

Forum on Qualifications Framework

The Concerns of Training Organisations on the set up of Qualifications Framework

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Pros:

- 1. QF is not a mandatory policy.
- 2. Quality of operators and learning programmes can be ensured.
- 3. Motivate operators to perform better.
- 4. Equal opportunity for operators of different levels market is open to all levels of operators.



Pros:

- 5. Encourage lifelong learning and gain qualifications.
- 6. General public know how they can achieve for a qualification.
- 7. A direct path to higher education.
- 8. Industry based QF ensure relevancy.
- 9. Participants of training programmes under EMB can gain a recognised qualification after training.



Concerns:

- Creaming effect will drive out operators whose learning programmes are not registered under Qualifications Register.
- 2. Mutual recognition of qualifications with other international and China qualifications are not yet set up.
- 3. Vetting process maybe too long learning programmes will not be able to catch up the market need.
- 4. HKCAA still applies concepts in academic accreditation on vocational training accreditation.



Concerns:

- 5. Ratio of HKCAA members on academic side is too high, which is unfavorable for vocational training.
- 6. Training operators are not well represented in the Industry Training Advisory Committees.
- 7. Fee to pay to HKCAA for four stages of QA maybe very high.
- 8. High investment cost to meet the QA under the Qualifications Framework.



Concerns:

- Cost paid by operators will be transferred to end users, which in turn defeat the purpose of QF, i.e. lifelong learning.
- Support of the general public and the commercial sector is not enough.
- Currently, not all government training programmes are considered under the Qualifications Framework.



Suggestions:

- 1. A mechanism for mutual qualification recognition with other major countries and China is necessary.
- 2. HKCAA needs to speed up the process of recognition by simplifying the procedures.
- 3. HKCAA consults professionals in the vocational training field.



Suggestions:

- 4. The ratio of HKCAA members should be changed to include more non-academic experts.
- 5. Representatives of operators could be members of the Industry Training Advisory Committees.
- 6. Government to fully subsidise the operators for government training programmes.



Suggestions:

- 7. Government to subsidise end users who have financial difficulties for non-government sponsored learning programmes.
- 8. More promotion required to convince the general public and the commercial sector.
- 9. EMB has to liaise with other government departments to include all government training programmes under the QF.



Conclusion:

We support the direction of QF.

Considerations should be made on

- cost of QA involved.
- composition of members in ITACs, HKCAA and Subject Panels
- national and international mutual recognition



THANK YOU!

