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Dear Dentist,

**Reminder – Deadline for Application for Provisional Clinic Licence
under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633)**

Further to our letter dated 23 September 2025, we wish to remind that the application period of provisional clinic licences under the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633) (the Ordinance) will **end on 13 April 2026**.

As a transitional arrangement, if an operator of clinics in operation on or before 30 November 2018 submits a clinic licence application before 13 April 2026, the Department of Health may issue a provisional licence after considering the circumstances. A provisional licence allows these clinics to continue their operation before a full licence is issued. Eligible operators are urged **to submit their applications before the deadline to obtain a provisional licence**.

Operators of clinics that commenced operation at their current address after 30 November 2018 or submit application after 13 April 2026 are required to apply directly for a full licence or letter of exemption if it meets the definition of a small practice clinic (SPC). Operators have to fulfil all licensing requirements stipulated in the Ordinance and the Code of Practice for Clinics in order to obtain a full licence.

An SPC is defined under Section 41 of the Ordinance as a clinic operated solely by registered medical practitioners and/or registered dentists, subject to specified conditions. Other than applying for a clinic licence, operators of SPCs may request a letter of exemption from the Department of Health. This exemption permits the SPC to operate without a licence under the Ordinance, provided all statutory requirements are met.

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Application for clinic licences and letters of exemption

The procedures for application for clinic licence and request for letter of exemption are fully electronic with an “iAM Smart+” account. Operators can submit applications for licence or letter of exemption and manage licensing matters in the future at the “e-Licensing” system <https://apps.orphf.gov.hk/Submission/>. Please refer to <https://www.iamsmart.gov.hk> for registration/upgrading of an “iAM Smart+” account.

Clinic licences under the Ordinance have started to take effect

The first batch of clinic licences and letters of exemption has been issued. Clinics issued with a licence or a letter of exemption will be provided with a QR Code for display at a conspicuous place. The QR Code links to the Private Healthcare Facilities Register. Public can check the registration status of a clinic by scanning the QR Code by eHealth App.

Online briefing sessions

Monthly online interactive sessions will be continued to explain the requirements and procedures for making licence applications/exemption requests and answer enquiries. Please scan the QR Code below for online enrolment. You may also visit the website of the ORPHF (<https://www.orphf.gov.hk>) for the presentation materials of the briefing and other useful information including the animation videos explaining the regulatory regime and the FAQs.

For enquiries, please contact us at 2631 1782 or visit the website of the ORPHF at <https://www.orphf.gov.hk>.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Andrew BUT)
for Director of Health

Simple Guide to the Ordinance Code of Practice for Clinics Online briefing sessions



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