

# Award Titles Scheme and Use of Credit: Policy and Implementation

**Qualifications Framework Secretariat** 

# Requirements of QF-recognised Qualifications



- > Successfully accredited
- Indication of QF Level
- ➤ Indication of QF Credit
- ➤ Conform to Award Titles Scheme (ATS)
- Additional requirement for SCS-based courses

#### **Implementation Plan**



 Launch of the ATS and use of QF credit

October 2012

1 January 2014

- Titles of programmes newly registered in the QR to conform to the ATS
- Newly registered programmes at Levels 1 to 4 to indicate the QF credit on the QR
  - 1 January 2016

- Titles of all programmes registered in the QR to conform to the ATS
- All programmes at Levels 1 to 4 to indicate the QF credit on the QR

Note: The timetable for indicating the QF credit of programmes at Level 5 or above will be subject to further consultation with stakeholders concerned. Details will be announced in due course.

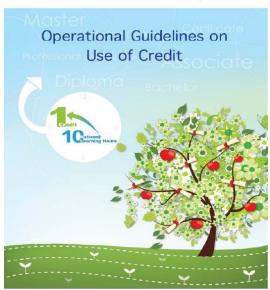
### Training Workshops on Use of Credit

- > 14 workshops by FSTE
- ➤ Participation of HKCAAVQ in respect of credit assessment
- ➤ Positive feedback from over 600 participants
  - ✓ More familiar with the concept of QF credit
  - ✓ Practical insights from HKCAAVQ
  - Exchange and sharing of good practices



#### **Issues on Use of Credit**

- Concept of average learners
- Justifications for deviations from Operational Guidelines



- > Treatment of study hours for examination
- Difficulties in assignment of credit value to internship, project, practicum, etc
- Reference point/benchmark of similar programmes

#### Training Workshops by QA Body



- New series of workshops by HKCAAVQ starting from January 2014
- > Focus on QF credit assessment
- > Case study materials covering QF Level 1 5
- > Schedule, content and arrangement to be announced
- Tailor-made workshops to operators on request basis

#### **Progress of ATS**



- > Smooth transition
  - ✓ Over 65% of programmes already in compliance with ATS
  - ✓ 90% compliance expected by Q1 2014
- ➤ Two applications for special approval by Review Panel on Award Titles

#### **Forward Plan**



- ➤ Gradual compliance for operators on use of QF credit
- Supporting measures (publicity, briefings and workshops) to continue
- ➤ Timetable on use of QF credit for programmes at Level 5 & above to be consulted



## Thank you

#### **Award Titles Scheme (ATS)**





#### **QF** Credit



- > 1 QF credit = 10 notional learning hours
- Notional learning hours refer to amount of time an average learner expected to take to complete all the learning and achieve the learning outcomes upon assessment
- Including all modes of learning (eg. attendance in class, self-study, on-line learning, practical learning, assessment, etc)