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# Guidelines on Precautionary Measures During Epidemic/Pandemic Outbreaks
# HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment 2026
# Papers 1, 2, 6, and 7 on 16-17, 19-20 November 2026

To safeguard the safety and health of the candidates and HKIA/ARB/HKEAA staff members (hereafter referred as "participants"), the following precautionary measures will be implemented for the Professional Assessment. As indicated **in HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment Handbook (July 2025) Section 2.8.7** (https://hkia.net/en/whats-on/2/news-and-informatino/detail/10 ) extracted as below:

*Extraordinary Measures During Epidemic/Pandemic Outbreaks*

*In response to outbreaks of epidemics/pandemics, HKIA and ARB may impose precautionary measures, as appropriate, for compliance by candidates. HKIA will follow all prevailing requirements, adopted by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority and the HKSAR Government, on mandatary protective measures. Candidates will be informed, as early as possible, should there be any changes that may affect the arrangements for the current session of PA.*

1. According to the policies of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA), candidates could wear surgical masks at the examination centre as needed. Invigilation personnel may ask candidates to remove their surgical masks temporarily during attendance taking/ registration in order to verify their identities. All candidates are reminded to take extra care of their personal hygiene.

2. All participants should have their body temperature measured before heading for the venue. Anyone who has the following symptoms must **NOT** go to the venue and should inform HKIA/ARB immediately:

    i. fever (body temperature at or higher than 38°C); or

    ii. no fever but with symptoms of acute respiratory tract infection such as cough, shortness of breath or sudden loss of sense of taste or smell, etc.

    The on-site HKIA/ARB staffer-in-charge, in consultation with the Chair/Deputy Chair of HKIA's Professional Assessment Committee, has the authority to deny any participants with the above symptoms to enter the venue, or request them to leave at any time before or during the assessment. Their decision will be final. **Candidates who refuse to cooperate will be considered as violating the assessment regulations, and thus, may receive penalties or be disqualified from the assessment.**

3. To prevent crowding, candidates should **arrive 20 minutes** before the scheduled assessment timeslot. Candidates must depart the venue immediately right after the assessment.

4. Candidates who cannot attend the assessment due to illness should notify HKIA/ARB forthwith. According to Section 2.8.3.4 of *HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment Handbook*:

    *"A candidate who withdraws on medical grounds by giving notice to the HKIA not later than 5 pm on the day before a Professional Assessment session may be eligible to a 50% refund of the subject fee, provided the candidate produces a medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner stating the reason for his/her unfitness to attend."*

HKIA/ARB are closely monitoring the development of epidemic/pandemic outbreak and will exercise decisive measures as deemed appropriate. All participants will be informed of any changes at the soonest possible.

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