

Environmental Science Programme has received full accreditation by HKIQEP

The Environmental Science Programme has recently received full accreditation for three years from Hong Kong's leading environmental professional body, the Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP). The areas covered by the accreditation are (1) Environmental Science; (2) Environmental Management; (3) Environmental Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment (EIA&HA); and (4) Water. This accreditation was granted after a rigorous process that included review of teaching and assessment materials as well as interviews with staff, alumni and students.



Full accreditation means that the competency of graduates of the Environmental Science Programme will be recognized by employers. Accreditation also paves the way for career development towards an environmental professional: graduates from accredited programmes will enjoy exemptions of selected parts of the requirements for registration as a Professional Member of HKIQEP. For example, from 2023, the experience requirement for application for Professional Membership will be reduced from 10 to 5 years for graduates from accredited programmes.

1. Current Requirements:

	Without Environmental Related Degree	With Environmental Related Degree
Environmental related work experience	10 years	5 years
Passed the Qualification Process (Part I & Part II)	√	√

2. Benefit of Accredited Programme:

- Only Accredited programmes will be considered as environmental-related programme (i.e. 5 years experience in environmental work only)
- Exemption to be granted for Part I Exam of fundamental and specific areas

3. Timeline on Transition:

Year	HKIQEP Professional Membership Requirements
2021-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 years work experience for candidates with Environmental Related Degree (including Accredited Programmes)
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 years work experience for candidates with Accredited Programmes Only
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 years work experience for candidates with Accredited Programmes Only• Exemption of related areas in Part 1 Exam for Accredited Programmes