

Passage of the Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023

The Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023 (“the Bill”) was passed at the Legislative Council on 17 July 2024 with the primary objectives to –

- (i) provide new pathways for admission of qualified non-locally trained nurses to practise in specified / designated institutions;
- (ii) make continuing nursing education mandatory for registered nurses and enrolled nurses; and
- (iii) make other technical amendments to bring the operation of the Council and regulatory regime of nurses up-to-date.

Except the aforesaid amendment (ii), the amendments will come into operation on the day on which they are published in the Gazette. The provisions relevant to the amendment (ii) will come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Health by notice published in the Gazette. The Nursing Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”) will also implement the electoral arrangement for returning six Members at a later stage.

Please note that relevant details of the amendments including applications for the different types of registration/enrolment of nurses in Hong Kong will be promulgated at the Council’s website shortly. The Council will inform all registered/enrolled nurses of the implementation details of mandatory continuing nursing education in due course.

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