

HEADS OF AGREEMENT

between

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

and

The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management

Reciprocal Recognition Agreement on Professional Qualifications

6 May 2009

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND THE CHARTERED INSTITUTION OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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Reciprocal Recognition on Professional Qualifications

By this Agreement the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) and the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) establish reciprocal recognition of requirements for Members of the HKIE in the Chemical (CML), Civil (CVL), Environmental (ENV) and Mechanical (MCL) Engineering Disciplines and Members of the CIWEM who are Chartered Engineers (the Chartered Engineer status must be obtained through Professional Review (including interview) by the CIWEM) and agree that Members of each organisation will be accorded corresponding Membership of the other on receipt of an acceptable application.


1. The HKIE and the CIWEM have exchanged information on their individual procedures, policies, criteria and requirements for granting Membership in the Chemical (CML), Civil (CVL), Environmental (ENV) and Mechanical (MCL) Engineering Disciplines and have agreed that these are substantially equivalent.
2. Each Institution requires the following elements in the formation of an Engineer:-
 - 2.1 An engineering degree in a relevant engineering subject accredited/recognised by the Institution.
 - 2.2 A period of training and responsible experience.
 - 2.3 Evidence of satisfactory continuing professional development.
 - 2.4 A professional assessment/review (including interview) by not less than two Members of the respective Institution.
3. Each Institution will make its own arrangements for assessment and offer facilities for authorised Members of the other to be present at Interviews or Reviews from time to time.
4. The HKIE and the CIWEM will notify each other and provide copies of any major changes in policy, criteria, procedures and programmes which may affect this Agreement.
5. Each Institution will continue to differ in requirements on training, continuing professional development and professional assessment/review, but these will not affect reciprocal recognition on their professional qualifications.
6. The Agreement will be in effect for as long as it is acceptable and desirable to both the HKIE and the CIWEM and will be subject to review every five years.

7. Each Institution will maintain its own fee structure.
8. Each Institution shall retain full discretion as to the admission of any candidates for Membership.
9. Applicants who have obtained their substantive training and experience in a jurisdiction shall apply for Membership in that jurisdiction first. If these applicants wish to apply for Membership in another jurisdiction first, their submissions under this Agreement could be subject to a review which may comprise any or all of the following :
 - (a) Submission of a training and experience report
 - (b) Interview
 - (c) Essay test
 - (d) Submission of record of continuing professional development

Each Institution has the discretion to determine on the extent and scope of the review and will notify the other Institution of any applicant to whom such further scrutiny is being applied.

10. Applicants for Membership of the HKIE shall identify the discipline in which they consider it would be appropriate for them to be enrolled. Acceptance to a discipline shall, however, be assessed by the HKIE. The assessment may include a partial professional assessment consisting of examination of a report on training and experience, and an interview.
11. This Agreement only applies to those Members of the HKIE and the CIWEM who have been admitted to the respective Institutions via the normal admission procedures and does not apply to Members of another Institution who joined via their own Reciprocal Recognition Agreements.


The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management



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