



# **Diploma in Community Gynaecology**

## **Common Questions**

# Who should apply for the Diploma course?

- MRCOG/ MHKCOG trainees
- Family Medicine Trainees
- Medical staff from
  - Department of Health
  - Family Planning Association
  - Currently Practicing Fully registered General Practitioner
  - Family Doctors
  - Overseas Doctors
- Newly Registered Medical Practitioners



# How to register?

- Trainees should fill up the registration form (it can be download from the web) and send it back the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist.
- Trainees in Community Gynaecology should register with the College within one month of starting training
- For example, if a trainee starts training on July 1, he/she should register with the College before July 31.



# Who is responsible for providing the training?

- The training unit should be responsible for providing the training materials, clinical exposure, seminars, lectures and tutorial.
- The department head should estimate their training capacity before recruiting the candidate.
- The Community gynaecology subcommittee would facilitate some of the out-reached, family health attachment programmes

# How many training units in HK?

- All exiting MRCOG/MHKCOG training units in Hong Kong are recognized for training in Community Gynaecology
- i.e. Department of O&G of the following hospitals
  - Kwong Wah Hospital
  - Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital
  - Prince of Wales Hospital
  - Princess Margaret Hospital
  - Queen Elizabeth Hospital
  - Queen Mary Hospital
  - Tuen Mun Hospital
  - United Christian Hospital



# **Is there any limit on the number of community gynaecology trainee in each training unit?**

- The training unit will estimate their training capacity and decide on the number of trainees

# What is the Community Gynaecology Programme?

- The training programme consists of three parts

- 1. Out-reached Community based attachment programme
- 2. Clinical Teaching
- 3. Seminars / Lectures/ Education / Tutorial

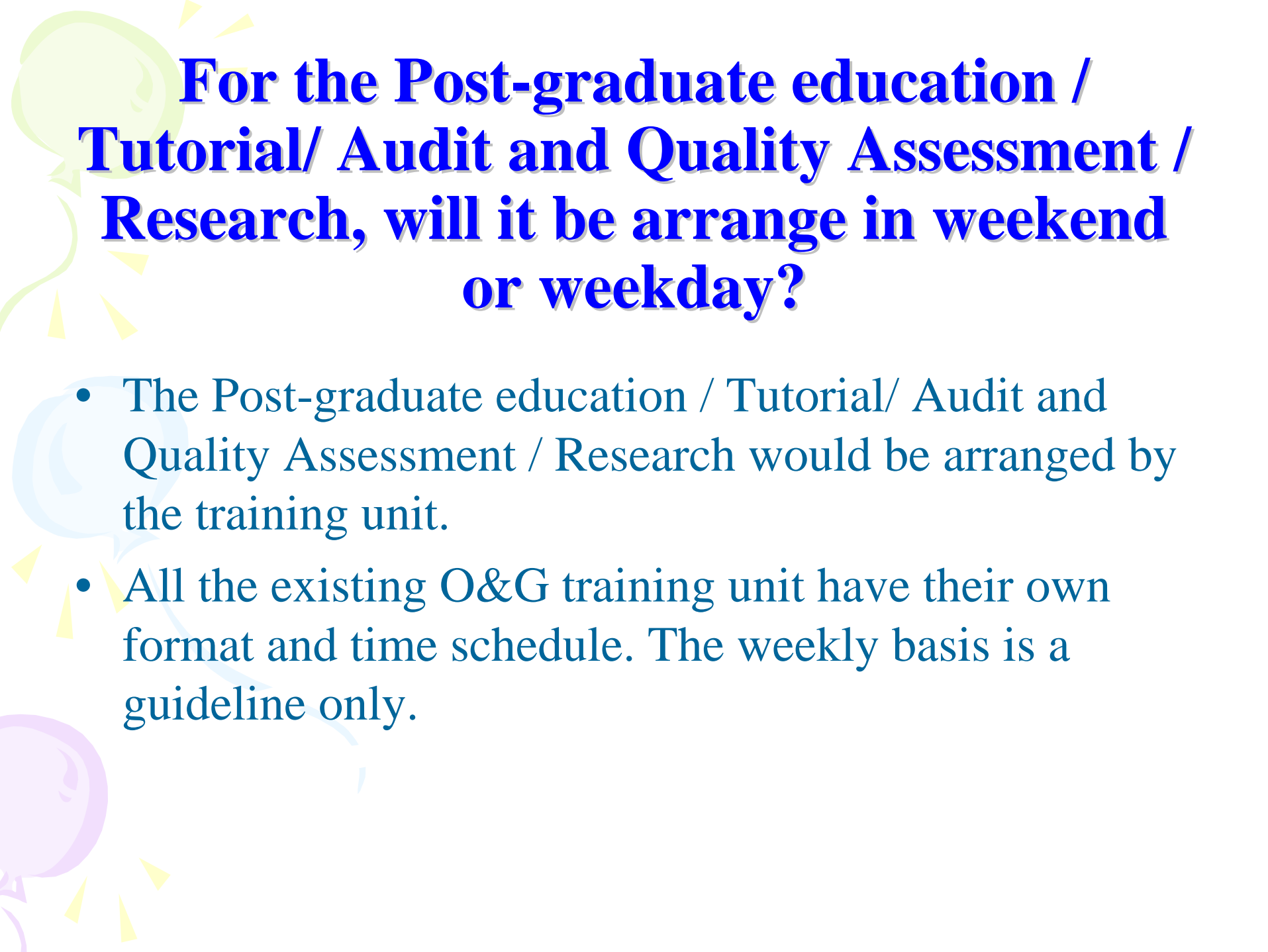
- *For details, please refer to the file:*

*Diploma in Community Gynaecology Training Programme*



# **What is the duration of the Diploma training programme?**

- A minimum of one year full time twelve month attachment to a recognized training centre for Community gynaecology



**For the Post-graduate education / Tutorial/ Audit and Quality Assessment / Research, will it be arrange in weekend or weekday?**

- The Post-graduate education / Tutorial/ Audit and Quality Assessment / Research would be arranged by the training unit.
- All the existing O&G training unit have their own format and time schedule. The weekly basis is a guideline only.



# Is there retrospective recognition of clinical experience ?

- In principle, retrospective recognition of clinical experience is not entertained.
- In the first batch, we can count a maximum of 3 months for those trainee who had got community gynaecology experience in the existing O&G training unit e.g. family medicine trainee (provided that they have logged their experience) between 2002-2006.
- They need to apply for the programme in the coming July 2006. After that, all clinical experience need to be prospective.




# Will the College recognize training outside the training unit?

For example :

- FM trainees may have already done Breast Clinic when they were attached to Surgery
- FPA trainees would have already got FP experience
- Trainee who have elective year in other specialties e.g. anaesthesia with pain clinic experience.

Yes, but they have to apply and get approval from the Sub-committee when they register as a trainee in Diploma in Community Gynaecology.



# **Can compulsory theory component be retrospective recognized?**

- Yes, within 5 years



# **Is there any difference between full time and part-time training?**

- Any work duty arrangement need to be done with the training unit and the candidate.
- All the candidate need to fulfill the core programme with Log booked signed before they can sit for the Diploma examination.



# Can the time of training be extended?

- Training needs to be completed within 5 years of registration



# **Would overseas experience be counted?**

- This is the diploma course of Hong Kong.
- We do not accept overseas experience for the time being.



# What is the format of the Diploma examination?

- Oral Structural Clinical Examination
- The candidate can attend the examination one year after registration if he or she has completed the theory course and has the logged book signed
- 8 stations
- 10 minutes with 1 minute transition period in between
  - Interactive stations
  - Non-interactive stations
- Examination Fee: \$HK 5000



# **What is the examination content?**

- *Please refer to the file : Diploma in Community Gynaecology\_ examination content*



# **What are the non-interactive stations?**

- Multiple choice questions or short questions which may be based on probe objects

# What are the interactive stations?

- Given some initial information in the form of a referral letter or summarized case notes.
- After reading this, the candidate should start organizing a plan of management as if in the real clinic or hospital during the 1 minute transition period.
- The Examiner will have sufficient clinical information that may be required by a candidate for the diagnosis and management of the simulated patient. This clinical information may include patient responses to history questions, findings obtained through physical examination, investigation results, and physiological or psychological responses to management procedures and medications.



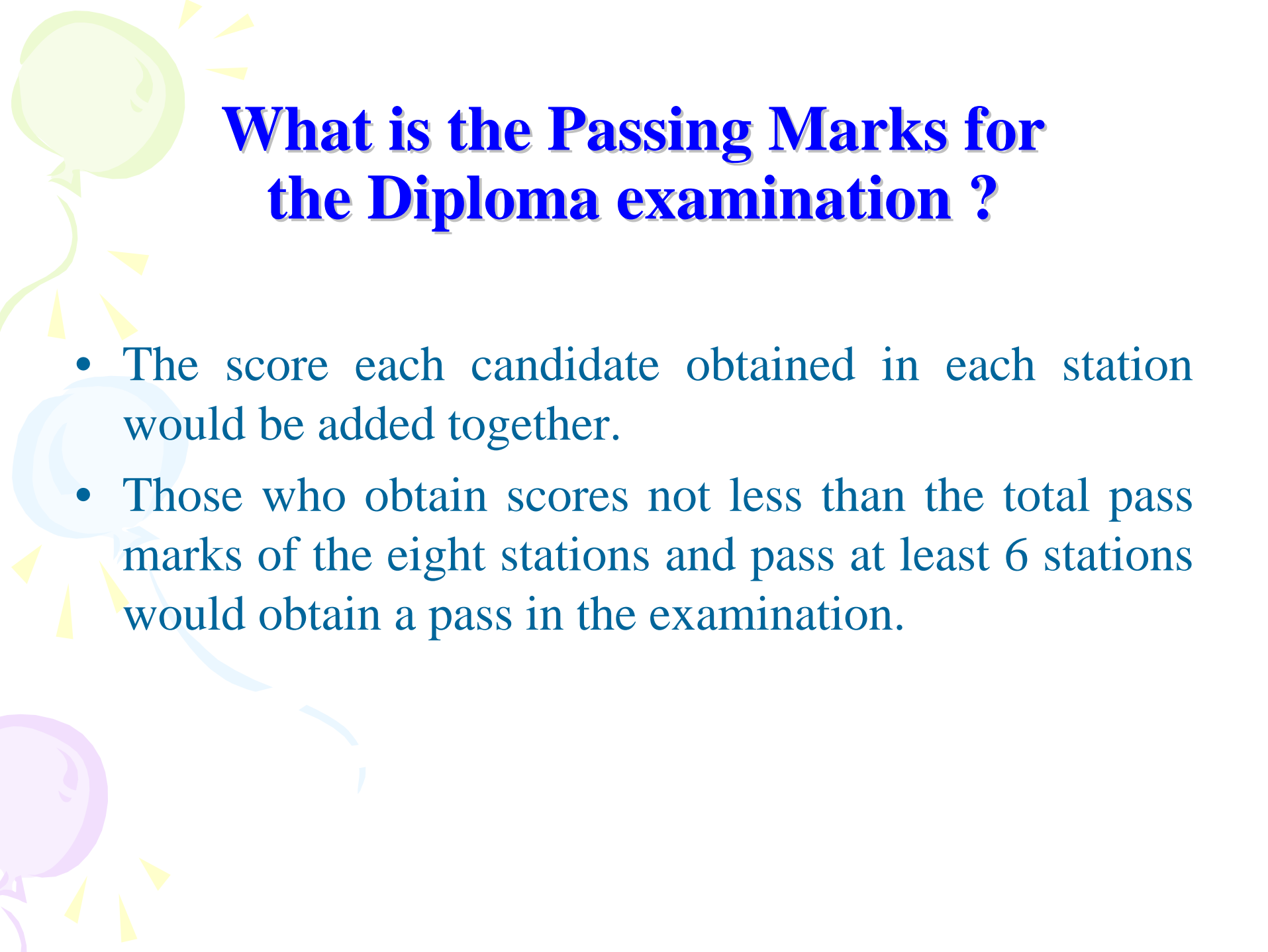
# What are the interactive stations?

- The Examiner will usually provide the information.
- The candidate may verbally seek additional clinical information as necessary, give orders, diagnose, explain and direct the management of the patient in exactly the same manner as would be for a comparable real case in the clinic or hospital.
- The Examiner may alternatively play the role of a junior doctor, nursing staff, patient's relatives, etc



# **What are the topics for the stations?**

- The eight stations making up the examination are intended to cover various aspects of community gynaecology which includes gynaecology, sexual and reproductive health including family planning, family health as well as life-style related topics.

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# **What is the Passing Marks for the Diploma examination ?**

- The score each candidate obtained in each station would be added together.
- Those who obtain scores not less than the total pass marks of the eight stations and pass at least 6 stations would obtain a pass in the examination.



# **When would the Diploma examination be held?**

- The examination is normally held on a Monday in July.



# When to apply for the examination?

- The deadline for application to the examination in July is the last day of April of the same year.
- Late applications will not be entertained.
- A statistical updated summary of the Quantitative Logbook should accompany each application.
- Candidates should bring logbook for inspection by the Examiners on the examination date.



# **Is there a limit for the number of examinations candidate can attend ?**

- The candidate need to have examinations within five years after registration of training
- No candidate is allowed to attempt the Diploma examination after registration as a trainee of community gynaecology for five years



# **What is the estimated total training cost for the Diploma ?**

- Registration with the HKCOG : \$HK 5000
- Course fee : The trainee need to negotiate with the training unit
- Examination fee: \$HK 5000

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# **Apply examination in April but fail to complete log book**

- The candidate would not be allowed to sit for the Diploma examination
- The trainee should apply for extending their training period through their department head.
- If the extension is allowed, they can sit for the Diploma examination next year



# Quotable qualification

- The college would apply for the Diploma of Community Gynaecology from the Hong Kong Medical Council.
- The approval need to be done in the Medical Council

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