

Results of Pharmacist Registration Examinations June 2024 announced

The following is issued on behalf of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board of Hong Kong:

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board of Hong Kong announced today (September 16) the results of the Pharmacist Registration Examinations held in June 2024.

There were 45, 87 and 48 candidates sitting for examinations in pharmacy legislation in Hong Kong, pharmacy practice and pharmacology respectively, with corresponding passing rates of 62.22 per cent, 28.74 per cent and 45.83 per cent.

Apart from meeting other requirements prescribed by the Board, any pharmacy graduate outside Hong Kong intending to be registered as a pharmacist in Hong Kong is required to pass the above three subjects.

The Board conducts its Registration Examinations twice a year, normally in June and December.

New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme releases online application platform, reports promising increase in application figures

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) announced today (September 16) that the applicants of the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (the New CIES) can now submit application forms for Net Asset Assessment and Assessment on Investment Requirements online. The application details can be found on the New CIES website (www.newcies.gov.hk/en/apply-now).

InvestHK will continue to accept paper application forms for Net Asset Assessment or Assessment on Investment Requirements from applicants on or before October 15. InvestHK also reminds that before submitting online application forms for Net Asset Assessment or Assessment on Investment Requirements, the applicant is required to engage a Certified Public Accountant (Practising) as defined in the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council Ordinance (Cap. 588 of the Laws of Hong Kong) at his/her own cost to

issue fulfilment documents, to assist in demonstrating his/her fulfilment of the relevant requirements under the New CIES. For the guide on preparation of fulfilment documents, an applicant can refer to the relevant document and the circular published by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants as provided on the New CIES website (www.newcies.gov.hk/en/resources/scheme-rules-and-documents).

In addition, InvestHK has continuously seen a strong response since the launch of the New CIES on March 1, and here are the key numbers of the New CIES as of September 13.

Number of enquiries	Over 5 000
Number of applications	Over 500
Applications verified as having fulfilled the Net Asset Requirement (i.e. applicant has net assets of not less than HK\$30 million in the two years preceding his/her application) ¹	448
Applications verified as having fulfilled the Investment Requirements (i.e. applicant has already made investment of HK\$30 million in Hong Kong within the six-month time limit)	47
Expected investment amount to be brought into Hong Kong	Over HK\$15 billion

The Director-General of Investment Promotion, Ms Alpha Lau, said, "The increasing New CIES application figures reflect the strong confidence from high-net-worth individuals in Hong Kong. The Scheme attracts successful businessmen and innovative entrepreneurs, and enhances the strengths of Hong Kong's asset and wealth management industry. InvestHK will continue the promotion and publicity efforts on the New CIES and also encourages applicants to use the online application platform as early as possible to save time spent on filling out paper application forms, and to enjoy more convenient and efficient application services.

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For more information on the eligibility criteria and relevant details, please visit the New CIES website (www.newcies.gov.hk). For enquiries, please call the enquiry hotline at 3904 3001 or email to newcies@investhk.gov.hk.

Public reminded to not burn wax, fly

sky lanterns or litter

Attention radio/TV announcers:

Please broadcast the following at suitable intervals:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) reminds people to keep places clean, not burn wax or put lit candles on the ground, grass pitches or beaches, not throw glow sticks or other objects onto trees, and not fly sky lanterns while celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival.

People littering at LCSD venues such as parks, beaches and barbecue sites are liable to a penalty of \$3,000, while the maximum penalty for burning wax, throwing objects onto trees or flying sky lanterns is a fine of \$2,000 and 14 days' imprisonment.

Public urged to observe fire safety and keep countryside clean

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) today (September 16) reminded the public to observe fire safety and keep the countryside clean during the Mid-Autumn Festival.

"To prevent hill fires, visitors should not release any sky lanterns," an AFCD spokesman said.

"It is an offence under the Forests and Countryside Ordinance (Cap. 96) to illegally light a fire or release a sky lantern in country parks and open countryside. Offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and one year's imprisonment upon conviction."

The spokesman also reminded visitors to keep the countryside clean and properly dispose of waste. Anyone who commits a littering offence in a country park area is liable to a fixed penalty of \$3,000. The AFCD will step up patrols at country parks and take enforcement action against any irregularities concerned.

Red flags hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (September 16) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at the beaches.