



Professional Institutions in Hong Kong

Professional institutions were established to further the interests of professionals in an organisation and to regulate their practice for the benefit of the public. Each institution, which provides support and representation to its members, has certain standards of training and ethics for membership.

Professional institutions may take a number of different forms. Some provide services for members for a fee while others may oversee professional certification that indicates a member's qualifications in an area. In other fields, membership of a particular professional body may be a legal requirement to be able to practice the profession.

In general, professional institutions play an important role in boosting the public profile of the profession and providing various industry related resources. They can also be involved in advising the appropriate educational institution on curriculum development.

In addition, most of these professional institutions also provide ongoing professional development and training activities for its members. These activities can either be specifically related to the discipline concerned or may be of a more generic nature.

Some of the leading professional institutions in Hong Kong include the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, which was founded in 1947 with the aim of bringing together engineers of different disciplines. The institution sets standards for the training and admission of engineers.

In the accounting field, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants is the only statutory licensing body of accountants in Hong Kong responsible for the professional training, development and regulation of the accountancy profession. Only members of the institute are entitled to





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In the medical industry, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is responsible for promoting the advancement of the art and science of medicine and to foster the development of continuing medical education. It is also tasked with promoting the integrity, ethical conduct and standards in the practice of medicine and its specialties, and the improvement of healthcare for Hong Kong citizens.

In business, the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS) is the professional body that oversees the Chartered Secretary profession in Hong Kong and the Mainland. In recent years, HKICS has focused on the role of the company secretary in the listed company environment.

As various industries in Hong Kong prepare to meet challenging times, professional institutions will continue to play an important role in the development and expansion of each respective industry.

