

CHIROPRACTORS COUNCIL

Guidelines for Consideration of Quotable Qualifications

The list of quotable qualifications (“the List”) is maintained by the Chiropractors Council. Inclusion in the List is approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Registration Committee (“the RC”). These guidelines are set out to facilitate the processing of applications for inclusion in the List.

Objectives of Quotable Qualifications Scheme

1. The objectives of the Quotable Qualifications Scheme are:-
 - (a) To give recognition to the basic chiropractic education which is required for registration as a chiropractor in Hong Kong.
 - (b) To give recognition to the basic training which is significantly related to the chiropractic practice acquired by the chiropractor prior to his chiropractic training.
 - (c) To give recognition to further training which significantly enhances the professional expertise of the chiropractor.
 - (d) To provide information to the public as to the additional chiropractic training of significance received by the chiropractor.
 - (e) To provide information to chiropractors as to additional chiropractic training of significance received by other chiropractors to facilitate decisions on referral of patients.

Factors to be considered for Quotable Qualifications

2. All qualifications generally accepted by the Council for registration are quotable. For qualifications which are not registrable, the following factors are basic requirements which must be fulfilled before a qualification is considered for inclusion in the List:-
 - (a) A qualification should be fully consistent with the spirit of the Code of Practice regarding communication in professional practice.

- (b) The training should be -
 - (A) For basic training acquired by chiropractor prior to his chiropractic training –
 - (i) significantly related to chiropractic practice;
 - (ii) at Bachelor degree level or above; and
 - (iii) of a standard accepted by the RC.
 - (B) For other additional training –
 - (i) significantly related to patient care in chiropractic practice;
 - (ii) at Bachelor degree level or above;
 - (iii) of a standard accepted by the RC; and
 - (iv) of at least 6 months of full-time structured and supervised training or study (part-time or distance learning courses may be accepted if in the opinion of the RC the duration and quality of training are equivalent to a 6 month full-time course).
 - (c) The qualification should be acquired after formal assessment by a chiropractic/education body approved by the RC.
3. An application for inclusion in the List will not be considered before the completion of the initial course leading to the qualification.
4. The following qualifications will generally be accepted by the RC for inclusion in the List –
- (a) Honourary higher chiropractic qualifications conferred by a chiropractic/education body approved by the RC.
 - (b) Fellowship or diplomate which is significantly related to patient care in chiropractic practice and conferred by a chiropractic/education body approved by the RC.
 - (c) A pass in an international licensing examination which is directly relevant to chiropractic and conferred by a chiropractic regulatory body approved by the RC.

5. Other master or doctoral degrees conferred by a chiropractic/education body approved by the RC shall be considered individually, depending on their relevance to chiropractic practice.
6. The Council and the RC may also consider other relevant factors arising in the particular circumstances of each case.

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