



## **Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) renewal of affiliation**

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## **HKCAAVQ's Official Application**

### **I. Applicant's motivation for seeking ENQA affiliation**

**I.1: Please state the strategic reasons why your organisation wishes to establish a formal relationship with ENQA.**

HKCAAVQ is committed to promoting good practices in quality assurance among institutions, training bodies, authorities and other stakeholders in both local and international contexts. To benchmark our approaches with the latest international good practices and standards, HKCAAVQ establishes links with quality assurance agencies/networks in the Mainland and overseas.

HKCAAVQ is a founding member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) and the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN).

We also participate in the “Quality Beyond Boundaries Group” – a forum established by the Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai for the countries that are most active in quality assurance of transnational education in particular international branch campuses. The group is to working towards the development of a zone of trust for sharing of information, QA practices and reviewers, and to explore concrete ways to facilitate quality assurance of branch campuses and TNE provision more broadly.

We have been engaging in exchange and collaborations with partner organisations under bilateral Memoranda of Co-operation/ Understanding. As of 30 June 2024, they include:

- Academic Quality Agency for New Zealand Universities (AQA)
- Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE)
- Korean Skills Quality Authority (KSQA)
- National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education, Japan (NIAD-QE)

HKCAAVQ has been an Affiliate of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA). In 2021, as approved by ENQA, HKCAAVQ obtained “substantial compliance” with ESG (2015 version). Hence, we are keen to upkeep our relationship with ENQA.

1.2: Please state the main reasons why your organisation seeks affiliation with ENQA rather than membership.

The organisation is based outside the EHEA

## II. Applicant's background and activities

2.1: Please provide a brief description of your organisation and its main activities.

Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) was re-constituted in 2007, which was formerly known as Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (HKCAA) established in 1990, as a statutory body under the HKCAAVQ Ordinance (Chapter 1150). It is appointed under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (Chapter 592) as the Accreditation Authority and Qualifications Register (QR) Authority under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF). It provides quality assurance and assessment services to education and training institutions, course providers and the general public. HKCAAVQ accredits both local and non-local programmes offered in Hong Kong. Among its statutory functions, HKCAAVQ may also provide advisory and consultancy services in education qualifications and standards to government bureaux and other organisations in and outside Hong Kong SAR, China.

2.2: Please list all entities that own, control or hold minority participation (i.e. trustees, shareholders, etc.) in your organisation.

HKCAAVQ is a statutory body with all members of the governing body prescribed by law.

2.3: What are your organisation's main sources of funding (e.g. self-funding, public funding, private funding)? In case of private funding, please identify the list of contributors.

HKCAAVQ operates on a self-financing model. We are funded primarily through the collection of fees for its accreditation services. This includes fees for programme accreditations and other assessment services it provides to academic and vocational operators in Hong Kong.

2.4: If your organisation carries out accreditations, please provide a link to the list of institutions or programmes that your organisation has accredited in the past three years.

[https://www.hkcaavq.edu.hk/en/accreditation/accreditation\\_reports/](https://www.hkcaavq.edu.hk/en/accreditation/accreditation_reports/)

2.5: What is your organisation's geographical scope (i.e. the geographical areas in which it performs its activities)?

HKCAAVQ's geographical scope primarily focuses on Hong Kong. We also provide consultancy services and work closely with the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau of the Macao SAR Government and the Department of Education of Guangdong Province.