



香港學術及職業資歷評審局  
Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of  
Academic & Vocational Qualifications

**SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT**

**BEACON (EVENING) COLLEGE (MONG KOK)**

**LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION**

**CERTIFICATE OF IELTS EXAM PREPARATION**

**JULY 2020**

## **1. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: VA1087), the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), in the capacity of the Accreditation Authority as provided for under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (Cap 592) (AAVQO), was commissioned by Beacon (Evening) College (Mong Kok) (Operator) to conduct a Learning Programme Re-accreditation (re-LPA) Exercise with the following Terms of Reference:

(a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in AAVQO to determine whether the programme of the Beacon (Evening) College (Mong Kok) (the Operator) meets the stated objectives and Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF, or in short QF) Level 2 standard and can continue to be offered as an accredited programme:

(i) Certificate of IELTS Exam Preparation;

(b) To issue to the Operator accreditation report(s) setting out the results of the determination in relation to (a) by HKCAAVQ.

1.2 The accreditation exercise was conducted according to the relevant accreditation guidelines referred to in the Service Agreement. A meeting with the Operator took place on 21 May 2020.

## **2. HKCAAVQ'S DETERMINATION**

### **Learning Programme Re-accreditation**

2.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions and compliance with the restrictions set out below, the Certificate of IELTS Exam Preparation meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 2, and can be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022.

### **2.2 Validity Period**

2.2.1 The validity period will commence on the date specified below.

2.2.2 The maintenance of the accreditation status within the specified validity period is subject to the fulfilment of all requirements set out in 2.4 by the specified fulfilment deadline.

2.3 The determinations on the Learning Programme Re-accreditation are specified as follows:

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	Beacon (Evening) College (Mong Kok) 遵理夜校（旺角）
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	Beacon (Evening) College (Mong Kok) 遵理夜校（旺角）
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Certificate of IELTS Exam Preparation 雅思應試證書
<b>Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))</b>	Certificate of IELTS Exam Preparation 雅思應試證書
<b>Primary Area of Study and Training</b>	Languages and Related Studies
<b>Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)</b>	Languages and Related Studies
<b>Other Area of Study and Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Industry</b>	Not applicable
<b>Branch</b>	Not applicable
<b>QF Level</b>	Level 2
<b>QF Credits</b>	23
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Part-time, 4 months 228 notional learning hours (including 93 contact hours)
<b>Intermediate Exit Award(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Validity Period</b>	1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	Maximum of 135 learners per year Maximum of 30 learners per class
<b>Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<b>Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies-based Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Vocational Qualifications Pathway Programme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Notes to be indicated on the QR</b>	Not applicable
<b>Address of Teaching/ Training Venue(s)</b>	<p>(1) 1-2/F, Room 301-302 of 3/F, 5/F, Room 601-602 of 6/F &amp; Room 701A-B, 702 A-B of 7/F, Ginza Square, 565-567 Nathan Road, Yaumatei, Kowloon 九龍油麻地彌敦道 565-567 銀座廣場 1 樓及 2 樓、3 樓 301-302 室、5 樓、6 樓 601-602 室、7 樓 701A-B 室及 702A-B 室</p> <p>(2) Shops 205-215, 2/F., 68 Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong 香港銅鑼灣怡和街 68 號 2 樓 205-215 號舖</p> <p>(3) Shop 3019, Level 3, D-Park, No. 398 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories 新界荃灣青山公路 398 號愉景新城 3 樓 3019 號舖</p>

2.4 **Condition(s) (including pre-conditions for obtaining the HKCAAVQ accreditation status as applied for within the validity period as specified in the above table; and requirements for maintenance of the accreditation status within the validity period)**

<b>Requirement(s)</b>	<b>Date of Fulfilment</b>
1. The Operator is to revise the Entrance Assessment Test to assess the applicants' English proficiency, and to conduct an analysis on the completion rate and passing rate of learners with different background for programme review. The Operator is required to submit (i) the revised Entrance Assessment Test paper, the corresponding rubrics and the passing standard; (ii) an analysis of completion rate and passing rate of learners with different	31 March 2021

background and entry route and show how the evidence thus collected is used for programme review and enhancement; to HKCAAVQ by 31 March 2021.	
--	--

## 2.5 Recommendation(s)

HKCAAVQ offers the following recommendation(s) for continuous improvement.

Recommendation(s)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Operator is recommended to include proper citation in all teaching materials to avoid copyright infringement.</li><li>2. The Operator is recommended to maximise the use of English as the medium of instruction in class to better build up the learners' English proficiency.</li><li>3. The Operator is recommended to keep traceable records of the speaking assessment to enable monitoring and review of the quality of marking.</li><li>4. The Operator should regularly review and follow up on the lease arrangement of the teaching venues to ensure that appropriate and sufficient teaching venues have been secured by the Operator for the delivery of the programme during the entire validity period.</li><li>5. The Operator should identify the reason for the high dropout rate and low passing rate and make plans to encourage learners to complete the programme and to ensure that the programme is effective in meeting its objectives and the training needs of the learners.</li><li>6. The Operator should revise the appointment criteria for the External Examiner to ensure that the External Examiners possess relevant academic or professional qualifications.</li></ol>

2.6 HKCAAVQ will subsequently satisfy itself whether the Operator remains competent to achieve the relevant objectives and the Programme continues to meet the standard to achieve the relevant objectives as claimed by the Operator by reference to, amongst other things, the Operator's fulfilment of any conditions and compliance with any restrictions stipulated in this Accreditation Report. **For the avoidance of doubt, maintenance of accreditation status is subject to fulfilment of any condition and compliance with any restriction stipulated in this Accreditation Report.**

### 3. INTRODUCTION

Beacon (Evening) College (Mong Kok) is one of the branches under the governance of the Board of Directors of Beacon College. It offers a wide variety of education programmes targeted at different age groups ranging from children to working adults.

### 4. PROGRAMME DETAILS

The following is the programme information provided by the Operator.

#### 4.1 Programme Objectives

The programme aims to enhance learners' English language proficiency for study and work through training in IELTS-test-taking skills covering the four skills of English language to reach the English language competence comparable to the exit banding 4.5 of the IELTS exam.

#### 4.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Programme, learners should be able to:

- Write effectively and accurately on a range of given topics related to the workplace, daily life and other common topics in IELTS Exam;
- Describe, summarize and make comparisons using data from graphs and figures;
- Identify main ideas from dialogues and speeches of given texts;
- Give effective self-introduction, presentations and interact effectively on a range of given topics related to the workplace, daily life and other common topics in IELTS Exam; and
- Read for main ideas, identify facts/opinions and understand the structure of an argument in given reading texts.

#### 4.3 Programme Structure

Module Title	QF Credits
Speaking + Reading	
Writing Task 1 + Listening	
Writing Task 2	
Final Assessment (Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

#### 4.4 Graduation Requirements

- i) Attain the minimum attendance requirement of 70%; &

- ii) Obtain at least 50% marks for each part (i.e. Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking) of the Final Assessments; &
- iii) Obtain at least 50% marks of the whole programme

#### 4.5 Admission Requirements

- i) Attained at least Grade E in English Language in the HKCEE (Syllabus A); OR
- ii) Completion of Secondary 5 with pass grade in English on the school report at either Secondary 4 or 5; OR
- iii) Attained an overall score of 3.5 in IELTS (either Academic Module or General Training Module); OR
- iv) Completed the Entrance Assessment Test with pass grade (i.e. 50%)

### 5. IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ACCREDITATION REPORT

#### 5.1 Variation and withdrawal of this Accreditation Report

- 5.1.1 This Accreditation Report is issued pursuant to section 5 of the AAVQO, and contains HKCAAVQ's substantive determination regarding the accreditation, including the validity period as well as any conditions and restrictions subject to which the determination is to have effect.
- 5.1.2 HKCAAVQ may subsequently decide to vary or withdraw this Accreditation Report if it is satisfied that any of the grounds set out in section 5 (2) of the AAVQO apply. This includes where HKCAAVQ is satisfied that the Operator is no longer competent to achieve the relevant objectives and/or the Programme no longer meets the standard to achieve the relevant objectives as claimed by the Operator (whether by reference to the Operator's failure to fulfil any conditions and/or comply with any restrictions stipulated in this Accreditation Report or otherwise) or where at any time during the validity period there has/have been substantial change(s) introduced by the Operator after HKCAAVQ has issued the accreditation report(s) to the Operator and which has/have not been approved by HKCAAVQ. Please refer to the '*Guidance Notes on Substantial Change to Accreditation Status*' in seeking approval for proposed changes. These Guidance Notes can be downloaded from the HKCAAVQ website.
- 5.1.3 If HKCAAVQ decides to vary or withdraw this Accreditation Report, it will give the Operator notice of such variation or withdrawal pursuant to section 5(4) of the AAVQO.
- 5.1.4 The accreditation status of the Operator and/or Programme will lapse immediately upon the expiry of the validity period or upon the issuance of a notice of withdrawal of this Accreditation Report.

## 5.2 Appeals

- 5.2.1 If the Operator is aggrieved by the determination made in this Accreditation Report, then pursuant to Part 3 of the AAVQO the Operator has a right of appeal to the Appeal Board. Any appeal must be lodged within 30 days of the receipt of this Accreditation Report.
- 5.2.2 If the Operator is aggrieved by a decision to vary or withdraw this Accreditation Report, then pursuant to Part 3 of the AAVQO the Operator has a right of appeal to the Appeal Board. Any appeal must be lodged within 30 days of the receipt of the Notice of Variation or Withdrawal.
- 5.2.3 The Operator should be aware that a notice of variation or withdrawal of this Accreditation Report is not itself an accreditation report and the right to appeal against HKCAAVQ's substantive determination regarding accreditation arises only from this Accreditation Report.
- 5.2.4 Please refer to Cap 592A ([www.elegislation.gov.hk](http://www.elegislation.gov.hk)) for the appeal rules. Details of the appeal procedure are contained in section 13 of the AAVQO and can be accessed from the QF website at: [www.hkqf.gov.hk](http://www.hkqf.gov.hk).

## 5.3 Qualifications Register

- 5.3.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the QR at [www.hkqr.gov.hk](http://www.hkqr.gov.hk) for recognition under the QF. The Operator should apply separately to have their quality-assured qualifications entered into the QR.
- 5.3.2 Only learners who commence the study of the named accredited learning programme during the validity period and who have graduated with the named qualification listed in the QR will be considered to have acquired a qualification recognised under the QF.

**HKCAAVQ Report No.: 20/81**