

**The present situation of the
respective mutual recognition of professional qualifications between
Hong Kong and the United Kingdom (UK),
the United States (US), Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany,
Mainland China and Taiwan (by profession)**

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1. General practitioner	-	-	-	-	The Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) will consider the qualifications and eligibility of all applicants on a case-by-case basis before allowing them to sit for relevant examination.
2. Medical specialist	-	-	-	-	The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) will consider the background of the applicants, including their professional qualifications, professional training received and continuing medical education activities they have joined on a case-by-case basis to confirm that they have met the eligibility criteria specified in the Specialist Register of the MCHK.
3. Forensic pathologist	-	-	-	-	Forensic pathology is one of the specialties under the HKAM. Qualifications for registration as specialists are the same as above.
4. Nurse	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-

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5. Chinese medicine practitioner	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
6. Dentist	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
7. Veterinary surgeon	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Taiwan <small>Note 6</small>	-	-	-	-
8. Chiropractor	-	-	-	-	The Chiropractors Council will consider each application on individual merit.
9. Medical laboratory technologist	-	-	-	-	The Medical Laboratory Technologists Board will consider each application on individual merit, and may request those applicants with non-local qualifications to pass relevant examination.
10. Optometrist					The Optometrists Board will consider each application on individual merit, and may request those applicants with non-local qualifications to pass relevant examination.
11. Dietician	There is no statutory requirement for professional registration in Hong Kong.				

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12. Pharmacist	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
13. Physiotherapist	-	-	-	-	The Physiotherapists Board will consider each application on individual merit, and may request those applicants with non-local qualifications to pass relevant examination.
14. Occupational therapist	-	-	-	-	The Occupational Therapists Board will consider each application on individual merit, and may request those applicants with non-local qualifications to pass relevant examination.
15. Radiotherapist	-	-	-	-	The Radiographers Board will consider each application on individual merit, and may request those applicants with non-local qualifications to pass relevant examination.
16. Speech therapist	There is no statutory requirement for professional registration in Hong Kong.				
17. Clinical psychologist	There is no statutory requirement for professional registration in Hong Kong.				
18. Accountant <small>Note 7</small>	Qualifications of members of certain accountancy bodies in UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada recognised	Qualifications of members of certain accountancy bodies in US and Mainland China recognised	-	Qualifications of members of accountancy bodies in France, Germany and Taiwan not recognised	-

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19. Social worker	-	-	-	-	There is currently no arrangement of mutual recognition of professional qualifications between Hong Kong and the countries/territories mentioned in the question. The Social Workers Registration Board (Board) has put in place arrangements for recognising the social work qualifications awarded by certain countries/territories (including UK, US, Australia, Canada and Taiwan). Details are set out on the Board's website (http://www.swrb.org.hk/index_eng.asp).
20. Estate surveyor	-	Mainland China	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany and Taiwan	-	-
21. Architect	-	Mainland China ^{Note 8}	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany and Taiwan	-	-
22. Planner	-	Mainland China ^{Note 9}	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany and Taiwan	-	-

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23. Quantity surveyor	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
24. Building surveyor	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
25. Electrical engineer	Please refer to item 36. Electrical engineer.				
26. Landscape architect	Australia and New Zealand	-	UK, US, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
27. Land surveyor	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
28. Aeronautical engineer	UK, New Zealand and Canada	-	Australia, US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
29. Biomedical engineer	Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	UK, US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
30. Construction engineer	Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	UK, US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-

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31. Building services engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
32. Chemical engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
33. Civil engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
34. Control engineer	Please refer to item 35. Automation and instrumentation engineer.				
35. Automation and instrumentation engineer ^{Note 10}	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
36. Electrical engineer ^{Note 11}	UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Mainland China	-	US, France, Germany and Taiwan	-	-
37. Electronic engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
38. Environmental engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
39. Energy engineer	UK, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, Australia, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
40. Fire engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
41. Gas engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-

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42. Geotechnical engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
43. Logistics and transportation engineer	UK, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, Australia, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
44. Manufacturing and industrial engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Mainland China	-	US, France, Germany and Taiwan	-	-
45. Marine and naval architecture engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
46. Materials engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
47. Mechanical engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Mainland China	-	US, France, Germany and Taiwan	-	-
48. Information engineer	UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada	-	US, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-
49. Structural engineer	-	-	UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, Mainland China and Taiwan	-	-

Note 1: Holders of overseas professional qualifications may directly obtain professional qualifications in Hong Kong through the mutual recognition system.

- Note 2: Holders of overseas professional qualifications may obtain professional qualifications in Hong Kong by taking examinations run by the relevant professional bodies of Hong Kong.
- Note 3: The persons concerned are required to get local accreditation for their overseas professional qualifications before they may take the examinations run by the relevant professional bodies, and may obtain professional qualifications in Hong Kong upon passing the examinations.
- Note 4: The overseas professional qualifications concerned are not recognised by the relevant professional bodies of Hong Kong.
- Note 5: The professions to which the other four scenarios of mutual recognition of professional qualifications are not applicable.
- Note 6: Qualifications currently recognised by the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong (VSB) for registration purpose are listed in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Rules of the Veterinary Surgeons Board (Registration of Veterinary Surgeons). These include (but are not limited to) certain veterinary qualifications awarded by UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Taiwan. Generally speaking, holders of the relevant qualifications may be registered as veterinary surgeons for practice in Hong Kong. For holders of qualifications not listed in the said Schedules, the VSB will consider each application on individual merit.
- Note 7: Members of overseas accountancy bodies recognised by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants can enjoy various levels of professional qualification recognition if they meet certain conditions.
- Note 8: Only limited to the 347 architects from the Mainland China who have obtained the membership of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects through attending seminars, tests and interviews of mutual recognition of architect qualifications conducted yearly from 2004 to 2008.
- Note 9: Only limited to the 51 planners from the Mainland China who have obtained the membership of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners through attending training sessions, examinations and interviews of mutual recognition of planner qualifications conducted yearly from 2006 to 2010.

- Note 10: The mutual recognition of professional qualifications for this profession also applies to “Control engineer”. “Control engineer” is a professional discipline on the Mainland China, which is similar to that of “Control, automation and instrumentation engineer” as classified by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.
- Note 11: The mutual recognition of professional qualifications for this profession also applies to “Electrical engineer” (item 25). “Electrical engineer” (item 25) is a professional discipline on the Mainland China, which is similar to that of “Electrical engineer” (item 36) as classified by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.