



香港營養師協會有限公司

HONG KONG DIETITIANS ASSOCIATION LTD.

P.O. Box No. 73916 Kowloon Central Post Office

www.hkda.com.hk

23rd February 2018

Attn: All and Stakeholders

Invitation to the Final Public Consultation on the “Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions” for Dietitians

On 19th June, 2017, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region announced that five healthcare professions were preliminarily assessed to meet the criteria for accreditation in phases under the Pilot Scheme of the Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions, namely speech therapists, clinical psychologists, educational psychologists, audiologists and dietitians.

Under the principle of professional autonomy, the Pilot Scheme aims to enhance the existing association-based registration arrangements of healthcare professions currently not subject to statutory registration with a view to assuring the professional competence of healthcare professionals and providing more information for the public to assist them in finding qualified medical professionals.

The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (JCSPHPC) has been appointed as the independent Accreditation Agent of the Pilot Scheme. The Scheme will operate under the principle of "one profession, one professional body, one register". The Accreditation Agent will accredit the professional body meeting the prescribed standards for each profession. Professional bodies applying for the Pilot Scheme should demonstrate a broad representation of their profession and maintain a well-established operation of professional practice. The accreditation standards include governance, operational effectiveness, risk management and quality improvement, standards for registrants, educational and training requirements, and management of the register of the professional body. The accredited professional body shall be responsible for administering the register of its own profession. The public can look up the registers for qualified healthcare professionals through the accredited bodies.

As Hong Kong's most representative professional organisation for Dietitians, the Hong Kong Dietitians Association (HKDA) and the Working Group of Accredited Register Scheme for Dietitians submitted the first round of applications for the Pilot Scheme of the Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions in January 2017. We also continue to communicate with JCSPHPC, the Department of Health, and the Food and Health Bureau. In order to prepare for the final procedure of Accreditation for Dietitians, we will hold a public consultation with the public and stakeholders. The views of the public and stakeholders will be collected at the public consultation and through written comments.



香港營養師協會有限公司

HONG KONG DIETITIANS ASSOCIATION LTD.

P.O. Box No. 73916 Kowloon Central Post Office

www.hkda.com.hk

The HKDA the Working Group of Accredited Register Scheme for Dietitians hereby invites you to attend the public consultation on the “Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions”. Details regarding the public consultation and written comments are as follows:

Final Public Consultation on the “Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions” for Dietitians

Date and time: 9th March, 2018, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Lecture Hall, 4 / F, Duke of Windsor Social Service, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Registration: Please complete the registration form **on or before 7th March 2018**

<https://goo.gl/forms/sveTLGYueZ6SpDk53>

Due to seat arrangement, individuals who do not register in advanced may not be allowed to participate in this consultation.

Final written comments on the “Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions” for Dietitians

Collection period: 2nd March 2018 to 16th March 2018

We welcome your comments on the “Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions” for Dietitians. Please name “Accredited Registers for Healthcare Professions for Dietitians - Public Consultation” as the topic and email it to hkaadfeedback@gmail.com. Please write your name, contact information, representative categories (e.g. public, patient support group, medical professional etc) and organisation name for follow-up.

Your valuable advice not only sets proper professional standards for dietitians, but also protects the interests of the public. For any inquiries, please email to hkaadfeedback@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,

Hong Kong Dietitians Association and the Working Group of Accredited Register Scheme for Dietitians