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## 92 doctors take step towards licence

The Licentiate Committee of the Medical Council of Hongkong yesterday announced that 92 candidates had passed part two of the licentiate examination for unregistrable doctors.

The examination will lead to the award of a licence to practise in Hongkong.

The part two examination is designed to test the candidate's knowledge of English for professional use.

This is the first time it has been held twice a year, in March and May, to give candidates a choice of dates.

A total of 67 candidates sat for the part two paper in March, and 63 passed, while 33 candidates (including four who failed in March) took the May examination, and 29 passed.

In all 92 of the 96 candidates who took the examination passed.

Candidates who have passed are eligible to take part three of the examination, which is an oral test on professional knowledge, in July.

In addition, 35 candidates who failed the part three examination previously will also be taking part in the examination in July.

Successful candidates of all three parts of the examination will then have to complete an externship of about 18 months before receiving a licence to practise in Hongkong.

Since the introduction of the test in 1977, a total of 266 medical practitioners have become licentiate doctors after passing the three-part examinations and satisfactorily completing an externship.

At present another 141 are undergoing the 18-month externship in Government designated hospitals.