

Guidelines on Premises Suitable for Practice for Medical Laboratory Technologists

Section 19(1) of the Allied Health Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359) stipulates that “*no person registered shall practise his profession in premises which are considered by the relevant Board to be unsuitable for such practice.*” Accordingly, the Medical Laboratory Technologists Board has drawn up guidelines on premises suitable for practice for medical laboratory technologists. Registered medical laboratory technologists are required to note the following guidelines when they practise their profession –

- (a) The premises shall comply with all applicable legislation of Hong Kong.
- (b) The design and condition of the premises should be able to meet the purpose of delivering adequate and effective standards of professional practice.
- (c) The physical design (including floor loading), size and layout of the premises are appropriate for the safe and professional delivery of medical laboratory testing services.
- (d) The interior of the premises are kept in good state of maintenance and repair.
- (e) Lighting, temperature, humidity, ventilation, noise, mechanical vibration and safety levels are appropriate to the testing facilities being used.
- (f) The premises are kept clean and hygienic.
- (g) There are adequate personal protective gear and equipment and easily accessible hand-washing and sanitary facilities.
- (h) There are facilities to provide for privacy of patients, where necessary (e.g. screen or partitions). Emergency resuscitation facilities which commensurate with the type of patient services rendered are recommended. (*Note*)
- (i) Appropriate facilities (e.g. lift and ramps) are recommended for the access of the disabled. (*Note*)

- (j) The physical facilities stated in above clauses (c) to (i) are periodically inspected by the laboratory-in-charge at suitable intervals not exceeding 6 months. This periodic inspection should be documented.
- (k) Adequate precautions against risk of fire, biological, chemical, physical, environmental hazards and clinical waste disposal are taken. Fire exits and escape routes are clearly marked in a conspicuous place.
- (l) Medical laboratory technologists providing services in emergency situations are exempted from the above requirements.

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Note :

Laboratories without patient access are exempted from clauses (h) and (i).