



Become a  
Governance Professional

**Your Roadmap  
to a Successful Career**

# The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute 香港公司治理公會

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability by guarantee)

The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute (HKCGI), formerly known as The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS), is the only qualifier of the internationally recognised Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional qualifications in Hong Kong and the Mainland of China.

With over 70 years of history and as the China Division of The Chartered Governance Institute (CGI), the Institute's reach and professional recognition extends to all of CGI's nine divisions, with more than 40,000 members and students worldwide. HKCGI is the fastest growing Division of CGI, with a current membership of over 7,000, 300 graduates and 2,600 students, with significant representations within listed companies and other cross industry governance functions.

Believing that better governance leads to a better future, HKCGI's mission is to promote good governance in an increasingly complex world and to advance leadership in the effective governance and efficient administration of commerce, industry and public affairs. As recognised thought leaders in our field, the Institute educates and advocates for the highest standards in governance and promotes an expansive approach which takes account of the interests of all stakeholders.

**Better Governance. Better Future.**

For more information, please visit [www.hkcg.org.hk](http://www.hkcg.org.hk).

# What is a Chartered Governance Professional

Over the past two decades, the number of listed companies has grown significantly in Hong Kong and the Mainland of China (the Mainland). In parallel, the business environment has become more complex with listed companies expected to navigate geopolitical tensions, climate-related changes, rising inequalities, cybersecurity risks, technological disruption, challenging stakeholder demands and an increasingly onerous regulatory environment. In Hong Kong, the proposed new requirements in Hong Kong's Corporate Governance Code, published by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (HKEX), call for boards to align company culture with company purpose, value and strategy. Governance professionals have an essential role in assisting their organisations to respond to this myriad of challenges, including working with boards of directors to define the long-term purpose of their organisations and align their culture with that purpose.

Under these trends, the importance of good governance, not only for the sustainability of commercial and not-for-profit organisations but also for the capital markets and the societies within which they operate, has gained increasing recognition. The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, The Chartered Governance Institute's Hong Kong/China Division, has been implementing a repositioning exercise to better reflect the broadened role of Chartered Secretaries and Chartered Governance Professionals. This led to the launch in 2019 of the dual qualification of Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional (CS/CGP), and the launch in 2020 of a new qualifying programme – the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme (CGQP).



# **Career Opportunities – Optimising your Potential**





The Listing Rules and the Code make it clear that Company Secretaries are key governance advisers to the board and are responsible for updating the board on the latest laws and regulations relevant to the company. Experienced governance professionals make excellent candidates for board postings and often go on to become Chairmen, Chief Executives and Directors. There is a broad spectrum of roles within governance professionals to choose from, including but not limited to:

**Company  
Secretary**

**Governance  
Advisers**

**Senior  
Management  
in Risk and  
Compliance**

**Executive  
and Non-  
executive  
Director**

**Chief  
Executive  
and Board  
Chairman**

# Your Route to HKCGI Membership

Your route to membership of HKCGI starts with a recognised academic or professional qualification. University graduates in all disciplines are eligible to apply as HKCGI students to complete the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme(CGQP).

The CGQP is an internationally recognised programme with the curriculum developed by The Chartered Governance Institute(CGI) and adopted by HKCGI to meet local needs and applications. Students who have successfully completed the CGQP will be admitted as graduates of CGI and HKCGI.

Graduates who have gained the required work experience may apply to be elected as an Associate or Fellow. Upon successful election, they will have dual membership of CGI and HKCGI, and also be awarded the dual designation of Chartered Secretary (CS) and Chartered Governance Professional (CGP). Both the CS and CGP qualifications are internationally recognised and transportable.

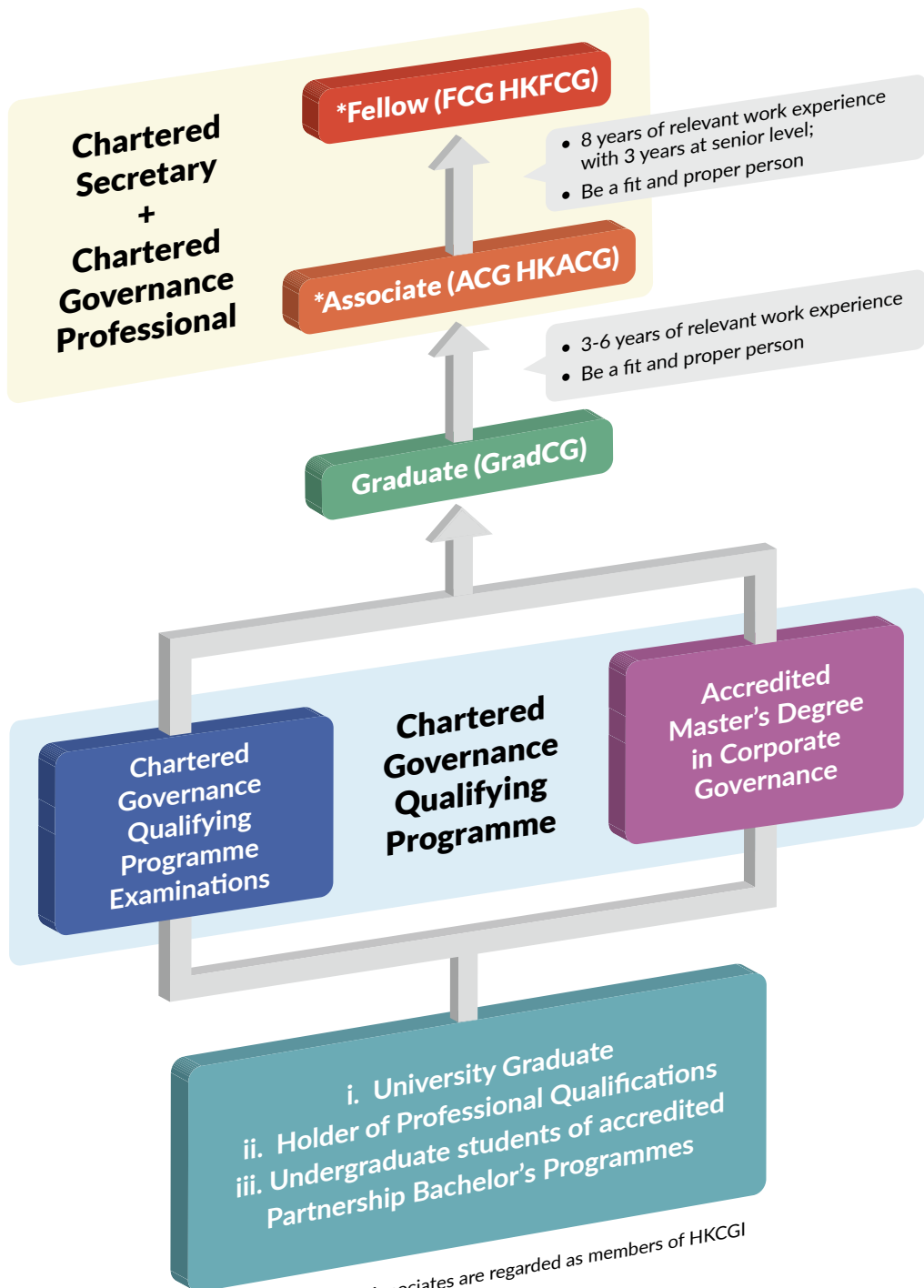






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\* Only Fellows and Associates are regarded as members of HKCGI



## How to Complete CGQP

**Two ways:**

- By studying the Collaborative Course Agreement (CCA) programmes (Master's Degree in Corporate Governance accredited by HKCGI)
- By taking the CGQP examinations



# Master's Degree Accredited by HKCGI for Full Exemption

## University / Institution

## Programme

 **SFU** 聖方濟各大學  
Saint Francis University  
(formerly Caritas Institute of Higher Education)

Master of Corporate Governance

**Mode:** Part-time 1.5 years

 香港城市大學  
City University of Hong Kong

Master of Science in Professional  
Accounting and Corporate Governance  
(Corporate Governance Stream)

**Mode:** Full-time 1 year

Part-time 2 years

 香港浸會大學  
HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Master of Science in Corporate  
Governance and Compliance

**Mode:** Full-time 1 year

Part-time 1.5 years

 香港都會大學  
HONG KONG  
METROPOLITAN  
UNIVERSITY  
(前身為香港公開大學 Formerly The Open University of Hong Kong)

Master of Corporate Governance  
and Compliance

**Mode:** Full-time 1.5 years

Part-time 3 years

Distance learning 3 years

 THE HONG KONG  
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
香港理工大學

Master of Corporate Governance

**Mode:** Full-time 1 year

Part-time 2 years



# Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme Examinations



Postgraduate level  
professional  
examination



2 times/year  
June and November



3-hour written  
examination

## Modules

Corporate  
Governance

Corporate  
Secretaryship  
and  
Compliance

Hong Kong  
Company  
Law

Interpreting  
Financial and  
Accounting  
Information

Strategic  
Management

Risk  
Management

Boardroom  
Dynamics /  
Hong Kong  
Taxation  
(elective)





# Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme Exemptions

Holders of relevant recognised university degrees and/or professional qualifications will be eligible for module exemption upon assessment by HKCGI. Relevant qualifications include law, accounting, finance, management and corporate governance.

Modules	Partnership Bachelor's Programme	Law degree/ Qualified Lawyer	Accounting/ Finance degree/ Qualified Accountant	Management/ Business degree	Fast Track Professional	Collaborative Course Agreement Programme
Corporate Governance						✓
Corporate Secretaryship and Compliance					✓	✓
Hong Kong Company Law	✓	✓			✓	✓
Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Strategic Management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Risk Management						✓
Boardroom Dynamics (elective)						✓
Hong Kong Taxation (elective)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

*All exemption applications are subject to the final decision of HKCGI.*

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