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

SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT

UOW COLLEGE HONG KONG

LEARNING PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION

CERTIFICATE IN
ESG – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
(SENIOR SECONDARY APPLIED LEARNING)

JULY 2026

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: VA2125), 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 UOW College Hong Kong (Operator) to conduct a Learning Programme Accreditation (LPA) Exercise with the following Terms of Reference:

(a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in AAVQO to determine whether the following programme of the Operator meets the stated objectives and Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (HKQF, or in short QF) Level 3 standard and can be offered as an accredited programme:

(i) Certificate in ESG-Environmental Assessment (Senior Secondary Applied Learning); and

(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 site visit took place on the 26 May 2026.

2. HKCAAVQ'S DETERMINATION

Learning Programme Accreditation

2.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that the Certificate in ESG–Environmental Assessment (Senior Secondary Applied Learning) 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 2026 to 31 August 2031.

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 Accreditation are specified as follows:

Name of Operator(s)	UOW College Hong Kong 香港伍倫貢學院
Name of Award Granting Body	UOW College Hong Kong 香港伍倫貢學院
Title of Learning Programme	Certificate in ESG-Environmental Assessment (Senior Secondary Applied Learning) 環境、社會及管治—環境評估（高中應用學習）證書
Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))	Certificate in ESG-Environmental Assessment (Senior Secondary Applied Learning (QF Level 3) 環境、社會及管治— 環境評估（高中應用學習）證書（資歷架構第 3 級）
Primary Area of Study and Training	Sciences
Sub-area (Primary Area of Study and Training)	Physical Sciences
Other Area of Study and Training	Not applicable
Sub-area (Other Area of Study and Training)	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
Branch	Not applicable
QF Level	Level 3
QF Credits	27
Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length	Full-time, 18 months 270 notional learning hours (including 180 contact hours)
Intermediate Exit Award(s)	Not applicable
Validity Period	1 September 2026 to 31 August 2031
Number of Enrolment(s)	1 enrolment per year
Maximum Number of New Students	Maximum of 35 learners per class Maximum number of learners per cohort: 2027-29: 250 2028-30: 500 2029-31: 500

Specification of Competency Standards-based Programme	☐ Yes ☑ No
Specification of Generic Competencies-based Programme	☐ Yes ☑ No
Vocational Qualifications Pathway Programme	☐ Yes ☑ No
Notes to be indicated on the QR	This course is approved by the Education Bureau. 此課程經教育局批核。
Address of Teaching/ Training Venue(s)	(1) UOW College Hong Kong, 1/F, 18 Che Kung Miu Road, Tai Wai, New Territories, Hong Kong 香港新界大圍車公廟道18號香港伍倫貢學院 (2) Premises of Secondary Schools Offering Mode 2 Course 舉行模式二課程之中學校舍

2.4 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. During the validity period, HKCAAVQ may request the Operator to provide evidence, such as admission related information, to demonstrate that the Operator and the Programme continue to comply with the determinations and meet the relevant accreditation standards.

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 UOW College Hong Kong (UOWCHK), formerly the Community College of City University of Hong Kong (CCCU), is an educational institution wholly-owned by the University of Wollongong (UOW), Australia. UOWCHK has been registered in Hong Kong as an approved post-secondary college with degree-granting status under the Post-Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320), offering a range of academic programmes from Diploma to Bachelor’s levels. Besides, UOWCHK and UOW have

been jointly offering non-local top-up degree programmes in Hong Kong leading to UOW awards.

3.2 The programme seeking accreditation has been approved by the Education Bureau (EDB) as Applied Learning (ApL) course for senior secondary school students. A differentiation approach is, therefore, adopted in this exercise with a focused scope of review. The Operator is not required to submit documents under Domain of Competence: LPA-2 “Learner Admission and Selection” and LPA-6 “Learning, Teaching and Enabling Resources/Services”.

4. PROGRAMME DETAILS

The following is the programme information provided by the Operator.

4.1 Programme Objectives

This course aims to introduce students to the principles and practices of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) with a focus on environmental assessment. It seeks to develop students’ awareness of sustainability issues, equip them with practical skills in environmental data collection and analysis, and foster critical thinking through project-based learning. By engaging in real-world applications and field-based activities, students will gain a deeper understanding of how ESG concepts are implemented in local and global contexts.

4.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

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

PILO1 demonstrate an understanding of the core Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)concepts and the importance of promoting environmental sustainability.

PILO2 understand key environmental laws and commonly used standards relevant to Hong Kong, and explain their purposes, principles and basic requirements using real-life examples.

PILO3 conduct a guided environmental site assessment using checklists, simple observations, photos, and basic field records based on specific guidelines.

PILO4 organise and present environmental data using simple charts or infographics, and interpret basic patterns or trends in writing.

PILO5 plan and propose a simple ESG-related improvement project, including goals, steps, roles, and expected benefits.

PILO6 enhance self-understanding and explore directions on further studies and career pursuits.

4.3 Programme Structure

Module Title	QF Credit
(1) ESG Foundations & Environmental Sustainability 環境、社會及管治基礎與環境可持續發展	27
(2) Hong Kong Environmental Laws & Common Standards 香港環境法例與常用標準	
(3) Guided Environmental Site Assessment 引導式環境場地評估	
(4) Environmental Data Handling & Communication 環境數據整理與表達	
(5) Sustainable Solutions & Green Practices 可持續方案與綠色實踐	
(6) Project Based Learning: ESG Improvement Proposal & Showcase 專題研習：環境、社會及管治改善方案及成果展示	
Total	**27**

4.4 Graduation Requirements

- Attained the overall pass mark (cut score for 'Attained' moderated by HKEAA); and
- Attained at least 80% of the total number of contact hours.

4.5 Admission Requirements

- This is a Senior Secondary Applied Learning Course. Applicants have to meet the admission requirements set by the EDB.

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) 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.

5.3 Qualifications Register

5.3.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the QR at 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.

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Learning Programme Accreditation at QF Level 3

Corrigendum

(1) p.2 of the summary report

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