

**General Guidelines on Acceptance of Academic Qualifications
for the Purpose of Contractors Registration**

The requirements of academic qualifications for different categories of registered contractors are stipulated in Appendix 1. For the purpose of contractors registration, the BA adopts the following general guidelines for considering if the academic qualification of an applicant is at or equivalent to the level specified in Appendix 1:

- (a) Diplomas and certificates should be awarded by The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) or technical institutes which are approved or recognised by the Vocational Training Council (VTC) or awarded by local universities funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC).
- (b) Higher diplomas and higher certificates should be awarded by the IVE or technical colleges which are approved or recognised by the VTC or awarded by local universities funded by the UGC.
- (c) Bachelor degrees and higher degrees should be awarded by local universities funded by the UGC or recognised by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA), the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) or the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS).
- (d) For the purpose of contractors registration, a local professional qualification e.g. MHKIA, MHKIE and MHKIS is deemed equivalent to a degree under paragraph 1(c) above.
- (e) For the purpose of contractors registration, degrees awarded by universities or recognised by institutions other than those mentioned in paragraph 1(c) above are classified as higher diplomas.
- (f) For the purpose of contractors registration, non-graduate vocational qualifications awarded by institutions other than those mentioned in paragraph 1(a) and (b) above are subject to the individual consideration by the CRC/BA.

2. Apart from the above parameters, the BA and the CRC may accept alternative qualifications in the appropriate fields which have been justified by relevant public organisations for academic accreditation or professional institutes as equivalent level to that required. Such organisations and institutes include the Hong Kong Council of Academic Accreditation (HKCAA), HKIA, HKIE and HKIS.

3. Non-local academic qualifications accredited by the professional institutes or public organisations such as the counterparts of HKIA, HKIE, HKIS, VTC, HKCAA in the corresponding countries where the qualifications have been awarded, may be acceptable as at equivalent level of local qualifications. However, persons with such qualifications are required to attend an interview conducted by the CRC.