



【Solemn Statement】 Clarification Regarding the Misrepresentation of "Student Member" and "Sports Therapist" Status

Sports Therapists Association of Hong Kong (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") has recently received inquiries from several registered members and the public regarding an individual who has claimed to be a registered "Sports Therapist" or "Sports Therapy Student" when seeking work opportunities and enrolling in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses. In light of this, the Association issues the following statement to clarify the facts:

1. Verification of Identity and Revocation of Qualification

Following an investigation, the Association confirms that individual in question has ceased to hold Student Membership status since **July 1, 2025**. Due to the individual's failure to provide valid proof of student status according to established procedures, their registration application was not approved. Consequently, all related statuses became officially invalid as of the aforementioned date.

2. Concern Over Non-Compliant Conduct

The Association has noted that the individual is suspected of continuing to engage in professional work and enrolling in CPD courses under the titles of "Sports Therapist" or "Sports Therapy Student" after losing of registrant status. The Association emphasizes that this individual is currently **not** a recognized registrant. Any credentials presented by this individual in connection with the Association are deemed null and void.

3. Legal Liability and Reservation of Rights

The Association highlights that any person who misrepresents professional qualifications to obtain remuneration or admission to courses may be in violation of **Section 16A "Fraud" of the Theft Ordinance (Chapter 210 of the Laws of Hong Kong)**, which carries a maximum penalty of 14 years' imprisonment. Furthermore, the presentation of false documents to the public or organizations may constitute an offense under **Section 73 "Using a False Instrument"** of the same Ordinance. The Association is closely monitoring the situation and reserves all rights to pursue legal action and report the matter to law enforcement agencies.

4. Rigorous Vetting Mechanism

The Association reiterates that a stringent verification mechanism is in place for all membership applications. We maintain a "zero-tolerance" policy towards any person attempting to provide

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false information or forged documents to obtain registration. Any such discovery will be reported immediately to the Police under **Section 18D "Obtaining Services by Deception"** of the Theft Ordinance or other relevant legislation.

5. Advice to the Public and Partner Organizations

To ensure the safety of service recipients and maintain professional standards, the Association urges employers and course providers to require the presentation of a current and valid registration certificate issued by the Association before hiring or admitting relevant professionals. Should there be any doubt regarding an individual's registration status, please contact the Association Secretariat for verification.



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