



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

**SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT**

**PPDH PARA-DENTAL TRAINING CENTRE**

**LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION**

**DIPLOMA IN DENTAL SURGERY ASSISTING**

**ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY**

**APRIL 2024**

## 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: VA1650), 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 PPDH Para-dental Training Centre, a branch of The Prince Philip Dental Hospital 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 the AAVQO to determine whether the following programmes of the Operator meet the stated objectives and QF Levels 3 and Level 4 standards and can continue to be offered as accredited programmes:
  - (i) Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting;
  - (ii) Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology; and
- (b) To issue to the Operator an accreditation report 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 site visit took place on 1 March 2024.

## 2. HKCAAVQ'S DETERMINATION

### Learning Programme Re-Accreditation

#### Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting

2.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that, the Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 3, and can be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2028.

#### 2.2 Validity Period

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

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

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	PPDH Para-dental Training Centre
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	菲臘牙科醫院牙科輔助人員培訓中心
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	The Prince Philip Dental Hospital 菲臘牙科醫院
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting 牙科手術助理員文憑
<b>Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))</b>	Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting 牙科手術助理員文憑
<b>Primary Area of Study and Training</b>	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
<b>Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)</b>	Dentistry
<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 3
<b>QF Credits</b>	171
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Full-time: 11 months, Part-time: 22 months 1709 notional learning hours (including 1441 contact hours)
<b>Intermediate Exit Award(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Validity Period</b>	1 September 2024 to 31 August 2028
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	Maximum of 50 learners per year Maximum of 50 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>	This programme includes Practicum for 96 QF credits to be conducted in 960 hours.

	此課程包括 960 小時的實習，佔 96 資歷學分。
<b>Address of Teaching/ Training Venue(s)</b>	The Prince Philip Dental Hospital, 34 Hospital Road, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong 香港西營盤醫院道 34 號菲臘牙科醫院

## Learning Programme Re-accreditation

### Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology

2.4 HKCAAVQ has determined that, the Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 4, and can continue to be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2028.

#### 2.5 **Validity Period**

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

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

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	PPDH Para-dental Training Centre 菲臘牙科醫院牙科輔助人員培訓中心
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	The Prince Philip Dental Hospital 菲臘牙科醫院
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology 牙科工藝高等文憑
<b>Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))</b>	Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology 牙科工藝高等文憑
<b>Primary Area of Study and Training</b>	Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
<b>Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)</b>	Dentistry
<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 4
<b>QF Credits</b>	339
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Full-time: 2 years 3390.5 notional learning hours (including 2454 contact hours)
<b>Intermediate Exit Award(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Validity Period</b>	1 September 2024 to 31 August 2028
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	Maximum of 20 learners per year Maximum of 20 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>	This programme includes Practicum for 49 QF credits to be conducted in 490 hours. 此課程包括 490 小時的實習，佔 49 資歷學分。
<b>Address of Teaching/ Training Venue(s)</b>	The Prince Philip Dental Hospital, 34 Hospital Road, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong 香港西營盤醫院道 34 號菲臘牙科醫院

## 2.7 Recommendation(s)

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

<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
<b><u>Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting</u></b>
<u>Recommendation 1</u>
The Operator should consider enriching the training content of industry related technological advancements with additional application techniques to enhance the learning experience of the learners.
<u>Recommendation 2</u>

The Operator should consider arranging more industry-related learning opportunities for the learners so as to enhance their exposure to and understanding of the latest developments across different settings within the dental surgery industry.

**All programmes**

**Recommendation 3**

The Operator should develop a set of self-study guideline for learners to support their planning and conduct of self-study activities, and facilitate their attainment of the intended learning outcomes more effectively.

**Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting**

**Recommendation 4**

The Operator should conduct a review on the effectiveness of the adjustments made to the clinical practicum hours and the teaching staff-to-learner ratio of the Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting programme to inform continuous improvement of the programme.

- 2.8 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**

- 3.1 PPDH Para-dental Training Centre is a branch under the Prince Philip Dental Hospital. The Prince Philip Dental Hospital is a government subvented organisation under the management of an independent statutory Board of Governors appointed by the Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

## 4. PANEL'S DELIBERATIONS

The following presents the Panel's deliberations on a range of issues pertinent to its major findings with reference to the accreditation standard under each Domain of Competence.

### 4.1 Programme Objectives

#### **Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting**

To prepare students be competent in providing assistance to the members of the dental team.

#### **Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology**

The student dental technicians are trained:

- To be knowledgeable and competent integral members of the dental team in providing dental technology services to the society;
- To acquire principles, skills, techniques and competences in constructing high quality dental prosthesis prescribed by the dentists; including dentures, crowns and bridges and orthodontic appliances;
- To acquire modern principles, skills, techniques and competences in Dental Implantology and Dental CAD/CAM Technology in constructing related simple dental prosthesis;
- To acquire / update new developments in dental technologies and machineries for improving their techniques, skills and competences in dental technology field;
- To know the establishment and management of a dental laboratory; and
- To know the social and legal implications of the work undertaken by dental technicians in Hong Kong

### 4.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

#### **Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting**

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

- Assist the dentist at the chairside with the care of patients before, during and after the treatment;
- Apply knowledge of infection control in the maintenance of environments, instruments and equipment in the dental clinic; and
- Provide dental health education to the patients for prevention of dental diseases.

#### **Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology**

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

- Communicate with dental professionals using the dental terminology;
- Inform and explain to the dentists about the appropriate selection of materials and laboratory procedures for constructing the required dental prosthesis;
- Select appropriate dental technology techniques and suitable materials, according to dentists' prescription in constructing dental prosthesis/ dental accessories;
- Search new materials/techniques through various sources such as internets; and understand how to analyze and compare the collected information and data;
- Design and construct temporary / permanent removable dental appliances with precious metals, non-precious metals, and acrylic resin in prosthodontics technology;
- Design and construct temporary / permanent dental crowns and bridges with acrylic resin, precious metals, non-precious metals, porcelain and bonded ceramic in conservation technology;
- Design and construct removable and functional appliances in orthodontic technology;
- Apply the general principles and laboratory procedures in making simple dental prosthesis relating to dental implantology;
- Apply the general principles and laboratory procedures in making simple dental prosthesis relating to CAD/CAM technology;
- Solve technical problems relating to the constructions of complex dental prosthesis;
- Equip with the knowledge of quality control, infection control and operations in dental laboratory; and
- Identify and consider the social and legal implications of the work undertaken by dental technicians.

#### 4.3 Programme Structure

##### **Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting**

<b>Module Title</b>	<b>QF Credits</b>
Basic Science -General Anatomy and Physiology -Food, Diet and Nutrition -General and Applied Microbiology and Pathology	171
Professional Core in Dentistry -Reception and Primary Care -Dental Imaging -Paedodontics and Orthodontics -Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery -Operative Dentistry and Endodontics	

-Periodontology -Oral Rehabilitation	
Clinical Skills Theory	
Practice of Clinical Skills -Block teaching	
Clinical Practicum	
Generic Skills -Communication Skills -Professional English Training Skills	
First Aid	
Revision and Assessment	
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>

**Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology**

Module Title	QF Credits
English	339
Dental Materials	
Dental Anatomy and Physiology	
Basic Science for Dental Technology	
Dental Morphology and Carving	
Basic Dental Technology Techniques	
Foundation Complete Denture Prosthetics	
Foundation Partial Denture Prosthetics	
Foundation Orthodontic Appliances	
Foundation Crowns	
Year I Practicum	
Communication Skills	
Fixed Bridges	
Science of Dental Technology	
General Dental Study	
Comprehensive Complete Denture Prosthetics	
Tooth & Mucosa Borne Partial Denture Prosthetics	
Fixed Orthodontic Appliances	
Functional Orthodontic Appliances	
Full Ceramic Crowns	
Implantology in Dental Technology	
CAD/CAM in Dental Technology	
Elective: Select one out of three a) Advanced Denture Prosthetics	

b) Advanced Orthodontics Technology	
c) Advanced Conservation Technology	
Year II Practicum	
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

#### 4.4 Learner Admission

##### **Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting**

###### Admission Requirements:

- (a) Five subjects, including English Language, attaining Level 2 or above in HKDSE\* ^ or equivalent; or
- (b) Five subjects, including English Language#, attaining Grade E/ Level 2 or above in HKCEE, or equivalent; or
- (c) Diploma of Applied Education, Diploma Yi Jin or equivalent qualification(s); or
- (d) Aged 21 or above at the start of the commencing academic year; or
- (e) Minimum one-year full-time working experience as a Dental Surgery Assistant.

\* *Apart from English Language, the other four subjects could be:*

- *“Attained” or above in Applied Learning (ApL) subjects [subject to a maximum of two ApL subjects], or*
- *Grade E or above in other language subjects.*

^ *“Attained” in Citizenship and Social Development is regarded as equivalent to an HKDSE subject at Level 2.*

# *For English Language (Syllabus A) in pre-2007 HKCEE, only Grade C or above will be considered.*

##### **Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology**

###### Admission Requirements:

- (a) Five subjects, including English Language, attaining Level 2 or above in HKDSE\*^ or equivalent; or
- (b) Five subjects, including English Language#, attaining Grade E/ Level 2 or above in HKCEE, or equivalent; or
- (c) Diploma of Applied Education, Diploma Yi Jin or equivalent qualification(s); or
- (d) Aged 21 or above at the start of the commencing academic year.

\* *Apart from English Language, the other four subjects could be:*

- *“Attained” or above in Applied Learning (ApL) subjects [subject to a maximum of two ApL subjects], or*
- *Grade E or above in other language subjects.*

^ *“Attained” in Citizenship and Social Development is regarded as equivalent to an HKDSE subject at Level 2.*

# *For English Language (Syllabus A) in pre-2007 HKCEE, only Grade C or above will be considered.*

#### 4.5 Graduation Requirements

### **Diploma in Dental Surgery Assisting**

- Pass all the assessments with 50% passing mark; and
- An attendance rate of 80% or above

### **Advanced Diploma in Dental Technology**

- Pass all the modules/units in both years of study with 50% passing mark; and
- An attendance rate of 80% or above

## **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.

