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QR Re-organisation:
Re-classification of
"Areas of Study and Training" and
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on the Qualifications Register

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(I)   Background

In 2014, the Liaison Committee on Quality Assurance (LCQA) conducted a review of the existing classification of 21 Areas of Study and Training on QR. In June 2015, LCQA endorsed a new classification system of 14 Areas of Study and Training for the QR. In light of this development, HKCAAVQ has developed a list of sub-areas, related subject matter and a set of guiding principles for defining the scope of programme area in programme area accreditation (PAA) and the Council approved the new classification system in September 2015.

(II)   Purpose

HKCAAVQ will undertake system enhancement to implement the necessary QR re-organisation arising from the reclassification of Areas of Study and Training, and the incorporation of new sub-areas by **two separate phases**:

(III) Phase One – Re-classification of Area of Study and Training

1. Scope: To re-classify **all** the published QR records from the existing 21 Areas of Study and Training to the new 14 Areas of Study and Training. The mapping of the two classifications as well as the codes for the existing and the new structures is at ***Appendix 1***. (*During the mapping, the indication of "Industry" and "Branch" should be aligned with the published QR data.*)

2. Working Procedures

2.1 On an individual record basis, direct mapping of area of study and training will be conducted on all the published QR records in accordance with the mapping table stipulated in ***Appendix 1***.

2.2 For exceptional cases mapping will be performed manually by HKCAAVQ on a case-by-case basis.

2.3 Upon the launch of the new Areas of Study and Training on the QR, HKCAAVQ will by means of a global email message notify operators (excluding SUS) of the mapping outcome so that operators can proceed to check their qualification(s) on the QR themselves.

2.4 In the event that operators have other views about the mapping, these can be addressed by HKCAAVQ during the next learning programme re-accreditation or periodic review exercises for HKCAAVQ-accredited operators; or through direct

discussion with the QF&QR team of HKCAAVQ for the self-accrediting operators, including those quality assured by Joint Quality Review Committee (JQRC).

3. <u>Timeline:</u> The re-classification of "Area of Study and Training" on the QR is targeted for completion in the **1st quarter of 2016.**

(IV) Phase Two – Incorporation of Sub-area on the QR and Mapping of Sub-area(s) for "live" QR records

1. <u>Scope</u>

1.1 For the incorporation of "Sub-area" under Area of Study and Training of QR records, free and **mandatory** uploading services will be provided to HKCAAVQ-accredited operators (including those with PAA status, and the Appointed Assessment Agencies for RPL qualifications) in the 2nd quarter of 2016.

1.2 Self-accrediting operators are encouraged to indicate "QA Status" and assign sub-areas on a **voluntary** basis for their learning programmes at a later stage in the 4th quarter of 2016 whereby QFQR can arrange for the free uploading services for self-accrediting operators collectively in **one batch**.

1.3 For the structure of sub-area, each QR record will have **one** sub-area data field under "Primary Area of Study and Training" and **one** sub-area data field under "Other Area of Study and Training" if applicable.

(Note: The indication of sub-area under Other Area of Study and Training is only required if the Other Area of Study and Training is previously indicated.)

2. <u>Incorporation of QA (Quality Assurance) Status</u>

2.1 Each individual "Live" record (i.e. "Current" and "Prospective" registration statuses) is to incorporate in the QR <u>internal</u> interface a "QA (Quality Assurance) status" (i.e. self-accrediting, JQRC, HKCAAVQ-accredited or PAA) when sub-area is indicated for easy differentiation and data retrieval for the purpose of QR vetting and compilation of statistics.

2.2 For this exercise, all the QR records with "Expired" registration status will <u>not </u>be required to indicate "QA Status" and to assign sub-areas for both the HKCAAVQ-accredited operators (including PAA) and the Self-accrediting / JQRC operators, except with valid needs for the purpose of maintaining the quality assurance status on the QR.

2.3 The selection of "QA status" and sub-area(s) is **inter-dependent**. That is, the

indication of QA status should be **mandatory** on an individual QR record basis with indication of sub-area(s); and vice versa. That is: For QR records with indication of QA Status, they must also indicate the sub-area(s) in a way that is similar to the existing mechanism adopted by "Industry" and "Branch" on the QR.
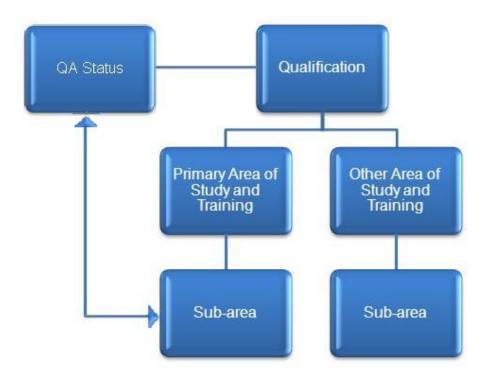
2.4 The table below illustrates the various conditions for the "live" QR records for (i) the indication of QA Status under different accreditation types of operators; and (ii) the assignment of sub-areas under the Primary Area of Study and Training, and Other Area of Study and Training (if required).

Case	Accreditation Type	QA Status	Primary Area of Study and Training	Sub-area under Primary Area of Study and Training	Other Area of Study and Training (If required)	Sub-area under Other Area of Study and Training (If required)
1	HKCAAVQ / PAA	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
2	HKCAAVQ / PAA	✔	✔	✔	X	X
3	Self-accrediting or JQRC	**Optional**	✔	**Optional**	✔	**Optional**
4	Self-accrediting or JQRC	**Optional**	✔	**Optional**	X	X

3. Working Procedures

3.1 HKCAAVQ-accredited operators (including those with PAA status, and the Appointed Assessment Agencies for RPLs) are required to indicate sub-area(s) and "QA status" for QR records under "Current" and Prospective" registration statuses before the implementation date for the display of sub-areas and the indication of "QA Status" for "Live" QR records on the QR.

3.2 To facilitate the indication of "QA status" and sub-area(s) by operators, standardised templates that can be customised on an individual operator basis will be provided by HKCAAVQ.

3.3 For **irregular** and **exceptional** cases, the indication of "QA status" and assignment of sub-area(s) will be decided by HKCAAVQ on a case-by-case basis.

3.4 HKCAAVQ will then arrange for the indication of "QA status" and sub-area(s) on the QR.

3.5 Upon the launch of "QA Status" and sub-areas on the QR, HKCAAVQ-accredited operators may review and make changes during learning programme re-accreditation or periodic review exercises.

3.6 The diagram below indicates the structure and relationship between Qualification, Area of Study and Training, Sub-area, and QA Status in the QR:

*Note[1]: Area of Study and Training is compulsory for **all** QR records.*
Note[2]: The indication of sub-area is inter-dependent with selection of QA status on an individual QR record basis on the QR; therefore the indication of sub-area is mandatory with the selection of QA status, and vice versa.

4. Timeline: The indication of "QA status" and incorporation of sub-area on the QR for HKCAAVQ-accredited operators is targeted for completion in the **2nd quarter of 2016** and self-accrediting operators in the **4th quarter of 2016.**

(V) Mapping Table for the New and Original Areas of Study and Training under QR

Original Areas of Study and Training in the QR	Area Code	New Areas of Study and Training in the QR	Relevant Industries	Sub-area Code	Sub-areas
01 Architecture, Construction and Town Planning	A01	Architecture and Town Planning	N/A	A0101	Architecture, Construction and Town Planning
				A0102	Construction Management
12 Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Design and Creative Media Art & Industry	A02	Arts, Design and Performing Arts	22 Fashion 01 Printing & Publishing	A0201	Arts Management
				A0202	Design and Other Creative Industries
				A0203	Fine Arts and Visual Arts
				A0204	Performing Arts
05 Business & Management, General	A03	Business and Management	12 Banking 20 Human Resource Management 13 Import & Export 16 Insurance 11 Logistics 05 Property Management 14 Retail	A0301	Accounting, Finance and Investment
06 Business & Management in Specific Industries				A0302	Banking
07 Business, Global and China				A0303	Economics
09 Economics, Accountancy, Finance & Investment				A0304	Estates Agency
21 Transports and Logistics				A0305	General Business Management
				A0306	Insurance
				A0307	Property and Facilities Management
				A0308	Transports and Logistics
				A0309	Wholesale, Retailing, Import and Export, Merchandising
08 Computing and Information Technology	A04	Computer Science and Information Technology	08 Information & Communications Technology	A0401	Computer Science and Information Technology
10 Education and Teacher Training	A05	Education	N/A	A0501	Education and Teacher Education
11 Engineering and Technology	A06	Engineering and Technology	09 Automotive 06 Electrical & Mechanical Services 07 Jewellery	A0601	Automotive
19 Other Technical Studies and Training				A0602	Bioengineering and Biotechnology
				A0603	Civil Engineering
				A0604	Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering and

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			17 Manufacturing Technology (Tooling, Metals & Plastics) 02 Watch & Clock		Services
				A0605	Manufacturing Technology
				A0606	Other Engineering, Related Technology and Services
				A0607	Other Technical Studies and Training
				A0608	Precision Trades
				A0609	Textile and Clothing Technology
02 Arts, Humanities, Liberal Studies and General Studies	A07	Humanities	N/A	A0701	Humanities
13 Languages, Translation and Literature	A08	Languages and Related Studies	N/A	A0801	Languages and Related Studies
14 Law and Legal Studies	A09	Law	N/A	A0901	Law
15 Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations	A10	Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations	N/A	A1001	Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations
16 Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	A11	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	N/A	A1101	Dentistry
				A1102	Health Care
				A1103	Medicine
				A1104	Nursing
				A1105	Nutritional Studies
				A1106	Occupational Safety and Health
				A1107	Other Therapies/Treatments
				A1108	Pharmacy
				A1109	Veterinary Science and Medicine
04 Biological, Physical and Mathematical Sciences	A12	Sciences	15 Testing, Inspection & Certification	A1201	Life Sciences
				A1202	Mathematics and Statistics
				A1203	Physical Sciences
03 Beauty, Hairdressing and Related Studies, Home Economics, Personal Care	A13	Services	23 Beauty 03 Catering 18 Elderly Care Service 24 Hairdressing	A1301	Animal and Pet Care
10 Sports Science				A1302	Beauty and Hairdressing
20 Recreation,				A1303	Catering, Food and

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Leisure, Tourism and Hospitality					Beverage Services
				A1304	Domestic Services
				A1305	Elderly Care Service
				A1306	Gardening and Horticulture
				A1307	Hotel and Tourism
				A1308	MICE and Event Management
				A1309	Recreation, Leisure and Sports Management
17 Security and Disciplinary Forces Studies	A14	Social Sciences	19 Security Services	A1401	Security and Disciplinary Forces Studies
18 Social Sciences				A1402	Social and Behavioural Sciences
				A1403	Social Services