



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

**SUMMARY ACCREDITATION REPORT**

**WALL STREET ENGLISH**

**LEARNING PROGRAMME RE-ACCREDITATION**

**CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
EXAMINATION SKILLS**

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**JULY 2018**

## **1. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1.1 Based on the Service Agreement (No.: VA840), 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) (hereafter Ordinance), was commissioned by Wall Street English (Operator) to conduct a Learning Programme Re-accreditation Exercise with the following Terms of Reference:

(a) To conduct an accreditation test as provided for in the Ordinance to determine whether the programmes of the Wall Street English (the Operator) meet the stated objectives and QF standards and can continue to be offered as an accredited programmes

- (i) Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills; and
- (ii) Certificate in English Language Examination Skills;

(b) To issue to the Operator 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 31 May 2018.

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

### **Learning Programme Re-accreditation — Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills**

2.1 HKCAAVQ has determined that, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions set out below, the Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 3, and can be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period from 1 October 2018 to 30 November 2020.

#### **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 2.7 by the specified deadline.

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

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	Wall Street English
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	Wall Street English
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills 進階英文備試技巧證書
<b>Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))</b>	Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills 進階英文備試技巧證書
<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 3
<b>QF Credits</b>	18
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Part-time 4 months 183 notional learning hours (including 93 contact hours)
<b>Intermediate Exit Award(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Validity Period</b>	1 October 2018 to 30 November 2020
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	Maximum of 360 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>	See Appendix 1
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**Learning Programme Re-accreditation — Certificate in English Language Examination Skills**

2.4 HKCAAVQ has determined that, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions set out below, the Certificate in English Language Examination Skills meets the stated objectives and QF standard at Level 2, and can be offered as an accredited programme with a validity period from 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2020.

**2.5 Validity Period**

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

2.5.2 The maintenance of the accreditation status within the specified validity period is subject to the fulfilment of all requirements set out in 2.7 by the specified deadline.

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

<b>Name of Operator(s)</b>	Wall Street English
<b>Name of Award Granting Body</b>	Wall Street English
<b>Title of Learning Programme</b>	Certificate in English Language Examination Skills 英文備試技巧證書
<b>Title of Qualification(s) (Exit Award(s))</b>	Certificate in English Language Examination Skills 英文備試技巧證書
<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>	18
<b>Mode(s) of Delivery and Programme Length</b>	Part-time 4 months 183 notional learning hours (including 93 contact hours)

<b>Intermediate Exit Award(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Validity Period</b>	1 December 2018 to 30 November 2020.
<b>Number of Enrolment(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Maximum Number of New Students</b>	Maximum of 360 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>	See Appendix 1

2.7 **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>
<p><u>All programmes</u></p> <p>1. The Operator is required to engage an external advisor in the programme review process. The Operator is to submit the following documents to HKCAAVQ by 31 March 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) appointment criteria and roles and responsibilities of the of external advisor;</li> <li>(b) The profile of the appointed external advisor; and</li> <li>(c) a programme review report including input from the external advisor.</li> </ul>	31 March 2019

## 2.8 Recommendations

HKCAAVQ offers the following recommendations for continuous improvement.

Recommendation(s)
<p><u>All programmes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Operator should review the mechanism for special admission and develop relevant guidelines for implementation. Furthermore, the Operator should assess all the four language skills in the admission interview to ensure that the learners have the knowledge and skills to undertake the training activities and achieve the intended learning outcomes.</li><li>2. The Operator should provide more training to the programme development staff to ensure that they can appropriately apply the concept of outcome-based teaching and learning in designing the programme and developing the programme materials.</li></ol>

- 2.9 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 Wall Street English offers English training programmes aiming to help students to improve their English and to reach their expected learning objectives.

## 4. PROGRAMME DETAILS

The following is the programme information provided by the Operator.

- 4.1 Programme Objectives

### Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills

- To enhance students' English level for work through training in IELTS examination skills which include Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking with a target of reaching the English language competence comparable to the banding of 6 of the IELTS examination.

### Certificate in English Language Examination Skills

- To enhance students' English level for work through training in IELTS examination skills which include Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking with a target of reaching the English language competence comparable to the banding of 4.5 of the IELTS examination.

## 4.2 Programme Intended Learning Outcomes

### Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills

Upon completion of the programme, students should be able to develop their ability in the necessary language skills required in the workplace:

- recognise different registers, accents and styles of spoken English
- extract information spoken by native speakers at natural speed and answer related questions
- understand lengthy conversations and identify main ideas
- analyse texts and summarize key ideas
- infer information from written texts
- predict the meaning of words from the context
- write appropriate text types with greater accuracy in a suitable register
- develop academic writing skills in preparing argumentative and expository essays
- give a written description and write a formal essay
- develop advanced vocabulary for different topics
- present confidently familiar and unfamiliar topics
- engage in conversations naturally and fluently
- present trends and major information in graphs, charts and diagrams
- handle discussions in a wide range of largely familiar contexts.

### Certificate in English Language Examination Skills

Upon completion of the programme, students should be able to develop their ability in the necessary language skills required in the workplace:

- Listen for main ideas and supporting details;
- Understand different question types and listen for specific information;
- Distinguish words of similar meaning in spoken texts;
- Skim texts for main ideas;
- Scan for specific information, for example numbers and names;
- Distinguish fact and opinion;
- Paraphrase effectively for different communicative purposes in the workplace;
- Describe trends from graphs, charts, tables, diagrams, and maps;
- Justify opinions with support and evidence;
- Answer questions about themselves;
- Discuss familiar topics with appropriate structures and language;
- Describe objects and speak on with a range of vocabulary; and
- Compare and contrast pros and cons on familiar topics

#### 4.3 Programme Structure

##### Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills

<b>Topic area</b>	<b>QF Credits</b>
1 Food and Health	
2 City Life	
3 Living Standards	
4 Fast Paced Lifestyles	
5 Leisure	
6 Retail Shopping	
7 Culture	
8 Water	
9 Natural Disasters	
10 Brainpower	
11 Ways to Learn	
12 Ancient to Modern Communications	
13 The Future and Space	
14 Transport and Tourism	
15 Appearance	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

##### Certificate in English Language Examination Skills

<b>Topic area</b>	<b>QF Credits</b>
1 Reading	
2 Take Note	
3 Occupations	
4 Family	
5 Sports	
6 Animal Rights	
7 Technology	
8 Communication	
9 Earth Issues	
10 Health	
11 Happiness	
12 Buildings	
13 Cities and Nature	
14 Real and Virtual life	
15 Opinions and Academics	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>



#### 4.4 Graduation Requirements

##### Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills

##### Certificate in English Language Examination Skills

- 80% attendance rate;
- Finish all assigned homework with 70% passing score; and
- Attend all the term assessments with 70% passing score.

#### 4.5 Admission Requirements

##### Certificate in Advanced English Language Examination Skills

- 15 years old or above;
- F5 or above; and
- HKID card Holder

##### Certificate in English Language Examination Skills

- 15 years old or above;
- F3 or above; and
- HKID card Holder

### **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 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 (<https://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: <http://www.hkqf.gov.hk>.

## 5.3 Qualifications Register

- 5.3.1 Qualifications accredited by HKCAAVQ are eligible for entry into the Qualifications Register ("QR") at <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.

## Appendix 1

### Address of Teaching Venues

1. Room 1901-1905, 19/F, Causeway Bay Plaza Two, 463-483 Lockhart Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  
香港銅鑼灣駱克道 463-483 號銅鑼灣廣場第 2 期 19 樓 1901-1905 室
2. 6/F, JD Mall, No.233 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
香港九龍彌敦道 233 號佐敦薈 6 樓
3. 2/F & Room 302, 3/F, Plaza 99, 99 Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong  
香港新界荃灣大河道 99 號 99 廣場 2 樓及 3 樓 302 室
4. 1113-1117, 11/F, Tower 1, Grand Central Plaza, 138 Shatin Rural Committee Road, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong  
香港新界沙田沙田鄉事會路 138 號新城市中央廣場 1 座 11 樓 1113-1117 室
5. Unit 1906-1910, 19/F Prosperity Place, 6 Shing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
香港九龍觀塘成業街 6 號泓富廣場 19 樓 1906-1910 室
6. Room C, 6/F Nathan Tower, 518-520 Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
香港九龍油麻地彌敦道 518-520 號彌敦行 6 樓 C 室

