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To: All registered / enrolled nurses

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Commencement of the first Mandatory Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Cycle
and
“Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Nurses in Hong Kong (July 2026)”**

Please note the following updates as promulgated by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”) -

A. Commencement of the first Mandatory CNE Cycle

The Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill 2023, passed in July 2024, mandates that registered / enrolled nurses who are not applying for a practising certificate for the first time must fulfil the CNE requirements and other statutory requirements determined by the Council in order to be issued a practising certificate. Accordingly, the Council has determined that the first mandatory CNE cycle for registered / enrolled nurses under full, special and limited registration / enrolment with practising certificate expiring on 31 December 2029 to run from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029. In general, registered nurses and enrolled nurses concerned are required to accumulate at least 45 and 30 CNE points respectively during the said 3-year cycle to be eligible for issuance of practising certificate that will take effect from 1 January 2030.

CNE cycles for subsequent practising certificate renewals will follow the same principle, that is, each CNE cycle will begin 3.5 years prior to the effective date of the relevant practising certificate. Nurses must select one organisation from the published list of accredited CNE Administrators to establish a personal CNE database for applying renewal of practising certificate in the future.

Further details will be provided in the Manual on Mandatory Continuing Nursing Education System to be published on the Council’s website (<http://www.nchk.org.hk>) soon.

B. “Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Nurses in Hong Kong (July 2026)”

Since 1986, the Council has promulgated the “Code of Professional Conduct and Code of Ethics for Nurses in Hong Kong” to provide nurses with guidelines on the standards and values fundamental to nursing practice. The document was last updated and retitled as the “Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Nurses in Hong Kong” in 2015.

Following a comprehensive review, the Council will promulgate the “Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Nurses in Hong Kong (July 2026)” (“the updated Code”) on 1 July 2026. The updated Code sets out the fundamental ethical commitments and professional obligations of nurses, identifies four domains that form a conceptual framework for ethical standards of the profession, and highlights that nurses are accountable to individuals as well as their practice, profession and society. It also articulates the core values central to the nursing profession and shall serve as the basis for the Council to make decisions on issues relating to ethical nursing practice and professional conduct of nurses arising on or after 1 July 2026.

In support of environmental sustainability and to facilitate efficient dissemination, please click or scan the QR code below to access the updated Code in electronic format on the Council’s official website from 1 July 2026. Hard copies will only be provided upon request.



Thank you for your attention to the above matters. For enquiries, please contact the Council Secretariat by telephone at (852) 2527 8325 or by email to nc@dh.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karis C.', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Karis CHENG)
Secretary, Nursing Council of Hong Kong