



HKCAAVQ QR Operators Briefing 2015

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Qualifications Register (QR): A Snapshot

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QR Facts and Figures (as of 2 January 2015)

- Hit rates : - 1,156,213 from the public
- 1,172,404 inclusive of operators
- Number of Current Qualifications on the QR by QF Level (as of 2 January 2015)

Source of Record	QF Level							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
From Self-accrediting Operators (Including JQRC)	20	182	411	669	791	1047	223	3343
SCS-based programmes	45	137	103	41	0	0	0	326
SGC-based qualifications	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	24
From other HKCAAVQ accredited programmes	26	122	434	604	200	33	0	1419
From Manpower Development Scheme (MDS)	1215	1154	183	6	0	0	0	2558
Qualifications obtained through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) mechanism	53	121	142	144	0	0	0	460
Total	1367	1724	1281	1464	991	1080	223	8130



QR System Development 2014 – January 2015

In support of the development of the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF) spearheaded by the Education Bureau (EDB), HKCAAVQ has conducted a series of system enhancements on the QR in consultation with the EDB and the Qualifications Framework Secretariat (QFS). These HKQF developments are:

- Award Titles Scheme (ATS)
- Use of QF Credit; and
- Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)



Development of the QR System from 2014 – January 2015

Date	Activity
July 2014	QR System Enhancement E18 Implementation of the New Classification “Credit Accumulation and Transfer” (CAT)
January 2015	(1) QR System Enhancement E19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Data Uploading Service for CAT Programmes; and➤ Addition of a New Qualification Type “Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies-based Programmes” (SGC) (2) QR System Enhancement E20 Addition of a New Search Criterion “Credit Accumulation and Transfer (Programme)” (CAT(P))
	(3) QR System Enhancement E21 Re-configuration of “Industry” and “Branch” search fields



QR System Enhancement E18: Implementing “Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)” on the QR

***Background:** To put in place the QR system enhancement on CAT so as to allow the indication of CAT arrangements on an individual programme basis on the QR.*

To search for CAT programmes and operators on the QR:

- A new orange icon labeling “CAT” is used for programmes with CAT information (similar to other programmes with icons, e.g. LP, NLQ, and SCS) in the Search Result / Shortlisted Results pages;
- For the search of Operators / Assessment Agencies, the orange “CAT” icon will be displayed in the operator mailing label; and
- A new data field is added in the QR Record Details page for the input of web-link leading to the CAT information on the operator’s website.



QR System Enhancement E18: Implementing “Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)” on the QR

1st Phase (22 July 2014)

- Incorporation of new search features in the Qualifications Search page.
- Users can search for learning programmes with CAT information.

2nd Phase (7 October 2014)

- Incorporation of new search features in the Operators / Assessment Agencies Search page.
- Users can search for operators with learning programmes that contain CAT information.
- Operators with CAT information are indicated with the CAT icon.

(NB: Some of these enhancement features have been superseded by those of QR system enhancement E20 rolled out on 2 January 2015.)



QR System Enhancement E19 (Part 1): Uploading service for existing programmes with Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) arrangements on the QR

Background:

- (a) To keep QR operators informed on the introduction of CAT by the EDB; and
- (b) To facilitate the timely indication of the CAT information on existing programmes registered on the QR, HKCAAVQ invited QR operators from both the self-accrediting and HKCAAVQ-accredited sectors to participate in the indication of CAT arrangements on the QR in August 2014.

Features and Timeline:

This was a special one-off bulk upload service offered by the HKCAAVQ where the CAT information of individual programmes and the corresponding CAT web-links were published collectively on the QR.

1st batch of upload (in October 2014)	44 records	2 operators
2nd batch of upload (in November 2014)	492 records	7 operators



QR System Enhancement E19 (Part 2): Implementing the new search criterion “Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies-based Programmes (SGC) on QR

Background:

In support of the introduction of the Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies (SGC) formulated by the Education Bureau (EDB) under the QF, the HKCAAVQ created this new Qualification Type to identify such programmes on the QR.

Features and Timeline:

- Launched on the QR on 2 January 2015
- Public users can search for SGC-based programmes and these programmes are indicated with the SGC icon.



Qualifications Search

Keywords:

Types of Qualifications: ▼

QF Level: ▼

[Advanced Search](#) [Reset](#) [Search](#)

Search Result / Shortlisted Results

* Indicates name has been changed

No. of Search Results: 24 ◀ < 1 / 2 > ▶

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- SCS** Specification of Competency Standards-based Programmes
- SGC** Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies-based Programmes
- LP** Learning Programme
- RPL** Recognition of Prior Learning Qualifications
- NLQ** Non-local Qualifications
- CAT(I)** Credit Accumulation and Transfer (Institutional)
- CAT(P)** Credit Accumulation and Transfer (Programme)
- Current
- Expired
- Prospect

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title of Qualification	QF Level	QF Credit	Name of Operator / Agency	Types	CAT	Status	From	To
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate in Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) - Chinese for the Service Industry (QF Level 3) 應用學習中文 (非華語學生適用) - 服務業中文證書 (資歷架構第3級)	3	35	Hong Kong Baptist University School of Continuing Education	SGC		✓	01/01/2015	31/12/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate in Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) - Practical Chinese in Hospitality (QF Level 3) 應用學習中文 (非華語學生適用) - 款待實務中文證書 (資歷架構第三級)	3	35	HONG KONG COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY	SGC		✓	01/01/2015	31/12/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate in Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) - Chinese for the Service Industry (QF Level 2) 應用學習中文 (非華語學生適用)	2	8	Hong Kong Baptist University School of Continuing Education	SGC		✓	01/01/2015	31/12/2019



QR System Enhancement E20: Introduction of the Two Types of CAT Information on QR: CAT (Institutional) and CAT (Programme)

***Background:** In support of the CAT initiative implemented by the EDB and alongside the readiness of some operators to indicate programme-specific CAT arrangements on the QR, such a differentiation of CAT arrangements into two types is a significant move towards the concept of implementing a dedicated repository for CAT information on the QR.*

Features:

- (1) Launched on 2 January 2015.
- (2) Credit Accumulation and Transfer (Institutional) - The CAT arrangements are in place at an institutional level that apply across a cognate group of learning programmes offered by the institution. An **Orange CAT** icon will be used on the QR to distinguish qualifications that are CAT (Institutional).
- (3) Credit Accumulation and Transfer (Programme) – The CAT arrangements are in place at the programme level that apply to specific learning programme(s). These programme specific CAT arrangements should be underpinned by CAT arrangements at an institutional level. A **Golden CAT** icon will be used on the QR to distinguish qualifications that are CAT (Programme).



Search Result / Shortlisted Results

* Indicates name has been changed

No. of Search Results: 329 ◀ < 1 / 17 > ▶

Add to Shortlist

Add All to Shortlist

SCS Specification of Competency Standards-based Programmes

SGC Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies-based Programmes

LP Learning Programme

RPL Recognition of Prior Learning Qualifications

NLQ Non-local Qualifications

CAT(I) Credit Accumulation and Transfer (Institutional)

CAT(P) Credit Accumulation and Transfer (Programme)

✓ Current

✗ Expired



○ Prospective

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title of Qualification	QF Level	QF Credit	Name of Operator / Agency	Types	CAT	Status	From	To
<input type="checkbox"/>	BA (Hons) Accountancy	5	150	CAT-Operator3	NLQ	CAT(P)	✓	01/01/2014	31/07/2016
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diploma for Professional Beauty Specialist (QF Level 4) 專業美容師文憑 (資歷架構第4級)	4	86	E21B	SCS	CAT(P)	✓	01/11/2013	31/08/2015
<input type="checkbox"/>	BA (Hons) Accountancy	5	150	CAT-Operator3	NLQ	CAT(P)	✓	01/01/2014	31/07/2016
<input type="checkbox"/>	BA in English 文學士	5	150	CAT-Operator3	SGC	CAT(P)	✓	01/01/2014	On-going
<input type="checkbox"/>	BA (Hons) Accountancy	5	150	CAT-Operator6	NLQ	CAT(I)	✓	01/01/2013	31/07/2016
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Statistics and Decision Science 統計及決策學榮譽理學士	5		The Open University of Hong Kong	LP	CAT(I)	✓	05/05/2009	On-going
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelor of Science(Hons) in Communications Technology (with Management) 通訊科技學(副修管理學)榮譽理學士	5		The Open University of Hong Kong	LP	CAT(I)	✓	05/05/2008	On-going
<input type="checkbox"/>	Higher Diploma in Nursing 護理學高級文憑	4		The Open University of Hong Kong	LP	CAT(I)	✓	05/05/2008	On-going
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelor of Science(Hons) in Electronics (with Management) 電子學(副修管理學)榮譽理學士	5		The Open University of Hong Kong	LP	CAT(I)	✓	05/05/2008	On-going
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics, Materials and Design 工程學、物料力學及設計	5		The Open University of Hong Kong	LP	CAT(I)	✓	05/05/2008	On-going






























QR System Enhancement E20

- Indication of CAT information by **CAT(I)** and/or **CAT(P)** icons in the Operators / Assessment Agencies Search results listing.

Search Result  No. of searched results: 16 

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  CAT-Operator1	  CAT-Operator2
 10 Siu Sai Wan Road, Hong Kong	 10 Siu Sai Wan Road, Hong Kong
 (852)36580001  (852)28459910	 (852)36580001  (852)28459910
 qradmin@hkcaavq.edu.hk	 qradmin@hkcaavq.edu.hk
 www.hkqr.gov.hk	 www.hkqf.gov.hk
  CAT-Operator3	 CAT-Operator4
 10 Siu Sai Wan Road, Hong Kong	 10 Siu Sai Wan Road, Hong Kong
 (852)36580001  (852)28459910	 (852)36580001  (852)28459910
 qradmin@hkcaavq.edu.hk	 qradmin@hkcaavq.edu.hk
 www.hkcaavq.edu.hk	 www.hkcaavq.edu.hk



QR System Enhancement E21: Re-configuration of “Industry” and “Branch” search fields

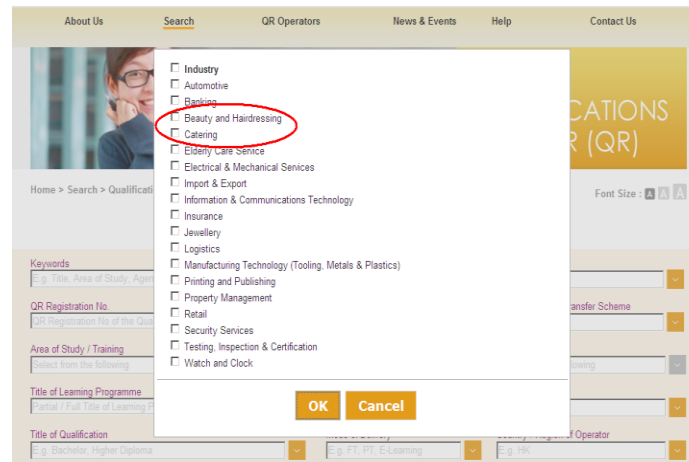
Background:

- ***Merge the mature ITACs with similarities with an expansion of the scope of the existing Chinese Catering ITAC in light of the operational experience in developing the QF by the EDB; and***
- ***Improve the visual presentation of the “Industry” and “Branch” data fields on the QR and facilitate the qualifications search using the two data fields by the general public.***
- ***Use the updated “Area of Study and Industry/Branch Mapping Table” for the revised Industry / Branch codes to facilitate operators’ uploading of QR records via QR Excel upload template.***



Features:

- Launched on the QR on 2 January 2015
- Combined the two industries of “Beauty” and “Hairdressing” into one new industry, namely, “Beauty and Hairdressing”;
- Re-titled the existing industry of “Chinese Catering” to “Catering” for the expansion of the industry scope; and
- Rearranged the naming sequence of all industry and branch titles listed in the pull-down menu of the Qualifications Search page and the Operators/ Assessment Agencies Search page by alphabetical order (A-Z).





Navigation menu: About Us, Search, QR Operators, News & Events, Help, Contact Us

Search filters:

- Branch
- Beauty and Hairdressing
- Beauty
- Hairdressing

Buttons: OK, Cancel

Page content (left sidebar):

Home > Search > Qualifications

Keywords: E.g. Title, Area of Study, Agency

QR Registration No.: QR Registration No of the Qualification

Area of Study / Training: Select from the following

Title of Learning Programme: Partial / Full Title of Learning Programme

Title of Qualification: E.g. Bachelor, Higher Diploma

Page content (right sidebar):

Font Size: A A A

Transfer Scheme:

Following:

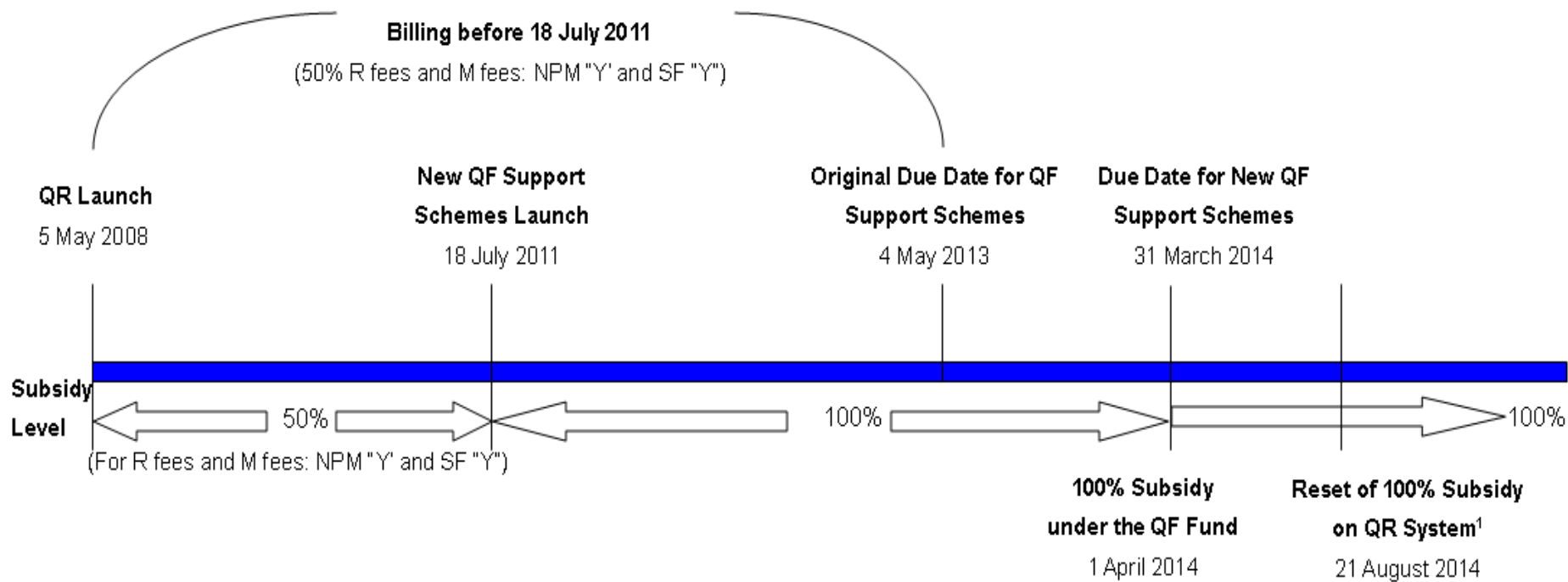
Qualification:

Qualification Operator: E.g. HK



Update on the Subsidy for QR Registration Fees (QR Subsidy)

- The Education Bureau established the Qualifications Framework Fund (QF Fund) on 1 September 2014 to provide a steady source of income to support the sustainable development and implementation of QF.
- Under the new subsidy for QR Registration Fees (QR Subsidy), the Government now fully bears both the registration and hosting fees.
- Coverage period – Recurrent





QR Fees Refund

- Refund arrangement is to be completed in the 1st Quarter of 2015 (tentative)
- Procedures for the Refund Exercise:
 - Email notification to QR Operators for administrative arrangements of the refund
 - Confirmation by QR Operators on account payee names and contact address
 - Issuance of Cheque / Credit Notes by HKCAAVQ for delivery to QR Operators



QR Contact Details for Refund 2015

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partners in the QR journey
during this period!**

Thank you!