

Accreditation Reports (Summary/Full Reports)

Summary Accreditation Report

To enhance the transparency of the accreditation process, the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) conducted user surveys and focus group discussions in 2013/14 and 2016 respectively. According to survey findings, the publication of summary accreditation reports has enhanced such transparency. Between 2013 and 2017, the HKCAAVQ has implemented a phased approach to publishing summaries of accreditation reports, covering all of the HKCAAVQ's accreditation under the Four-Stage Quality Assurance Process of the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework.

Full Accreditation Report

In October 2015, the HKCAAVQ announced its aim to publish full accreditation reports to align with international good practice ([click here](#) to learn more). To this end, the HKCAAVQ conducted a new round of stakeholder surveys and focus groups between August and November 2017 on measures to prepare for the release of the full accreditation report, and consulted the two standing liaison panels of the HKCAAVQ on relevant preparations for the release of the full accreditation report. The two Liaison Panels, namely the Liaison Panel for Academic Accreditation (LPAA) and the Liaison Panel for Accreditation of Vocational and Professional Education and Training (LPAVPET) were established in 2016 to provide a platform for dialogue among key stakeholders of the accreditation service.

The handling procedures for the publication of the full accreditation report were approved by the HKCAAVQ Council in January 2018. The implementation of the strategies for publication of full accreditation reports was also announced in the [HKCAAVQ's newsletter](#) in the same month. For submission of accreditation documents on or after 1 April 2019 for Initial Evaluation under QF (except for operators offering in-house training programmes only); and accreditation exercises with the submission of accreditation documents on or after 1 April 2020 for academic accreditation under the Four-Stage Quality Assurance Process (covering programmes at QF Level 5 or above with programmes or qualification with 'Degree' awards), full accreditation reports will be published in the HKCAAVQ website.

Remarks:

- Published summary and full accreditation reports are listed in date order with the keyword search function.
- Accreditation reports will be published when the relevant course or programme area has been accredited. As in-house training programmes are not open to the public, the relevant accreditation reports will not be published to the public.
- For reports with pre-conditions stipulated, HKCAAVQ will publish the full report in website after pre-conditions are fulfilled. A note is shown in the HKCAAVQ website to explain that the pre-conditions have been fulfilled before publication.
- For reports with restrictions stipulated, HKCAAVQ may publish before the operator has complied with the restrictions, i.e. the operator must comply with the restrictions.
- For reports with requirements, all relevant requirements will be published together with the report and the operators are required to fulfill the requirements.
- The summary of the accreditation report sets out key information on the accredited programmes and programme areas of the HKCAAVQ, reflecting the information after the relevant pre-conditions have been fulfilled.
- To obtain the latest information about accredited operators and their programmes, please refer to the individual operator's website as shown in the respective entry on the [Hong Kong Qualifications Register](#).

The handling procedures for the publication of the summary or full accreditation report by the HKCAAVQ are summarised below:

Assessment/Course Type Under the Four-stage Quality Assurance process	Summary Accreditation Report	Full Accreditation Report	Remarks
1 Conduct Initial Evaluation only (Except for operators offering in-house training programmes only)		✓	Applicable to accreditation exercises with the submission of accreditation documents on or after 1 April 2019.
2 In-house Training Programmes	✗	✗	
3 Non-approval Programmes	✗	✗	
4 Academic Accreditation (QF Level 5 or above with programmes or qualifications with 'Degree' awards)		✓	Applicable to accreditation exercises with the submission of accreditation documents on or after 1 April 2020.
(i) Assessment with pre-conditions stipulated		✓	Report will be published after all pre-conditions being fulfilled.
(ii) Assessment with restrictions stipulated		✓	Report may be published before/after restrictions being compiled.
(iii) Assessment with requirements stipulated		✓	Report will be published before/after requirements being fulfilled.
(iv) Assessment with CE-in-Council approval required		✓	Report will be published after approval from CE-in-Council.
5 Vocational and Other Training Programmes	✓		Report reflects information after pre-conditions being fulfilled by the operator.
(i) Assessment with pre-conditions stipulated	✓		Report will be published after all pre-conditions being fulfilled.
(ii) Assessment with restrictions stipulated	✓		Report may be published before/after restrictions being compiled.
(iii) Assessment with requirements stipulated	✓		Report will be published before/after requirements being fulfilled.

Glossary

Term	Definition
Pre-condition	Part of the accreditation determination which must be fulfilled by the Operator prior to the start of the validity period of the accreditation status.
Requirement	Part of the accreditation determination which must be fulfilled by an Operator by the specified deadline(s) during the validity so as to maintain the accreditation status.
Restriction	Part of the accreditation determination which is to be complied with by an Operator by the specified deadline(s) before the validity period and/or to be complied with during the validity period.