

Guidelines for Consideration of Quotable Qualifications

The List of Quotable Qualifications (the List) is maintained by the Occupational Therapists Board (“the Board”). Inclusion in the List is approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Board Registration Committee (“BRC”). These guidelines are set out to facilitate the processing of applications for inclusion in the List.

Objectives of Quotable Qualifications Scheme

1. The objectives of the Quotable Qualifications Scheme are:-
 - (a) To give recognition to the basic occupational therapy education which is required for registration as an occupational therapist in Hong Kong.
 - (b) To give recognition to the further training which significantly enhances the professional expertise of the occupational therapist.
 - (c) To provide information to the public as to additional occupational therapy training of significance received by the occupational therapist.
 - (d) To provide information to medical practitioners/ healthcare professionals as to additional occupational therapy training of significance received by the occupational therapist.

Factors to be considered for Quotable Qualifications

2. The following factors are basic requirements which must be fulfilled before a qualification is considered for inclusion in the List:-
 - (a) A qualification should satisfy fully the spirit of the provisions of the Code of Practice as prepared by the Board regarding communication in professional practice.
 - (b) (i) A basic occupational therapy qualification has to be a qualification recognized for registration under section 12(1)(a) or (b) of the Allied Health Professions Ordinance; or
(ii) Further training on top of the basic qualification should be-
 - directly related to occupational therapy practice;
 - at post-graduate level;
 - of a standard accepted by BRC;
 - of at least 6 months of full-time structured and supervised training or study (part-time or distance learning courses may be accepted if in the opinion of BRC the duration and quality of training are equivalent to a 6 month full-time course); and

- the qualification should be acquired after formal assessment by a recognized academic institute. Alternatively, the qualification should be independently vetted (e.g. by external examiners) by a recognized academic institute.
- (c) For the purpose of these guidelines, a recognized academic institute means a tertiary education institution, which provides occupational therapy education recognized by the Board to be of equivalent standard to the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.