

The Qualifications Framework for Hong Kong



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Qualifications Framework

- *What is it?*
 - *A means for integration*
 - *A road map for lifelong learning*
 - *A “Next Step” guide for learners*

- *What is it not?*
 - *A must for everybody*
 - *Licence for employment*

- *What can it do ultimately*
 - *Rationalisation*
 - *Recognition*
 - *Regionalisation / globalisation*



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History

- *A Long Brewing Stage*
- *Announcement in February 2004*
- *Establishment of ITACs and their precursor bodies*



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History

- *Partnership between*

EMB & HKCAA

- *gate keeping and gate opening*

- *Involvement of stakeholders*

- *the academic circles / the industries / the providers / the learners / the employers / the workers*

- *Legislative process*

- *the dynamics*
 - *the prospects*



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Quality Assurance Mechanism

- *All qualifications under the QF must be quality assured*
- *Accreditation Authority – HKCAA*
- *The self-accreditors and professional bodies*
- *Non local courses*



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What have been accomplished so far?

- *HKCAA Reform*
- *4-Stage Quality Assurance Process*
- *Qualifications Register (QR)*
- *Demand Forecast Study*
- *ITAC connections*
- *Expansion of Subject Specialist pool*
- *International links and helpline*



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What have been accomplished so far?

- *User guidelines and application wizard*
- *Functional tool for Generic Level Descriptors*
- *Pilot Study of 7 major providers*
- *Internal/External development workshops*



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What have been accomplished so far?

- *Accreditation of ERB and SUS courses*
- *Uploading of qualifications onto QR*
- *Lead Subject Specialists Forum*
- *Preparation for accrediting assessment agencies*



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Into the Future

Difficulties

- Getting the QF understood
- Getting the political support
- Getting the resources
- Getting a gentle start



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Into the Future

Reasons for Optimism

- Community need
- Government support
- Human capital and competitiveness
- Integration of economies
- Major initiative needed



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