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Conference on Credit Transfer Practices in Higher Education: Partnership for Success

Credit Transfer Systems and Applications in Hong Kong



HK Qualifications Framework, HKQF



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- Established by HKSARG
- *Objective: To provide a platform to encourage and facilitate lifelong learning, with a view to enhancing the capability and competitiveness of the workforce in Hong Kong.*
- Officially launched on 5 May 2008
- Covering qualifications in various sectors
 - Academic
 - Vocational and professional
 - Continuing education

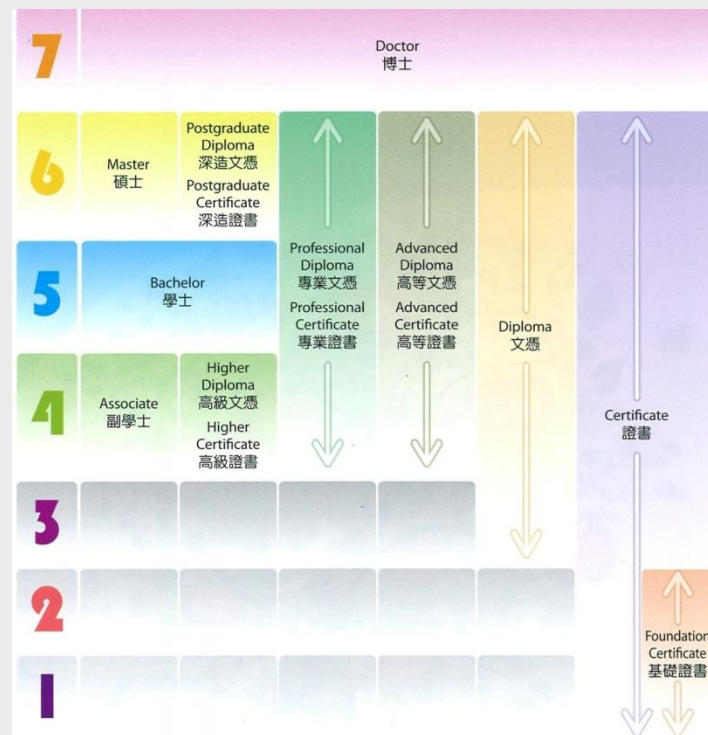
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- Key features
 - ✓ QF Level
 - ✓ QF Credit
 - ✓ Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)
 - ✓ Award Title Scheme
- 7 level hierarchy
- QF Level 5: Bachelor's degree
- QF Level 4: Sub-degree
 - ❖ Associate Degree
 - ❖ Higher Diploma



CAT Policy and Implementation




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- Promulgated since 2014
 - Providing advice through *Operational Guidelines*
 - Making reference to international norms and existing practices in local education and training sector.
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- ✓ *Adoption of the CAT policy, principles and operational guidelines is on a voluntary basis.*
 - ✓ *Institutions are encouraged to formulate a clear and unambiguous policy in support of CAT in line with their institutional goals, vision and mission.*
 - ✓ *Institutions also have the flexibility to develop their own systems for CAT implementation to suit their own needs."*

Policy, Principles and Operational Guidelines for Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) under Qualifications Framework in Hong Kong

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學分累積及轉移：政策、原則及應用指引



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HK Qualifications Register, HKQR



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the HKQR website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: About Us, Search, QR Operators, News & Events, Help, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar is a large banner featuring a smiling man in a suit and the text "QUALIFICATIONS REGISTER (QR)". To the right of the banner is a yellow box with the text "QUALIFICATIONS REGISTER (QR)". Below the banner, there is a section titled "News & Events" with a date "1 September 2020" and a paragraph of text. To the left of the banner, there is a section titled "Qualifications Register (QR)" with a welcome message and a paragraph of text.

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Qualifications Register (QR)

Welcome to the Qualifications Register (QR) !

QR is a centralised online database containing information on quality assured qualifications and their operators and assessment agencies for Recognition of Prior Learning. All qualifications listed on the QR are quality-assured and recognised under the **Qualifications Framework**. Under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance, the **Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications** is specified as the QR Authority.

News & Events

1 September 2020

To enhance the transparency of learning programmes recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF), the Education Bureau announced on 29 June 2019 the implementation of indication of QF credit for learning programmes at QF levels 5 to 7 on the Qualifications Register (QR) from 2020 onwards. For details on the implementation plan, please click here.

23 January 2020

HKCAAVQ with the support of the Qualifications

- Online database of QF-recognised qualifications
- All qualifications on QR are quality assured.
- Contains information of:
 - Learning programme and associated qualification
 - Qualifications through mechanism of Recognition of Prior Learning, RPL
 - Professional qualifications accredited under HKQF
 - Associated operators / assessment agency

HKQR is an online database of QF-recognised qualifications, www.hkqr.gov.hk

HK Qualifications Register, HKQR



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Title of Qualification	QF Level	QF Credit	Name of Operator / Agency	Types	CAT	Status	From	To
Professional Diploma in Nursing (Registered Nurse-General) 護理學專業文憑(註冊護士 - 普通科)	5	348	The School of Nursing, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital	LP		✓	16/01/2017	15/01/2021
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Nursing 護理學(榮譽)理學士	5		The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	LP	CAT(P)	✓	01/08/2012	On-going
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Mental Health Nursing 精神健康護理學(榮譽)理學士	5	+	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	LP	CAT(I)	✓	01/09/2012	On-going
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Nursing 護理學(榮譽)理學士	5		The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	LP	CAT(I)	✓	01/09/2009	On-going
Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) 護理學榮譽學士	5	830	Caritas Institute of Higher Education	LP		✓	01/09/2014	31/08/2026
Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies(Mental Health Care) 精神科護理學高級文憑	4	270	The Open University of Hong Kong	LP	CAT(P)	✓	05/05/2010	On-going
Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies(General Health Care)	4	270	The Open University of Hong Kong	LP	CAT(P)	✓	05/05/2010	On-going



Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) Centralised Database

- Officially launched in October 2018
- A one-stop search function for programme / qualification from the receiving side, sending side, or at institution level
- Provides various level of credit transfer information
 - CAT(I) – Institutional
 - CAT(P) – Programme
 - CAT(R) – Recognition of Prior Learning, RPL
 - CAT(PR) – Programme & RPL
- Transparent, organised and updated
- Only programmes / qualifications quality assured under HKQF and published on QR are eligible for CAT indication on QR

CAT Database on QR



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CAT Information

General CAT Information

For students admitted to our articulation degree programmes or the senior year curriculum of our 4-year undergraduate degree programmes, they will follow a reduced curriculum and are required to complete a minimum of 60 credits. Some programmes may require up to 75 credits in order to be eligible for graduation. Students are also expected to meet the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree Language and Communication Requirements (LCR). Students not meeting the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree LCR will be required to take degree LCR subjects

Specific CAT Information

Graduates from a health-related Associate Degree or Higher Diploma comparable to the first two years of the BSc (Hons) in Nursing programme; AND Level 3 in English Language and Chinese Language; and Level 2 in Mathematics, Liberal Studies and at least one elective subject from Category A in HKDSE examination (Please refer to www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/ for details of the HKDSE subject categories); OR E in five HKCEE subjects (for attempts of English Language and Chinese Language in 2007 and after, at least Level 2 in English and Level 2 in Chinese), C in one HKCEE subject and E in HKCEE Biology or Human Biology

Credit Transfer Arrangement

CAT(P)/CAT(R)

To:	Programme:
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Nursing
From:	Qualification:
<u>Transfer Within Institution</u>	
Hong Kong Community College, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Associate in Health Studies
<u>Transfer Across Institution</u>	
	Sort By Institution ↑ Qualification ↓
Li Ka Shing Institute of Professional and Continuing Education, OUHK	Higher Diploma in Health Care

General description of CAT policy of the institution

Specific information on individual programme basis.

Listing of maximum 150 sending qualifications

CAT(I)

Receiving Programme

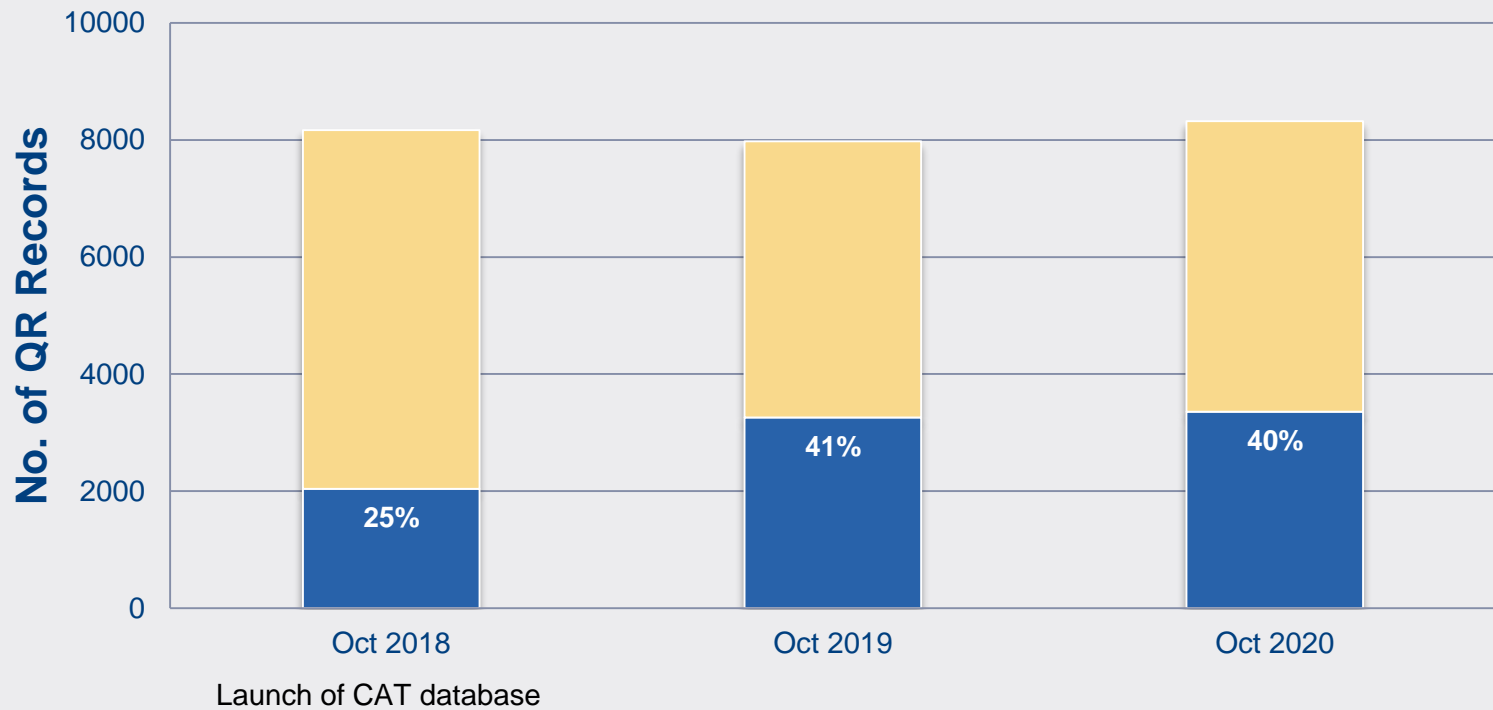
Sending Qualifications

Provides various levels of CAT information

Development of CAT Database



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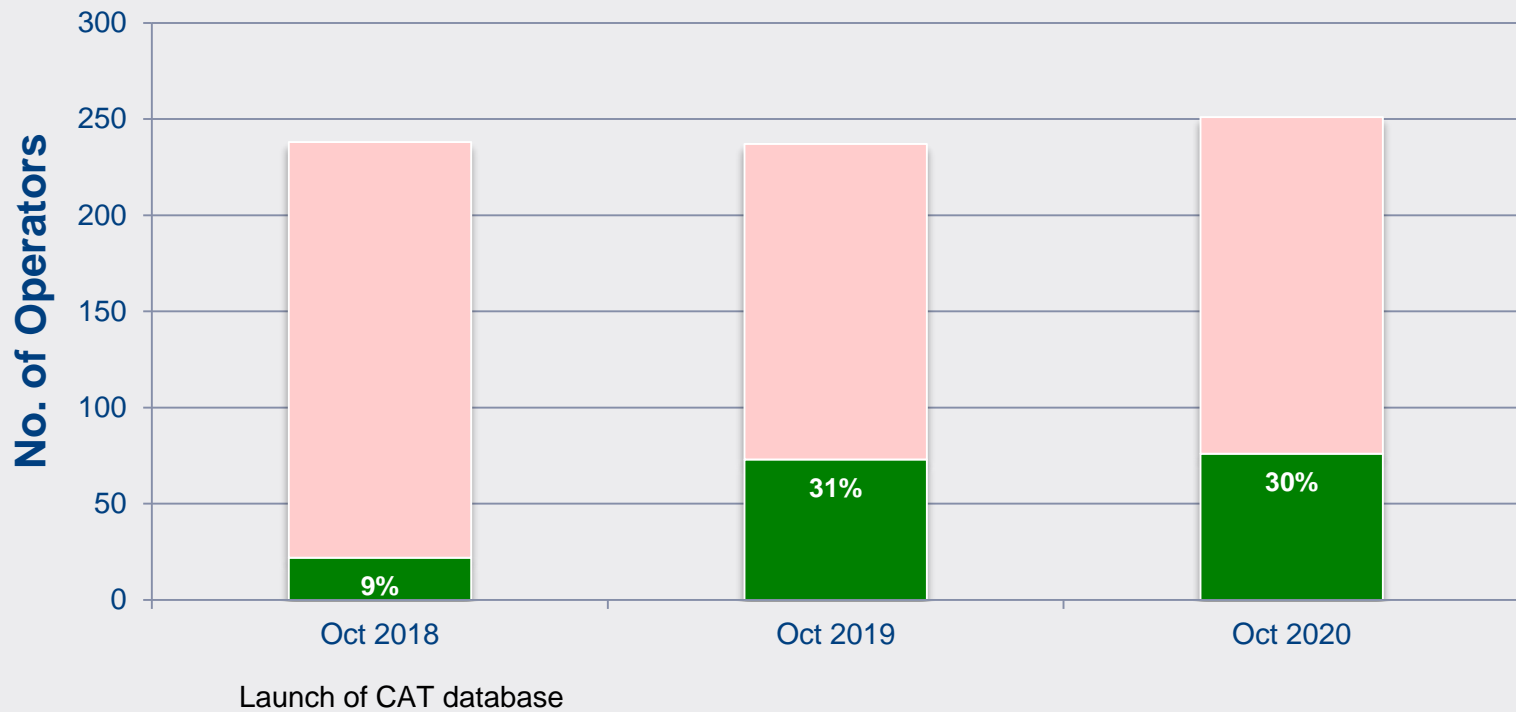


/// Growth of CAT receiving programmes from 25% to 40%.

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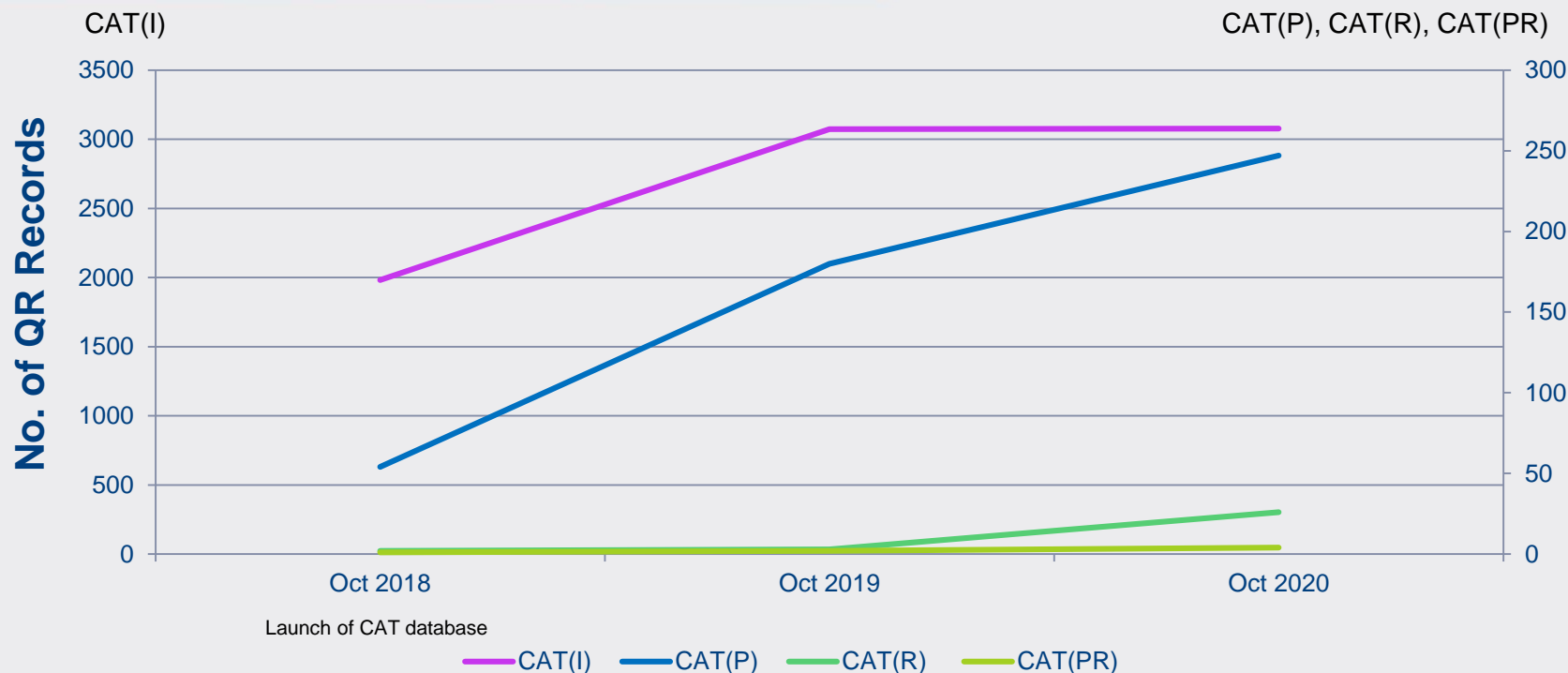


Growing participation of operators from 9% to 30% for indicating CAT information.

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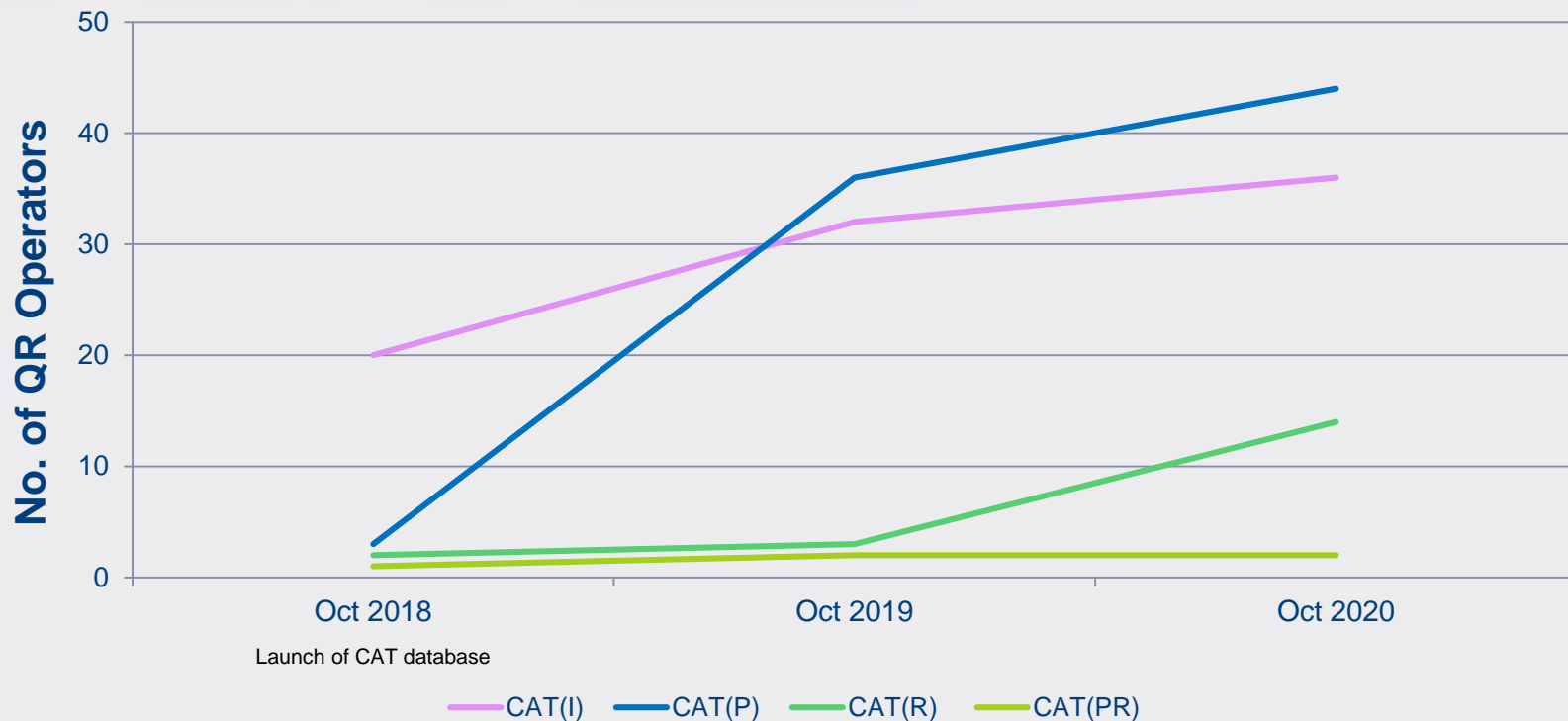


Encouraging growth of different types of CAT receiving programmes.

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Growing participation of operators, particularly on CAT(P) indication.

Facilitating Factors



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- Establishment of institutional policy
- Experience accumulated from admission processes
- Communication between institutions and relevant programme teams
- Exchange of views and experience within the sector
- Transparency of information and process

Looking Forward



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- More communication and collaboration among institutions and programmes
- Articulation arrangement and credit transfer as transparent policy and process
- Growth of CAT information on QR, particularly CAT(P) and CAT(R)

Looking Forward



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CAT Centralised Database



Central CAT Data Communication Portal and Platform



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