Important Changes to the HKCA Fellowship Examinations

The Board of Examinations will implement the following changes to the Fellowship Examinations in 2010.

Intermediate Fellowship Examinations

1. A candidate will be allowed to carry forward a pass in a subject (Physiology or Pharmacology) if the candidate achieves a pass in the subject, and has scored at least 40% of total in the other subject.
2. In subsequent attempt, the candidate must achieve a pass in the remaining subject in order to satisfy the entire Intermediate Examination requirement.
3. The pass status for the subject can be carried forward for a maximum of four subsequent consecutive Intermediate Examinations, after which, the candidate must rewrite both subjects.

The Board encourages candidates to prepare for both subjects during Intermediate Examination. A candidate has to achieve acceptable standards in the written papers in both subjects before being eligible for the Oral Section of the Intermediate Examination. The Examination fee will be the same during each attempt of the Intermediate Examination regardless of the number of subjects taken.

Final Fellowship Examinations

1. A candidate has to achieve an acceptable standard in the written papers before being eligible for the Oral and OSCE Sections of the Final Examination.
2. Candidates will be notified of their eligibility about two weeks before the Oral and OSCE Sections of the Final Examination.
3. A candidate not invited to the Oral and OSCE Sections will not be entitled to any refund of examination fee.

To pass the Final Examination, a candidate has to obtain a pass in the overall mark and achieve acceptable standards (at least 43%) in all three sections (Written, Oral and OSCE). These criteria remain unchanged.

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