

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Support Scheme for Industry Practitioners

Scope	RPL Assessment Fees
Eligibility	Practitioners successfully passed the RPL assessment
Level of Subsidy	Applicants who have successfully obtained the Statement of Attainment can apply for full reimbursement of assessment fees.

For details of Reimbursement of RPL Assessment Fees :



Support Schemes for Appointed Assessment Agencies of RPL or Recognition of Professional Qualifications under QF

For details, please visit the HKQF website.

Relevant Websites

Qualifications Framework :



www.hkqf.gov.hk

Qualifications Register :



www.hkqr.gov.hk

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Qualifications Framework

Qualifications Framework (QF) in Hong Kong is a seven-level hierarchy covering qualifications in the academic, vocational and professional as well as continuing education sectors. It aims to promote lifelong learning by providing an accessible pathway for continuous learning and to assist individuals in choosing their own progression pathway.

The QF is underpinned by a robust quality assurance mechanism. All qualifications recognised under the QF are quality-assured.

Designated Support Schemes for QF

The Education Bureau established the QF Fund to provide a steady source of income to support the sustainable development and implementation of the QF. Under the QF Fund, the following designated support schemes are introduced to encourage and financially support education and training providers as well as industry practitioners to participate in the QF:

- ▶ Accreditation Grant Scheme
- ▶ Programme Development Grant Scheme
- ▶ Qualifications Register Subsidy Scheme
- ▶ Recognition of Prior Learning Support Scheme
- ▶ Support Scheme for Recognition of Professional Qualifications under QF

Brief Account of Designated Support Schemes for the QF

For Education and Training Providers (including organisations offering in-house programmes)

Designated Support Scheme	Accreditation Grant Scheme				Programme Development Grant Scheme		Qualifications Register (QR) Subsidy Scheme			
Scope	To subsidise various accreditation fees* ¹ , including: ▶ Initial Evaluation (IE) ▶ Institutional Review (IR) ▶ Learning Programme Accreditation (LPA) ▶ Learning Programme Re-accreditation (Re-LPA) ▶ Programme Area Accreditation (PAA) ▶ Periodic Institutional Review (PIR)				To provide a one-off grant for developing: ▶ Specification of Competency Standards (SCS)-based Courses*⁴ ▶ Specification of Generic Competencies (SGC)-based Courses*⁴ ▶ Vocational Qualifications Pathway Courses (VQP Courses)*⁵		QR registration and hosting fees			
Eligibility* ²	▶ Relevant Education and Training Providers and qualifications must be successfully accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualification (HKCAAVQ) ▶ Qualifications concerned must be registered in the QR ▶ Only applicable to self-financing programmes*³				▶ Newly developed SCS-based, SGC-based or VQP courses with class started ▶ Qualifications concerned must be successfully accredited ▶ Must be registered in the QR		All qualifications and the related programmes registered in the QR			
Level of Subsidy/Grant	Scope			Non-profit-making Providers	Other Providers	QF Credit* ⁶	Subsidies for the development of SCS-based / SGC-based / VQP Courses		Registration fees	100%
	▶ IE/IR fees			100%	50%	1-5 credits	HK\$10,000			
	▶ LPA/Re-LPA fees	SCS-based/SGC-based/VQP Courses		100%	50%	6-11 credits	HK\$20,000			
		Other Programmes		70%	35%	12-17 credits	HK\$30,000			
	▶ PAA/PIR fees			70%	35%	18-35 credits	HK\$40,000		Hosting fees	100%
	▶ Fees for the Review for Applied Degree Programmes			70%	35%	36 credits or more	HK\$50,000			

*¹ IE, IR, LPA, Re-LPA, PAA and PIR are different stages of accreditation process conducted by the HKCAAVQ. For more details, please refer to the website of the HKCAAVQ (www.hkcaavq.edu.hk).

*² Applicants should meet the eligibility criteria as stated in the application forms which are available on the QF website (<https://hkqf.gov.hk/en/support-schemes>).

*³ Self-financing programmes refer to programmes other than publicly-funded programmes offered by the University Grants Committee-funded universities, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Vocational Training Council and Prince Philip Dental Hospital.

*⁴ For the development of SCS/SGC-based courses, please refer to the Qualifications Guidelines provided on the QF website:



Qualifications Guidelines

*⁵ VQP courses are developed based on the competency cluster(s) of principal job positions as outlined in the VQP of respective industry.

*⁶ QF credit is a measurement of the size or volume of learning in a learning programme or a qualification recognised under the QF. When determining the subsidy level, SCS/SGC-based courses are determined by the total credit size of the course, while VQP courses are determined by the credit size of the VQP competency cluster(s) covered. Double recovery is not applicable for courses falling under more than one category.