

The College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong

Part C Examination: November to December 2026 Information for Trainees

1. The applicant of the Part C of the exit examination should:-
 - be a registered trainee of the College;
 - possess a medical qualification acceptable by the Medical Council of Hong Kong;
 - possess a recognised qualification in ophthalmology by examination; and
 - have completed Basic Training and 3 years of Higher Training in College approved training posts.
2. Completed application form, with certification of completion of training by trainer(s)/supervisor(s), fees and required documents must be submitted to the College secretariat on or before **7 October 2026**.
3. The fees for Part C examination shall be HK\$30,330. The fee for re-sitting one section shall be HK\$18,780.
4. Examination notices shall be distributed to the eligible applicants after the Closing Date notifying the date, time and venue of the examinations.
5. There are four sections in the Part C examination:-
 - **Written:** The written examination shall be conducted approximately one month before oral and clinical examination. The written examination shall consist of one 3-hour paper with four essay-type and/or write-short-notes type of questions.
 - **Critical appraisal** on scientific publications/articles: The Examination Subcommittee shall select three (3) articles and candidates will be given one to prepare for an hour before the viva.
 - **Communication:** Assessment on the candidates' communication skills and the ability to obtain informed consent.
 - **Clinical:** The clinical examination shall consist of one long case. The candidate shall have 20 minutes for taking history and performing clinical examination with two examiners present. S/he shall then be allowed 5 minutes for organizing the answers and then 20 minutes to present his/her findings and discuss with the examiners the plan of management.
6. Candidates shall be notified via email whether they pass or fail this part of the examination. The College will provide a letter sent to the candidate's postal address.
7. Candidates who achieve a pass mark in each of the three sections but fail in one section will be required to re-sit that section only, but if unsuccessful in the next attempt, candidates must re-sit all four sections. Candidates who fail in two or more sections will be required to take the entire examination in their next attempt.

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FCOphthHK Part C Examination

Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS

I. *To be completed by applicant:-*

Name :
Surname Other Names Chinese

Medical Council of Hong Kong - Registration No.:

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Correspondence

Address :

*(for examination notices,
receipt and result)*

HK / KLN / NT

E-mail :

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Mobile No. :

(for examination result)

II. *Past Ophthalmic Training*

	Hospital / Institution	Dates (from ... to ...)
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Basic Training

Higher Training

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III. Documents *(to be submitted by applicant)*

Applicants who passed an intermediate examination NOT in Hong Kong are required to submit a certified true copy of the proof of passing an intermediate examination, e.g. the letter confirming a pass in the examination.

Applicants who passed the College Part B examination in Hong Kong need NOT submit this document.

IV. Declaration *(to be completed by applicant)*

I have read and understood the information and shall comply with the regulations relating to the examination I wish to apply for.

I apply for admission to the Part C Examination to be held in **November to December 2026**, and enclose the required fees:-

[] all sections HK\$30,330 [] re-sit one section HK\$18,780

Bank:	Cheque No.
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Cheques should be crossed and made payable to "The College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong"

Signature of applicant:

Name (in block letters):

Date:

V. Declaration *(to be completed by trainer/supervisor)*

This is to certify the applicant has completed the necessary duration of supervised post-registration training in ophthalmology[§] in a manner approved by the College and the Academy.

Signature of trainer / supervisor:

Name (in block letters):

Post:

Date:

Hospital / Institution chop

Part C	Application Closing Date:	7 October 2026
	Written Paper:	8 November 2026
	Communication & Critical Appraisal:	15 December 2026
	Clinical Exam:	16-18 December 2026

[§]At least 2 years of Basic Training; plus 3 years of Higher Training. Sick leave, maternity/ paternity and no pay leave do not count towards training.

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Notice to Applicants

Application Procedure

1. Copies of application forms and examination information may be obtained from the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong (COHK).
2. Application forms, documents/certificates and examination fee must be sent to COHK.
3. Application forms must be duly completed, signed and accompanied by the full amount of examination fees, and reach COHK on or before the Closing Date. Cheques should be made payable to “*The College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong*”.
4. Submission of application forms and documents/certificates by fax or e-mail will be rejected.
5. Late applications and applications not accompanied by the required documents/certificates or fees will be rejected.
6. Applicants withdrawing from the examination must give notice in writing.
7. Applicants must ensure the addresses provided in the application forms are correct.
8. COHK shall not refund the examination fee if the notice of withdrawal is received after the Closing Date.
9. The information submitted is to be kept and used by COHK for examination purposes and for record purposes for college membership and the Trainee Register. It is necessary to provide the information otherwise the application cannot be considered. Applicants may apply to obtain details of their data or to amend any incorrect data by contacting the secretariat in writing.

Bad Weather

10. Candidates should pay attention to announcement on Typhoon Signal and Rainstorm Warning by the Hong Kong Observatory.
11. COHK reserves the right to close the examination centre(s) due to extreme weather conditions.
12. COHK shall close the examination centre(s) when Typhoon Signal No.8 or above, or Rainstorm Black Warning is hoisted **two hours** before the examination.
13. Examination shall continue if the Typhoon Signal No.8 or Rainstorm Black Warning is hoisted after the examination has started.

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Examination Venue(s)

14. COHK does NOT provide car-parking facilities at the examination venues.
15. Candidates must not communicate with each other or with outside parties during any part of the examination. Candidates may be disqualified for one part or the whole examination if found communicating with each other or with outside parties during the examination.
16. Candidates are advised not to bring pagers, mobile phones or other communication devices to the examination venues.

Reminder on Publication Requirements

17. As a gentle reminder, trainees following the Training Curriculum Version 2020 and onwards are required to have at least one article published in the Hong Kong Journal of Ophthalmology or an indexed peer-reviewed journal. The article concerned must be published (or accepted for publication) during the training period and before the trainee attends the part D examination. Please refer to your Training Curriculum for detailed requirements.

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