SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

Maritime Services Training Institute,
Vocational Training Council

Initial Evaluation at QF Level 4

January 2016
1. Introduction

1.1 The Vocational Training Council (VTC) is a vocational education provider governed by the VTC Ordinance (Cap 1130). At present, under VTC, there are 13 member institutions including the Maritime Services Training Institute (MSTI), Vocational Training Council [職業訓練局海事訓練學院]. MSTI, VTC aims to provide secondary school leavers and in-service personnel with professional education and training that meets the local standards and international requirements of the maritime industry.

1.2 Based on the Service Agreement, HKCAAVQ was commissioned by MSTI, VTC (the Operator) to conduct an Initial Evaluation (IE) to ascertain and determine whether the Operator is competent to achieve its stated objectives and to operate learning programmes meeting Qualifications Framework (QF) standards at QF Level 4.

1.3 The accreditation exercise was conducted according to the relevant accreditation guidelines referred to in the Service Agreement and the Terms of Reference stated therein. A site visit took place on 8 December 2015.

2. HKCAAVQ’s Accreditation Determination

Having due consideration of the accreditation panel’s observations and comments as presented in this Report, HKCAAVQ makes the following accreditation determination:

2.1 Initial Evaluation

☑ Approval

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<td>Address of Operator</td>
<td>23 Castle Peak Road, Tai Lam Chung, Tuen Mun, New Territories, Hong Kong 香港新界屯門大欖涌青山公路 23 號</td>
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<td>Highest QF Level of programme(s) which the Operator can operate upon successful learning programme accreditation</td>
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Scope of IE accreditation status

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<td>Remark</td>
<td>The Initial Evaluation status will automatically lapse when the validity period expires unless the Operator offers accredited programme(s) within the 2-year validity period.</td>
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Recommendations

1. The Operator should develop its capacity in programme development and operation management to meet its objectives to be the sole provider in offering a wide range of professional training for both ocean-going and shore-based maritime sectors.

2. The Operator should extend the capability of the teaching force to prepare for the MSTI's new endeavour in offering professional training pitched at QF Level 4 for both ocean-going and shore-based maritime sectors.

3. The Operator should provide training videos with Chinese subtitles or in Chinese to support learner’s self-study and to facilitate learners’ learning about the local and international context.

4. The Operator should engage relevant experts as External Examiners in reviewing different core areas of large programmes that cover a wide range of learning areas pitched at QF Level 4.

3. Substantial Change

3.1 Maintenance of the HKCAAVQ accreditation status during the validity period is subject to no substantial change being made without prior approval by HKCAAVQ.

4. Qualifications Register

4.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register (QR) at [http://www.hkqr.gov.hk](http://www.hkqr.gov.hk) for recognition under the QF. Operators should apply separately to have their quality-assured qualifications entered into the QR.

4.2 Only learners who are admitted to the named accredited learning programme during the validity period and who have graduated with the named qualification uploaded in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.