

What is QF?

The QF launched by the Education Bureau (EDB) aims to help Hong Kong people set clear goals and directions for continuous learning to obtain quality-assured qualifications. In the long run, it will help enhance the overall quality and competitiveness of the local workforce.

The Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) is empowered to be the Accreditation Authority and Qualifications Register Authority for the quality assurance of qualifications (except those awarded by self-accrediting institutions) to underpin the QF and for administering the Qualifications Register (QR). All programmes that are uploaded to the QR are quality-assured and recognised under the QF.



For further information about the QF,
please visit www.hkqf.gov.hk.

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SCS-based Programmes

Programmes based on **Specification of Competency Standards** (SCS-based programmes) are the starting point for Qualifications Framework (QF) implementation in industries. The term refers to programmes that adopt the Specification of Competency Standards (SCSs) formulated by individual industries as their major learning contents. Trainees who have completed the relevant SCS-based programmes will possess the knowledge and skills required by the industry, and therefore can meet specific need in the workplace. All SCS-based programmes recognised under the QF must be quality-assured.



Industries that developed SCS-based Programmes

Currently, SCS-based programmes are offered in respect of the printing and publishing industry, the watch and clock industry and the hairdressing industry. In future, more SCS-based programmes will be offered in other industries, including property management, jewellery, electrical & mechanical services and information & communications technology.

Advantages of SCS-based Programmes



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The goal of education and training is to empower students to learn and apply. Under QF, individual industries formulate their respective SCS, based on which training institutions may develop corresponding competence based courses and programmes. These courses will benefit members of industries as they gain a better grasp of the competencies and outcome standards required of them, and meet job requirements more fully. This in turn will help drive the development of industries.



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As SCS-based courses are designed on the basis of the Specification of Competency Standards (SCS) developed by respective industries, they are of great practical value and are better geared to cater for industry development.

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The Federation for Continuing
Education in Tertiary Institutions

Both the QF and The Federation for Continuing Education in Tertiary Institutions work towards the goal of promoting further learning. Since SCS-based courses are specifically designed to meet the needs of respective industries and must pass rigorous accreditation, they are quality assured pathways for students to pursue professional development.



To look for more information about the SCS-based programmes, please visit the Qualifications Register (QR) website at www.hkqr.gov.hk.