



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

SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

**YOUTH COLLEGE,
VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL**

**PERIODIC INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
FOR 12 PROGRAMME AREAS
AT QF LEVEL 3**

June 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Established in 2004, the Youth College, Vocational Training Council (YC, VTC) (or the Operator) is one of the 13 member institutions of VTC. The Operator mainly provides vocational and professional education and training (VPET) programmes for school leavers of Secondary 3 (S3) or above. Currently, the Diploma of Vocational Education (DVE) with the intermediate exit award of Certificate of Vocational Education (CVE) covering different programme areas is the key qualification offered by the Operator.
- 1.2 In 2018, the Operator obtained the PAA status at QF Level 3 for the 12 programme areas as listed in para 2.2 of the report.
- 1.3 YC, VTC commissioned HKCAAVQ to conduct PIR in 2023 to assess its overall institutional effectiveness covering the 12 programme areas that it has obtained thus far.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 2.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: VA1441), 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 the Youth College, Vocational Training Council (Operator) to conduct a Periodic Institutional Review (PIR) exercise with the following Terms of Reference:
- (a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in AAVQO to determine whether the Operator can be approved to maintain the Programme Area Accreditation (PAA) status at QF Level 3 for the programme areas listed under para. 2.2; and
- (b) To issue to the Operator an accreditation report setting out the results of the determination in relation to (a) by HKCAAVQ.

2.2 Specifications of the Programme Areas undergoing PIR

Area of Study and Training	Sub-area	Programme Area	QF Level
Architecture and Town Planning	Architecture, Construction and Town Planning	Construction	3
Arts, Design and Performing Arts	Design and Other Creative Industries	Print Media, Fashion, Textile, and 3-Dimensional Design	3

Business and Management	Accounting, Finance and Investment	Accounting	3
Business and Management	General Business Management	General Business Studies	3
Computer Science and Information Technology	Computer Science and Information Technology	Computing Studies and Information Technology	3
Engineering and Technology	Automotive	Automotive	3
Engineering and Technology	Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering and Services	Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering and Services	3
Engineering and Technology	Other Engineering, Related Technology and Services	Building Services and Gas Services Engineering	3
Engineering and Technology	Precision Trades	Precision Trades	3
Services	Beauty and Hairdressing	Beauty and Hairdressing	3
Services	Hotel and Tourism	Hotel	3
Services	Recreation, Leisure and Sports Management	Fitness and Sport Studies	3

2.3 The accreditation exercise was conducted according to the relevant accreditation guidelines referred to in the Service Agreement. A site visit between the Accreditation Panel and representatives of the Operator took place from 16 to 22 March 2023.

3. HKCAAVQ'S DETERMINATION

3.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that the Operator is considered as meeting the accreditation standards of the PIR and can be approved to maintain the PAA status for the programme areas specified in the table under para. 3.3 with a validity period of five years.

3.2 Validity Period

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

3.3 The determinations on the maintenance of the PAA status are specified as follows:

Name of Operator	Youth College, Vocational Training Council 職業訓練局青年學院
Name of Award Granting Body	Vocational Training Council

		職業訓練局
Address of Operator		Vocational Training Council Tower 27 Wood Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong 香港灣仔活道 27 號職業訓練局大樓
Area of Study and Training	Sub-area	Programme Area and Scope of Programme Area
Architecture and Town Planning	Architecture, Construction and Town Planning	Construction Study and training in the arts and/or science and technology for constructing and maintaining of buildings, infrastructures, etc., and understanding of such work.
Arts, Design and Performing Arts	Design and Other Creative Industries	Print Media, Fashion, Textile, and 3-Dimensional Design Study and training in the methods and application for real-life solutions in various disciplines including printing and publishing, communication and information design, media design, fashion, merchandising and textile design, and 3-dimensional design.
Business and Management	Accounting, Finance and Investment	Accounting Study and training in the measurement, processing and communication of accounting information and services about economic entities.
	General Business Management	General Business Studies Study and training in various aspects of organisations and their operations in relation to internal and external environments in which they operate for the purpose of effective management of the business and operation to achieve institutional goals. This covers marketing, management and other aspects of organisational management and operations.

Computer Science and Information Technology	Computer Science and Information Technology	<p>Computing Studies and Information Technology</p> <p>Study and training in computer and information technology underpinned by computational thinking, and how they can be used in various/ relevant fields.</p>
Engineering and Technology	Automotive	<p>Automotive</p> <p>Study and training in manufacture, inspection, repair and maintenance, marketing and selling of motor vehicles (e.g. operation, sales, services and parts management; manufacturing of vehicle parts, etc).</p>
	Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering and Services	<p>Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering and Services</p> <p>Study and training in the application of the principles of engineering, electricity, electronics, electromagnetism, physics and materials science for manufacturing, examining as well as repair and maintenance of electrical, electronic and mechanical systems.</p>
	Other Engineering, Related Technology and Services	<p>Building Services and Gas Services Engineering</p> <p>Study and training in using scientific principles and mathematical models for application in building services and gas services engineering.</p>
	Precision Trades	<p>Precision Trades</p> <p>Study and training in assembling, calibrating, installation and overhaul of precision instruments, products and equipment.</p>
Services	Beauty and Hairdressing	<p>Beauty and Hairdressing</p> <p>Study and training in human look, bodies, fashion trend and all matters relating to beautification and image building in order to work in beauty/ hair salons or related industries.</p>

	Hotel and Tourism	Hotel Study and training in the business of providing accommodation, food and beverage service, entertainment and other related services to people away from home.
	Recreation, Leisure and Sports Management	Fitness and Sport Studies Study and training in the provision, administration and operation of facilities and services for the purposes of fitness and sports.
QF Level		Level 3
Start Date of Validity Period		1 September 2023
End Date of Validity Period		31 August 2028
Address of Teaching / Training Venue(s)		VTC-owned campuses and training centres

3.4

Recommendations

HKCAAVQ offers the following recommendations for continuous improvement:

<p>Recommendations</p> <p><u>Recommendation 1</u></p> <p>The Operator should enhance the Diploma of Vocational Education (DVE) programmes with curricula for S6 intake so as to ensure that the programme contents and coverage are appropriate and sufficient for enabling S6 intake students to achieve the programme objectives and programme intended learning outcomes effectively.</p> <p>For programmes aiming at equipping S6 intake students with necessary industry or trade skills, the Operator should enhance the curricula by incorporating appropriate contents to ensure the industry and safety requirements can be met.</p> <p>For some non-trade specific skills, the Operator should also enhance the relevant curricula for S6 intake students by providing remedial courses, online learning or self-learning courses to fill the gaps, as appropriate.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 2</u></p> <p>The Operator should take more proactive strategies to retain students and monitor the dropout rate of all learning programmes on an on-going basis in order to improve the effectiveness of the overall programme planning.</p>
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The Operator should provide more supports for students by giving more information to both students and parents about graduation pathways and the latest manpower demand of relevant industries to facilitate students in making informed decisions and prepare them for employment.

The Operator should also take appropriate strategies to monitor the employment rate and further study rate of all learning programmes on an on-going basis in order to improve the effectiveness of programme review.

- 3.5 HKCAAVQ will subsequently satisfy itself whether the Operator remains competent 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.

4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ACCREDITATION REPORT

4.1 Variation and Withdrawal of this Accreditation Report

- 4.1.1 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.
- 4.1.2 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.
- 4.1.3 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.

- 4.1.4 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.

4.2 Appeals

- 4.2.1 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.
- 4.2.2 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.
- 4.2.3 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.
- 4.2.4 Please refer to Cap. 592A (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.

4.3 Qualifications Register

- 4.3.1 The PAA status as defined by the approved programme area(s) will enable the Operator, upon the completion of the Periodic Institutional Review exercise, to continue to offer programmes up to the QF level specified for the approved programme area(s) without prior learning programme accreditation or re-accreditation by HKCAAVQ. The programmes offered by the Operator up to the QF level specified for the approved programme area(s) are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register (QR). All other programmes offered by the named Operator falling outside the approved programme area(s) and which have not obtained accreditation status will not be considered as accredited programmes.
- 4.3.2 Upon completion of relevant procedures by the Operator as determined by the QR Authority, the Operator may enter the qualifications covered within the scope of the PAA status into the QR at www.hkqr.gov.hk for recognition under the QF.
- 4.3.3 Only learners who commence the study of a qualification covered within the scope of the PAA status 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.

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