

Guidance Notes on Resit of Professional Assessment

1. Exemption

Candidates resit for Professional Assessment (PA) may be exempted for part of the PA which they have passed in the previous attempt. The exemption granted to candidates will only be valid for 4 years counted from the date of the HKIE notification letter of the first PA result.

Candidates who are not able to pass a PA within the specified period stated above shall be required to submit a new application and to take a full PA. Candidates shall be required to:

- (a) fill in a new application form; and
- (b) fulfill the supporter requirement under the relevant route;
- (c) submit all documents* as required in a new application;
- (d) sit for a full PA; and
- (e) pay the application and other relevant fees.

*Candidates are required to update the application in accordance with the comments received from the Assessors or the Discipline Representative.

The exemption arrangement applies to membership applications submitted on or after 1 January 2013 via the following routes:

General Experience Route
Formal Training Route
Mature Route
Research and Development Route
Special Route for Specific Disciplines
Non-accredited Engineering Degree Route
Associate Membership Route to Corporate Membership

2. Competence-based Professional Assessment

The Council approved the launch of the competence-based PA for membership applications (Corporate Members level) submitted on or after 1 April 2019. Candidates who submit their applications from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2020 for resit of PA can choose between the current system and the competence-based approach. Once the candidate has chosen the competence-based approach for PA, the candidate is not allowed to revert back to the current system. It follows that candidates submit their applications on or after 1 January 2021 for resit of PA have to resit the PA in competence-based format. Nevertheless, the 4-year period still apply to applications for the class of Member via routes to membership as listed above

Relevant information of the competence-based PA will be published on our website www.hkie.org.hk under “News” in due course.