

# Qualifications Framework Support Schemes



Education Bureau  
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The Education Bureau has launched the Qualifications Framework Support Schemes\* to encourage and support the education and training providers as well as the industries to participate in QF. The various financial assistance schemes include:

- Accreditation Grant for Self-financing Programmes
- Grant for Programme Area Accreditation
- Subsidy for Qualifications Register Registration Fees
- Development Grant for Specification of Competency Standards-based Courses (SCS-based courses)
- Reimbursement of Recognition of Prior Learning Assessment Fees

## Qualifications Framework (QF)

is a seven-level hierarchy covering qualifications in the academic, vocational and continuing education sectors. It encourages lifelong learning by providing a comprehensive network of learning pathways, and enables individuals to pursue their goals according to their own roadmaps. QF is underpinned by a robust quality assurance mechanism. All qualifications recognised under QF are quality assured.

### Support Scheme

### Development Grant for SCS-based Courses

#### Scope

Development fees of SCS-based courses

#### Eligibility<sup>#</sup>

- Newly developed and operating SCS-based courses
- Courses/qualifications concerned must be successfully accredited
- Must be registered in the Qualifications Register

#### Level of Subsidy

HK\$30,000 per each newly developed and operating SCS-based course

#### Ceiling

HK\$1 million per provider

<sup>#</sup> Applicants should meet the eligibility criteria as stipulated in the application form which is available on the website of QF ([www.hkqf.gov.hk](http://www.hkqf.gov.hk))

\* Qualifications Framework Support Schemes are time-limited and non-recurrent financial assistance schemes approved by the Finance Committee of Legislative Council



## For Education and Training Providers (including providers offering in-house training courses)

Support Scheme	Accreditation Grant for Self-financing Programmes	Grant for Programme Area Accreditation	Subsidy for Qualifications Register Registration Fees																														
<b>Scope</b>	To subsidise various accreditation fees, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial Evaluation (IE)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Institutional Review (IR)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Programme Validation (PV)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Programme Re-validation (RPV)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	To subsidise various accreditation fees, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programme Area Accreditation (PAA)<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Periodic Review (PR)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	Qualifications Register (QR) registration and hosting fees																														
<b>Eligibility<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providers and qualifications concerned must be successfully accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ)</li> <li>Programmes/qualifications concerned must be registered in QR</li> <li>Applicable to self-financing programmes</li> </ul>	Programmes/qualifications concerned must be successfully accredited by HKCAAVQ	All qualifications and their associated programmes registered in QR																														
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<b>Ceiling</b>	HK\$3 million per provider	HK\$3 million per provider	Not applicable																														

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## For Employees

Support Scheme	Reimbursement of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Assessment Fees
<b>Scope</b>	RPL assessment fees
<b>Eligibility<sup>3</sup></b>	Employees successfully completed the RPL assessments
<b>Level of Subsidy</b>	100% of the RPL assessment fees to be reimbursed in two stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully completed RPL assessments – 75% of the RPL assessment fees</li> <li>Successfully completed a QF-recognised training course – the remaining 25% of the RPL assessment fees</li> </ul>
<b>Ceiling</b>	HK\$3,500 per employee

<sup>3</sup> Applicants should meet the eligibility criteria as stipulated in the website of Vocational Training Council RPL Unit (<http://cra.vtc.edu.hk>)