment (however described) in a place outside Hong Kong, whether or not the sentence is suspended. Fixed penalties offences for which the payment has been settled within specified period and liabilities are not disputed in court is not required to report.
6.	How can an operator of residential care home know the registered health and care practitioner is a registered health and care practitioner?
	A registered health and care practitioner will be issued an e-certificate containing information on the registered person's name, registration number and validity period, etc. through the CPRS. Operator can request the health and care practitioner to produce such e-certificate and scan the QR code at the righthand bottom to check the most updated information of the registration.