

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR THE HKIE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

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BENEFITS OF JOINING THE HKIE

➤ *What are the benefits of joining the HKIE?*

HKIE Student Membership offers numerous advantages for aspiring engineers.

Stay Informed

- Access to exclusive activities organised by the HKIE and different Divisions, providing valuable insights into the latest advancements in the engineering field.

Network Building

- Connect with other engineering students, graduates and professionals to build a valuable network for future career success.

Professional Development

- Participate in events, conferences and workshops to enhance professional development and expand knowledge.

These benefits provide a strong foundation for professional growth and development within the engineering community.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAMME RECOGNITION

➤ *What are the criteria for Student Membership?*

A student is studying an engineering or computer science degree programme, higher diploma, or associate degree programme accredited by the HKIE or recognised under Washington Accord, Seoul Accord, or Sydney Accord.

➤ *How can I check if my academic qualification(s) is/are recognised?*

The HKIE recognises the following programmes as meeting the academic requirements for Student Membership of the HKIE:

- engineering degree programmes recognised under the Washington Accord;
- computer science degree programmes recognised under the Seoul Accord; or
- engineering higher diploma or equivalent programmes recognised under the Sydney Accord.

Please refer to the following websites to check the recognition of your academic qualification(s) under the Washington Accord, Seoul Accord or Sydney Accord:

- Washington Accord: <https://www.internationalengineeringalliance.org/accords/washington>
- Seoul Accord: <https://www.seoulaccord.org/signatories.php?id=135>
- Sydney Accord: <https://www.internationalengineeringalliance.org/accords/sydney>

Please check your programme and its accreditation period offered by institutions which are commonly inquired about by students on the following websites:

Programme offered by	Relevant website
a HK institution	The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers https://hkie.org.hk/membership/accreditation/accredited-recognised-programmes/
a Mainland institution	China Engineering Education Accreditation Association https://www.cceaa.org.cn/rzjl/rzjl.php
an UK institution	Engineering Council United Kingdom https://www.engc.org.uk/education-and-skills/find-your-course/advanced-course-search
a Canadian institution	Engineers Canada https://engineerscanada.ca/accreditation/accredited-programs
an Australian institution	Engineers Australia https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/about-us/accreditation
a New Zealand institution	Engineering New Zealand https://www.engineeringnz.org/engineer-tools/ethics-rules-standards/accredited-engineering-qualifications/
an US institution	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology https://amspub.abet.org/aps/name-search?searchType=institution

- ***I can find my academic qualification(s) on the websites listed above, but my study period does not fall into the stated period. Should I still submit my application?***

Applicants holding academic qualifications that fall outside the accreditation period may submit their application for further verification by the HKIE.

- ***I cannot find my academic qualification(s) on the websites listed above. What should I do?***

Applicants holding non-recognised academic qualifications may apply for an individual assessment of their academic qualifications to confirm if they have met the academic requirements for the class of Student Member. Applicants are required to complete the [Form 1/AQ](#) and follow the steps as stated in the form to submit the application.

- ***I cannot find my academic qualification(s) on the websites listed above, but the qualification(s) has been assessed by the HK Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) as meeting Level 5 (Bachelor Degree) of the HK Qualifications Framework (HKQF). Does it mean that my academic qualification is recognised by the HKIE?***

The HKCAAVQ evaluates whether the totality of one's educational qualifications meets the standard of one particular HKQF level. However, it is not related to the academic requirements for Student Membership of HKIE. An applicant is still required to apply for the individual assessment of the HKIE to confirm if the academic qualifications satisfy the academic requirements for the class of Student Member.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND PROCESS

➤ *How can I submit my application?*

Please click **“Be a Member”** on the HKIE website (<https://hkie.org.hk/>), register for an HKIE Portal account and select Student Member to join the HKIE Student Membership.

When applying, you will need to upload the following documents:

- Student ID card and enrolment letter or transcript for your current academic programme
- Official certificate and/or final transcript for each completed qualification

Your application will reach the HKIE Secretariat after you have completed all the required sections and endorsed by your Supporter.

➤ *How long does the application process take?*

If your application is in order and you have paid the necessary fees, you will be notified of the application result within 3 months.

➤ *Do I need to pay for the HKIE membership?*

Applicants studying an accredited or recognised programme offered by a HK, UK, or Canadian institution do not need to pay Entrance and Annual Subscription Fees under the 4-Year Free Student Membership Scheme.

If you are not eligible for the 4-Year Free Student Membership Scheme, you will need to pay for the Entrance and Subscription Fees. The HKIE Secretariat will send an invoice to your registered email address after the assessment process is completed. You may settle the payment using any of the following methods:

- Credit card via the online payment portal.
- Cash at the HKIE Headquarters.
- A crossed cheque payable to **“The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers”**.

SUPPORTER

➤ *Where can I find an HKIE Member to be the Supporter for my application?*

You are required to nominate an HKIE Member (Corporate Member or Associate Member[^]) as a Supporter. This could be a professor or teaching staff member from your Department, School or Faculty.

To facilitate this process, you may choose **ONE** of the options below in the HKIE Portal:

- Option A – Select a Designated Supporter of your current institution
- Option B – Seek support from the Chief Executive and Secretary (CE&S) of the HKIE
- Option C – Invite another HKIE Member (by entering their name)

Designated Supporters are HKIE Members who have agreed to support Student Membership applications from their institutions. If you select Option A, your current academic institution and the available Designated Supporter(s) will appear for you to choose. However, Designated Supporters may not be available in every institution. If none appear for your institution, please select Option B or Option C.

If you wish to nominate an HKIE Member different from those in Option A, please select Option C and enter the member's name and HKIE membership number. You may also choose Option B to request support from the CE&S of the HKIE.

If the Supporter selected under Option A or Option C is unable to verify your application, the CE&S of the HKIE will become your Supporter by default.

[^]Associate Members are eligible to serve as supporters of applications for Student Membership who are studying a recognised higher diploma/certificate or associate degree only.