香港學術及職業資歷評審局
Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of
Academic & Vocational Qualifications

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

Credit Transfer Systems and Applications in Hong Kong

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HK Qualifications Framework, HKQF

- 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
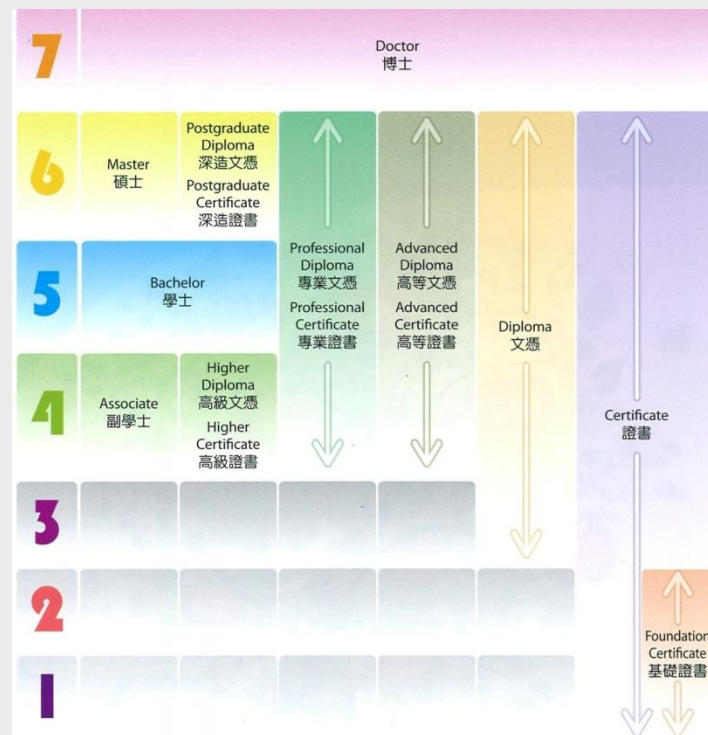 ➢ Vocational and professional
  ➢ Continuing education

Hong Kong Qualifications Framework, HKQF, www.hkqf.gov.hk

HK Qualifications Framework, HKQF

- 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

- Promulgated since 2014
- Providing advice through *Operational Guidelines*
- Making reference to international norms and existing practices in local education and training sector.

✓ *Adoption of the CAT policy, principles and operational guidelines is on a <u>voluntary</u> basis.*

✓ *Institutions are encouraged to formulate a clear and unambiguous <u>policy</u> in support of CAT in line with their institutional goals, vision and mission.*

✓ *Institutions also have the <u>flexibility</u> 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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HK Qualifications Register, HKQR

- 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

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

Online database of qualifications recognised under HK Qualifications Framework

CAT Database on QR

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(I)

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 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)

Receiving Programme

Sending Qualifications

To:	Programme:
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Nursing
From:	Qualification:
Transfer Within Institution	
Hong Kong Community College, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Associate in Health Studies
Transfer Across Institution	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.
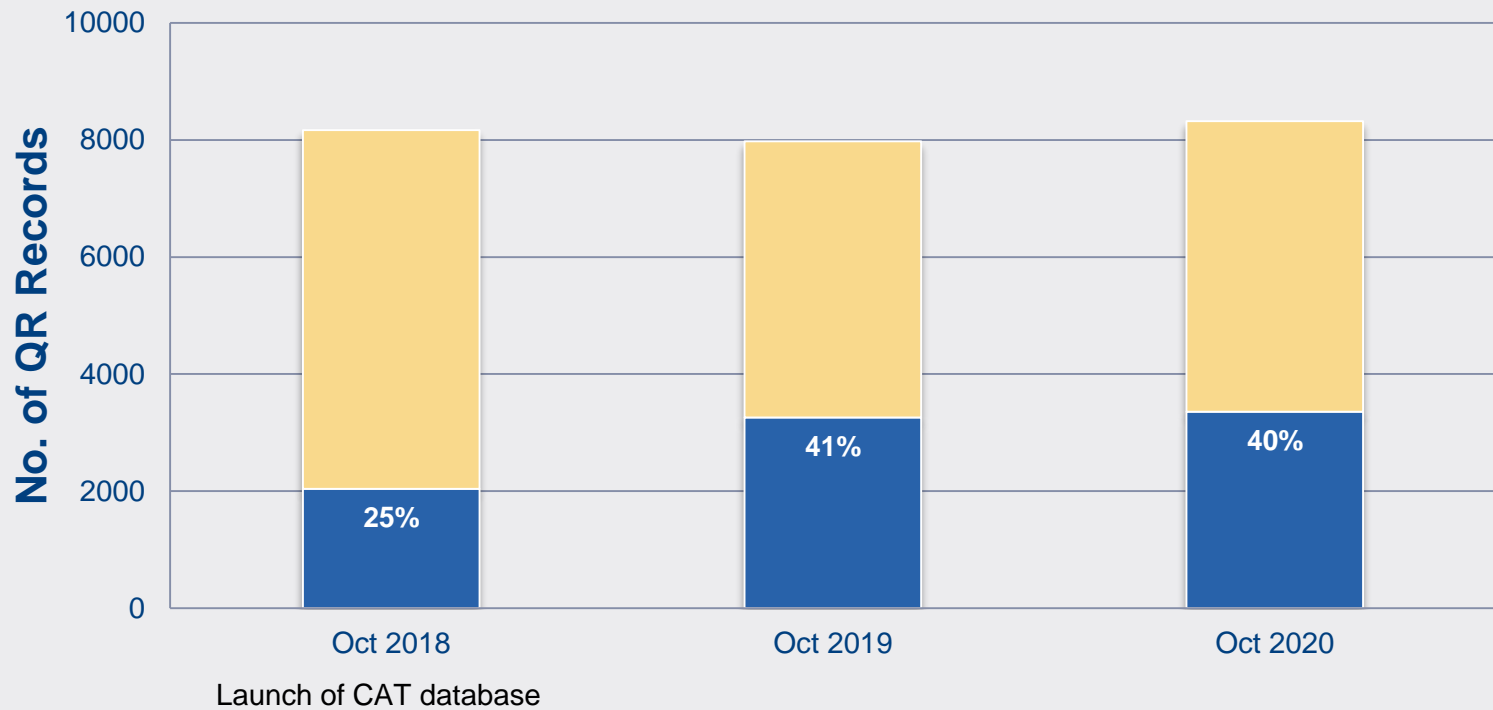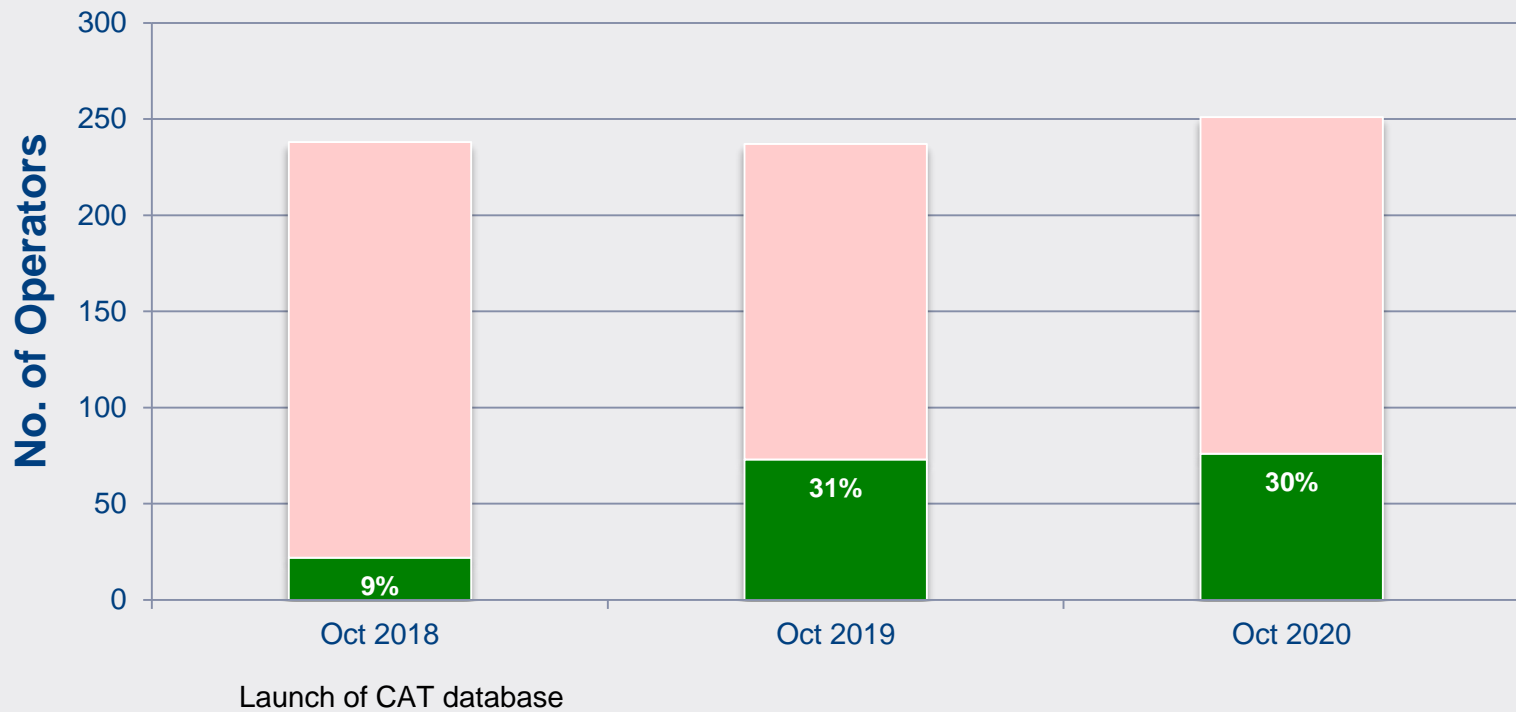
Listing of maximum 150 sending qualifications

Provides various levels of CAT information

Development of CAT Database

Chart: No. of QR Records by year

- Oct 2018: 25% (Launch of CAT database)
- Oct 2019: 41%
- Oct 2020: 40%

Y-axis: No. of QR Records (0 to 10000)

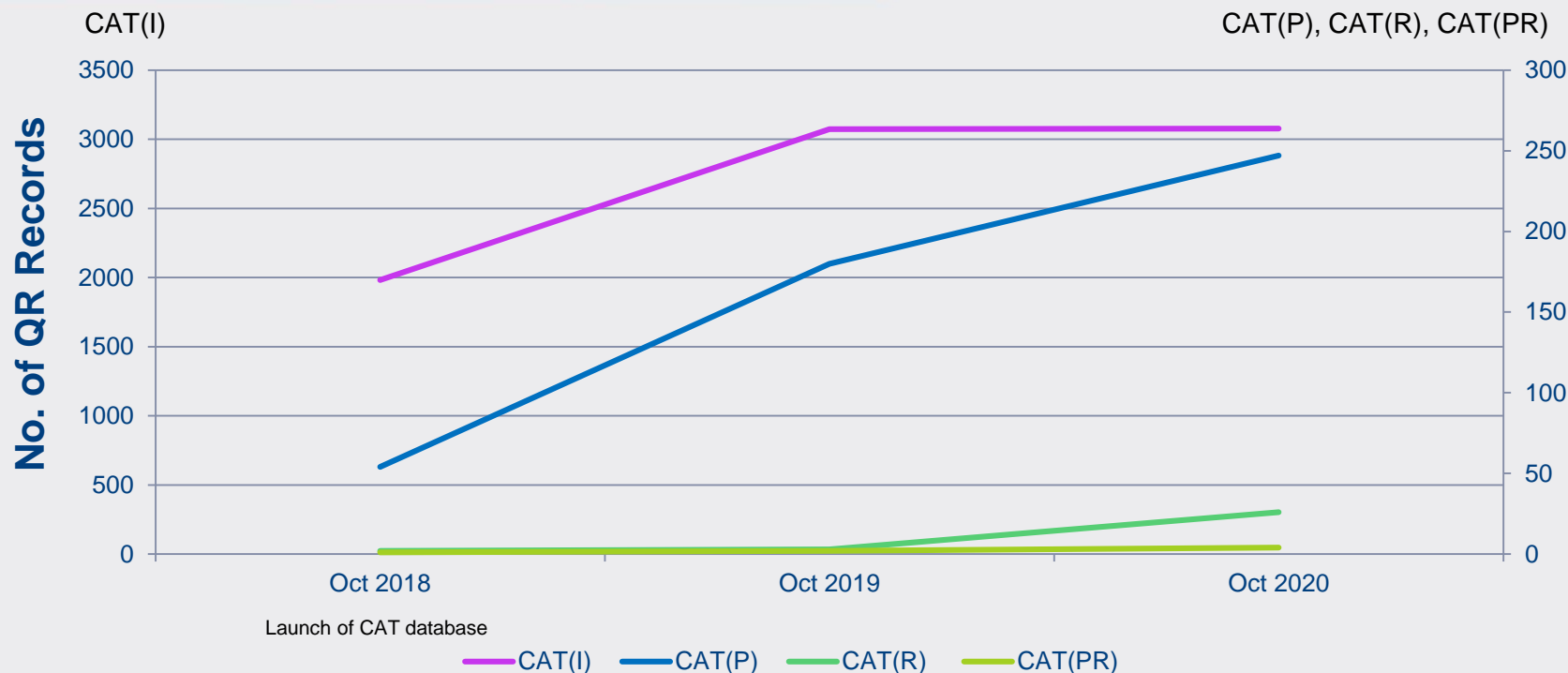Growth of CAT receiving programmes from 25% to 40%.

Development of CAT Database

Launch of CAT database

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

Development of CAT Database

Encouraging growth of different types of CAT receiving programmes.

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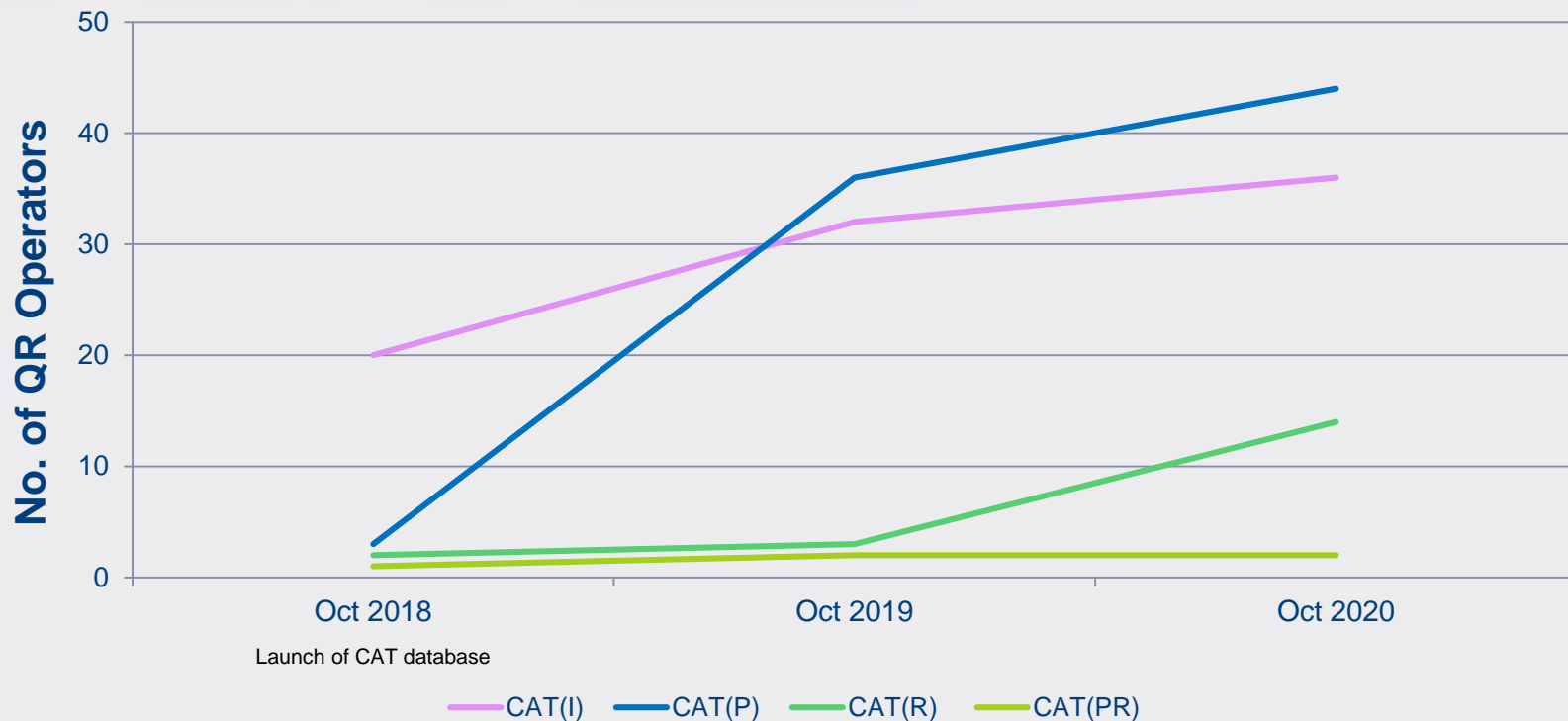
Growing participation of operators, particularly on CAT(P) indication.

Facilitating Factors

- 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

- More communication and collaboration among institutions and prgrammes

- Articulation arrangement and credit transfer as transparent policy and process

- Growth of CAT information on QR, particularly CAT(P) and CAT(R)

Looking Forward

CAT Centralised Database

Central CAT Data Communication Portal and Platform

Thank you

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