

Monday, 20 April 2026

Hospital Authority to introduce electronic maternity/sick leave certificates and maternity leave certificates

The Hospital Authority (HA) announced today (April 20) that, following the digitalisation of medical certificates (commonly known as sick leave certificates) and attendance certificates, maternity/sick leave certificates and maternity leave certificates issued by the HA will also adopt a digital signature with an electronic version starting from April 24 this year. These digital certificates will replace the traditional, manually signed paper certificates.

Same as the manually signed traditional certificate, the digital signature on the electronic maternity/sick leave certificate issued by a doctor, and the maternity leave certificate issued by a midwife, holds the same legal effect. The digitally signed certificates will include name of patient, proof of pregnancy, the expected date of confinement and recommended sick leave, etc.

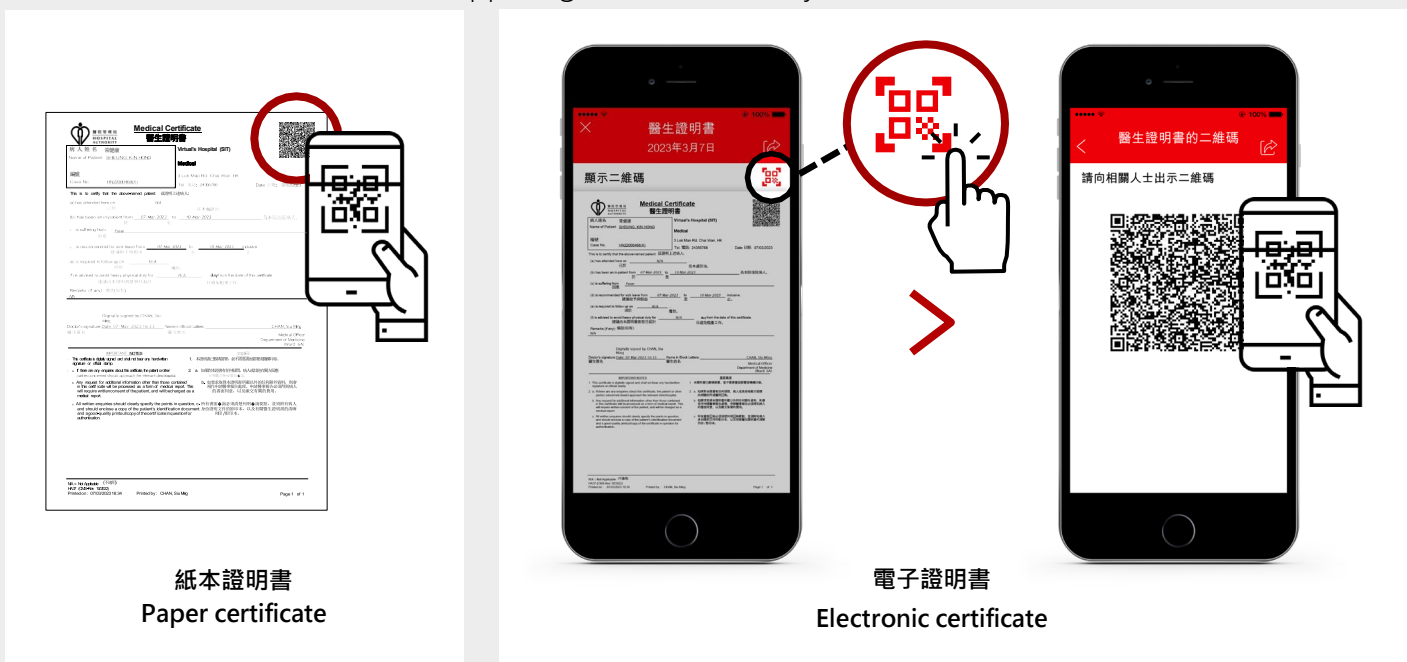
All electronic certificates, including medical certificates, maternity/sick leave certificates, maternity leave certificates, and attendance certificates, display an encrypted QR code that allows verification of the electronic certificate (see Annex 1). They are automatically stored in the “Records” feature of the HA’s mobile application HA Go (see Annex 2 and Annex 3). The electronic certificates could be used for sick leave application or proof of consultation. Patients can print out the certificates where necessary. For the patient issued with an attendance certificate, the electronic version will also be stored in HA Go.

The spokesperson for the HA said that the digitalisation of medical certificates issued by the HA for sick leave, maternity leave, and attendance marks an important milestone in the development of smart hospitals. In addition to streamlining the process of telehealth services and enhancing patient satisfaction, the digitalisation of certificates also reduces the risk of losing paper certificates, facilitates patient access, and improves the overall patient experience. While printed copies of electronic certificates will still be available for patients at this stage, the HA encourages patients to opt for electronic certificates in the future.

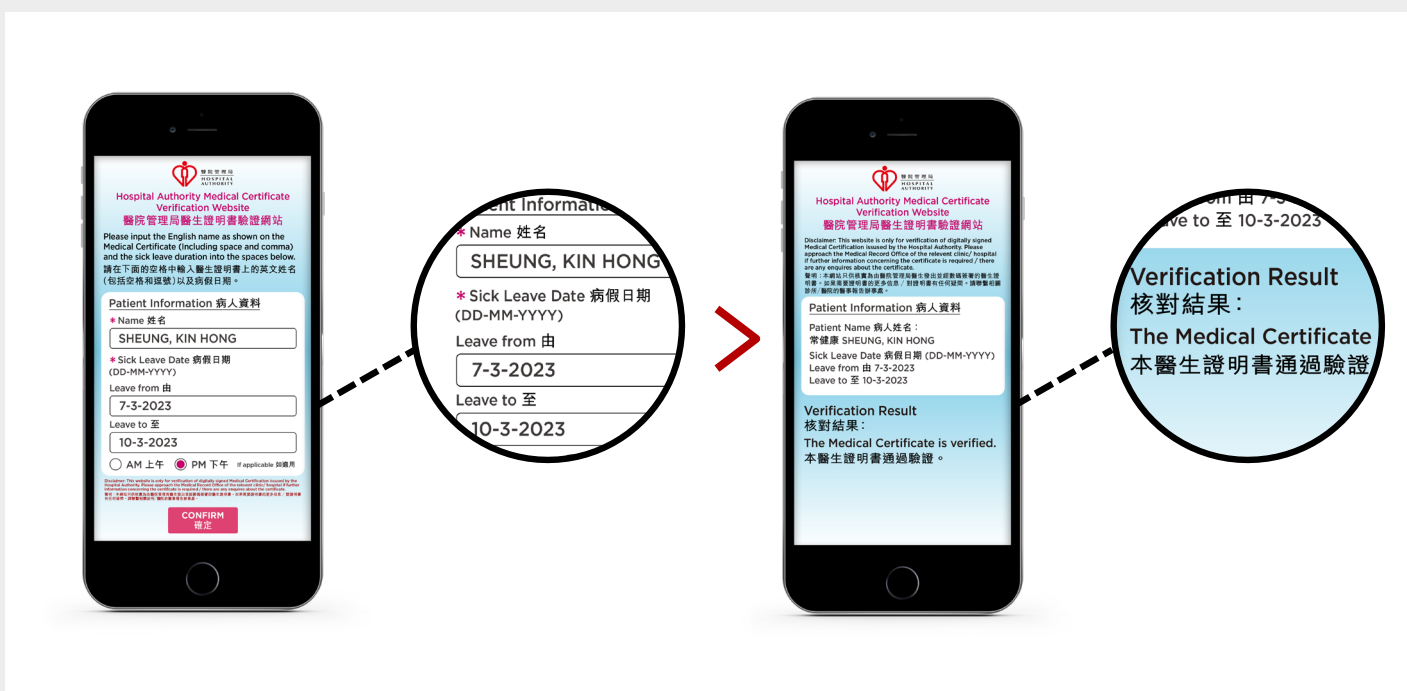
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核實2026年4月23日或之前發出的電子醫療證明書 Verification of electronic medical certificates issued on or before 23 April 2026

1. 如有需要核實證明書，可掃描右上角的二維碼
Scan the QR code in the upper right corner to verify the certificate if needed.

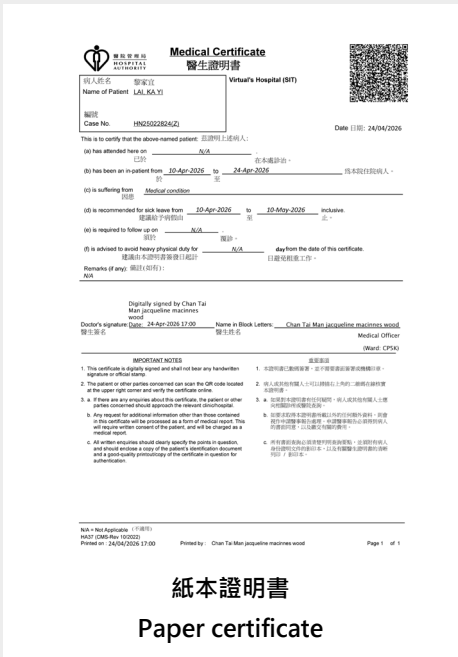


2. 輸入病人英文姓名及病假日期即可核實
Input the English name of the patient and the sick leave duration for verification.

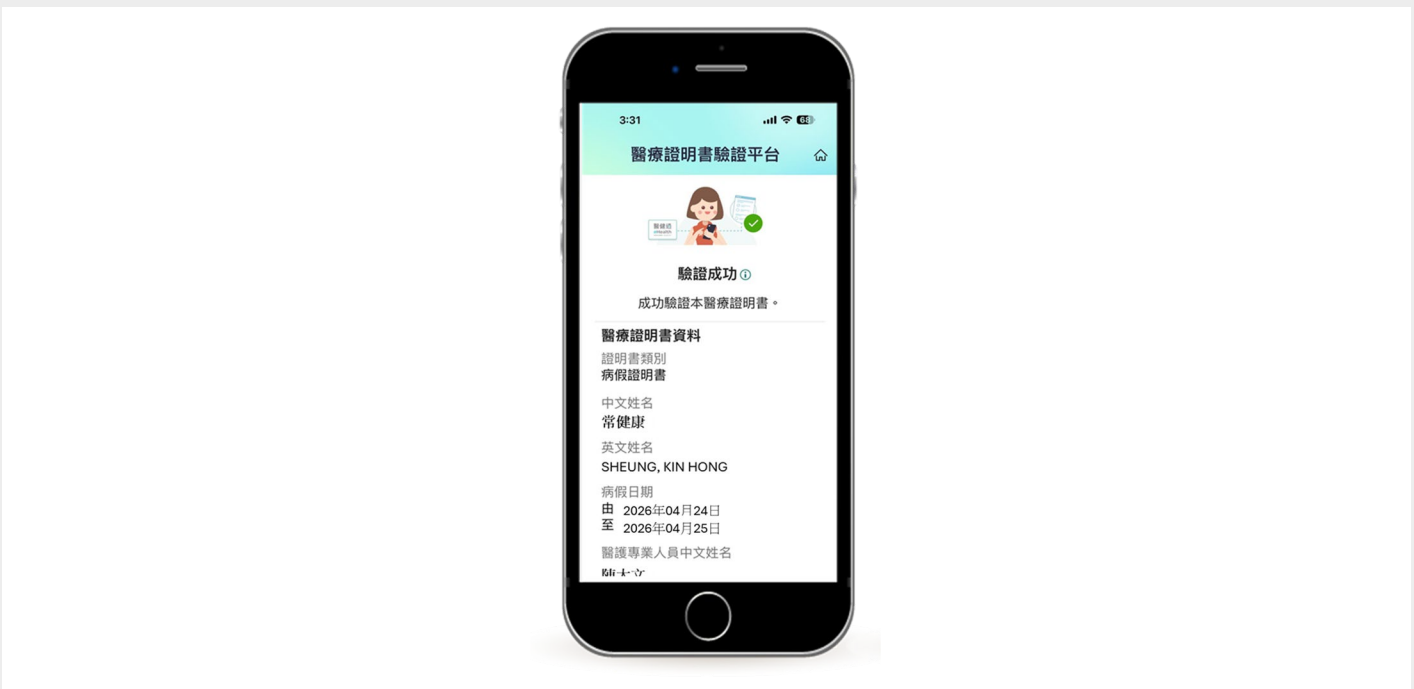


核實2026年4月24日起發出的電子醫療證明書 Verification of electronic medical certificates issued starting from 24 April 2026

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2. 頁面會轉至醫健通「醫療證明書驗證平台」，毋需輸入任何資料，即可核實證明書。
The interface will redirect to the eHealth Medical Certificate Verification Platform to verify the certificate without inputting any information.



醫院管理局發出的電子醫療證明書樣本
Samples of electronic certificates issued by Hospital Authority

(1) 產／病假證明書 Maternity/Sick Leave Certificate

 <p>醫院管理局 HOSPITAL AUTHORITY</p>	產／病假證明書 Maternity/Sick Leave Certificate	
病人姓名 黎XX Name of Patient LAI, XXXX	Virtual Hospital (SIT) Medical 123 ABC Road, Kwun Tong, KLN Tel. 電話: 29998888	Date 日期: 24/04/2026
編號 Case No. HN250XXXX(Z)		
茲證明:- This is to certify that:-		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 病人已懷孕。 The patient is pregnant.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 病人的預產期為 The patient's expected date of confinement is: <u>30/07/2026</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 建議病假由 <u>24/04/2026</u> 至 <u>24/05/2026</u> 止。 Sick Leave from <u>24/04/2026</u> to <u>24/05/2026</u> inclusive is recommended.		
Doctor's signature: Digitally signed by Chan Tai Man 醫生簽名 Man	Name in Block Letters: Chan Tai Man 醫生姓名	
Date: <u>24-Apr-2026 17:00</u>		Medical Officer Department of Medicine
IMPORTANT NOTES 重要事項		
1. This certificate is digitally signed and shall not bear any handwritten signature or official stamp.	1. 本證明書已數碼簽署，並不需要書面簽署或機構印章。	
2. If agreed by her employer, a pregnant employee may commence her 14 weeks' maternity leave within a period of not less than 2 weeks and not more than 4 weeks before the expected date of confinement, otherwise her maternity leave commences 4 weeks immediately before the expected date of confinement.	2. 在僱主同意下，懷孕僱員可在預產期前不少於2個星期及不超過4個星期的期間內開始放取十四個星期之產假，否則她的產假須緊接預產期前的4個星期的首日開始。	
3. a. If there are any enquiries about this certificate, the patient or other parties concerned should approach the relevant clinic/hospital. b. Any request for additional information other than that contained in this certificate will be processed as a form of medical report. This will require written consent of the patient, and will be charged as a medical report. c. All written enquiries should clearly specify the points in question, and should enclose a copy of the patient's identification document and a good-quality printout/copy of the certificate(s) in question for authentication.	3. a. 如果對本證書有任何疑問，病人或其他有關方面應向相關診所或醫院查詢。 b. 如要求取得本證明書所載以外的任何額外資料，則會視作申請醫事報告處理。申請醫事報告必須得到病人的書面同意，以及繳交有關的費用。 c. 所有書面查詢必須清楚列明查詢要點，並須附有病人身份證明文件的影印本，以及有關醫生證明書的清晰列印/影印本。	
*刪去不適用者 Delete if not appropriate HA37B (CMS-Rev 12/2020) Printed on : 24/04/2026 17:00 Printed by : Chan Tai Man Page 1 of 1		

(2)產假證明書 Maternity Leave Certificate



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HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY

產假證明書 Maternity Leave Certificate



病人姓名 黎XX
Name of Patient LAI, XXXX

編號
Case No. HN250XXXXX(Z)

Virtual Hospital (SIT)

Medical

123 ABC Road, Kwun Tong, KLN

Tel. 電話: 29998888

Date 日期: 24/04/2026

茲證明:-

This is to certify that:-

病人已懷孕。

The patient is pregnant.

病人的預產期為

The patient's expected date of confinement is: 30/07/2026

Midwife's signature: Digitally signed by Chan Tai

助產士簽名 Man

Date: 24-Apr-2026 17:00

Name in Block Letters:

Chan Tai Man

助產士姓名

Advanced Practice Nurse
Department of Medicine

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3. a. If there are any enquiries about this certificate, the patient or other parties concerned should approach the relevant clinic/hospital.
b. Any request for additional information other than that contained in this certificate will be processed as a form of medical report. This will require written consent of the patient, and will be charged as a medical report.
c. All written enquiries should clearly specify the points in question, and should enclose a copy of the patient's identification document and a good-quality printout/copy of the certificate(s) in question for authentication.

重要事項

1. 本證明書已數碼簽署，並不需要書面簽署或機構印章。
2. 在僱主同意下，懷孕僱員可在預產期前不少於2個星期及不超過4個星期的期間內開始放取十四個星期之產假，否則她的產假須緊接預產期前的4個星期的首日開始。
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(4) 應診證明書 Attendance Certificate



醫院管理局
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Attendance Certificate

應診證明書

(This is not a medical certificate 此並非醫生證明書)



病人姓名	黎XX
Name of Patient	LAI,XXXX
編號	
Case No.	HN250XXXX(Z)

Virtual Hospital (SIT)

Medical

Tel. 電話:

This is to certify that the above-named patient has attended the Department /Clinic on
茲證明上列病人曾在本部門接受治療/檢查，日期及時間為：

24-Apr-2026 PM
下午

For: Medical Consultation

Service

接受: 醫療診治

服務

Remarks (if any): 備註(如有):

Signature of Doctor/Nurse/AH Professional: Issued by Chan Tai Man
on 24-Apr-2026 17:00

醫生/護士/專職醫療人員簽名

Name in Block Letters:

Chan Tai Man

醫生/護士/專職醫療人員姓名

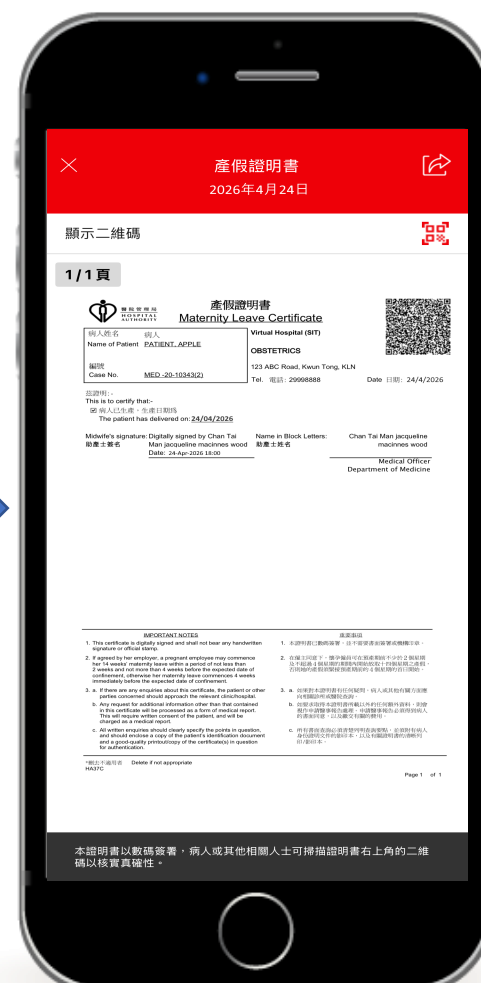
Medical Officer
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IMPORTANT NOTES

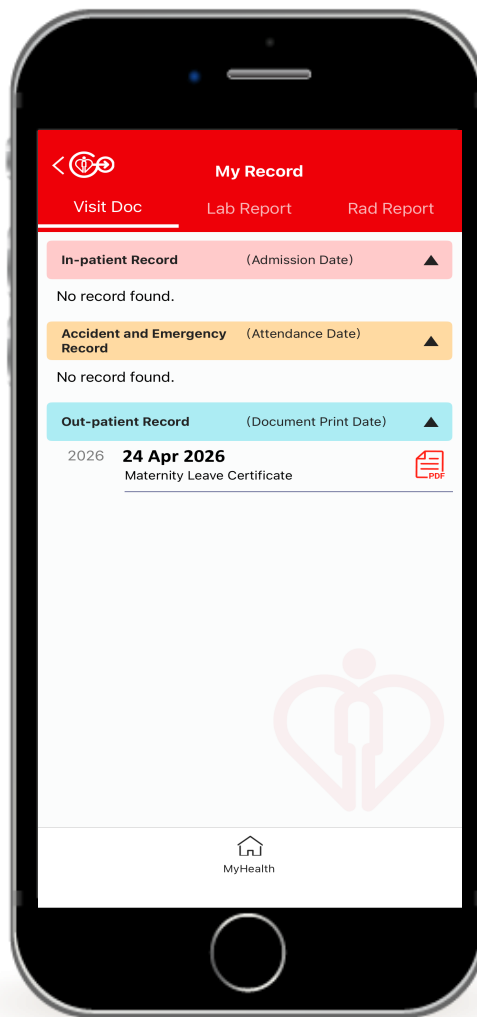
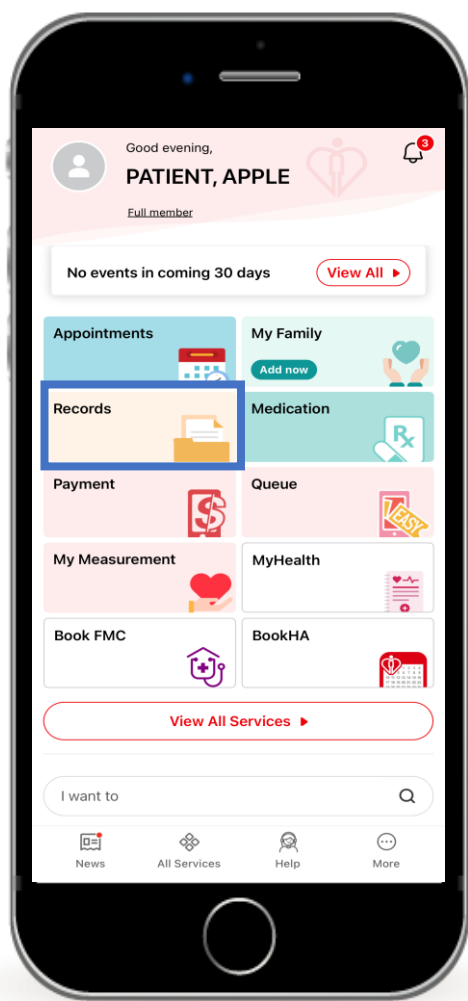
1. This certificate is computer printed and shall not bear any handwritten signature or official stamp.
2. a. If there are any enquiries about this certificate, the patient or other parties concerned should approach the relevant clinic/hospital.
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重要事項

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電子醫療證明書儲存於醫院管理局手機應用程式HA Go的單元「紀錄」內。



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