

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Enhanced Competency Framework on Green and Sustainable Finance under the Pilot GSF Capacity Building Support Scheme

Glossary:

Terms	Definition
ECF-GSF	This refers to the Enhanced Competency Framework on Green and Sustainable Finance
The Scheme	This refers to the Pilot GSF Capacity Building Support Scheme
Effective date	This refers to the successful registration date of the programmes under the Pilot GSF Capacity Building Support Scheme
Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 (Introduction to Sustainability) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-297240, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 1: Introduction to Sustainability
Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 1 (Introduction to Sustainability) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-469247, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 1: Introduction to Sustainability
Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 2 (Fundamentals of Green and Sustainable Finance) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-606246, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 2: Fundamentals of Green and Sustainable Finance
Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 2 (Fundamentals of Green and Sustainable Finance) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-836246, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 2: Fundamentals of Green and Sustainable Finance - Examination
Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 3 (Sustainability Risks in Banking) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-128240, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 3: Sustainability Risks in Banking
Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 3 (Sustainability Risks in Banking) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-917248, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 3: Sustainability Risks in Banking - Examination
Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 4 (ESG/Sustainability Strategy, Disclosure and Reporting) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-132247, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 4: ESG/Sustainability Strategy, Disclosure and Reporting
Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 4 (ESG/Sustainability Strategy, Disclosure and Reporting) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-242249, Effective date under the Scheme: 2024/10/23	This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 4: ESG/Sustainability Strategy, Disclosure and Reporting - Examination
Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 (ESG Essentials) under ECF-GSF Programme Identification Code: GTP-980254, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/02/11	This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Professional Level Module 5: ESG Essentials

<p>Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 5 (ESG Essentials) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-332259, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/03/27</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 5: ESG Essentials</p>
<p>Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 6 (Green and Sustainable Finance Product) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-622254, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/02/11</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Professional Level Module 6: Green and Sustainable Finance Investment</p>
<p>Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 6 (Green and Sustainable Finance Product) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-559253, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/03/27</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 6: Green and Sustainable Finance Product</p>
<p>Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 7 (Green and Sustainable Finance Investment) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-915254, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/02/11</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Professional Level Module 7: Green and Sustainable Finance Investment</p>
<p>Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 7 (Green and Sustainable Finance Investment) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-036257, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/03/27</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 7: Green and Sustainable Finance Investment</p>
<p>Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 8 (Sustainability Risk Management) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-858255, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/02/11</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Professional Level Module 8: Sustainability Risk Management</p>
<p>Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 8 (Sustainability Risk Management) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-308259, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/03/27</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 8: Sustainability Risk Management</p>
<p>Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 9 (ESG/Sustainability Reporting and Disclosure) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-382256, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/02/11</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Professional Level Module 9: ESG/Sustainability Reporting</p>
<p>Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 9 (ESG/Sustainability Reporting and Disclosure) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-331259, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/03/27</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 9: ESG/Sustainability Reporting and Disclosure</p>
<p>Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 10 (Sustainability Strategy, Compliance and Control) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-727255, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/02/11</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>training + in-class assessment</i> of ECF-GSF Professional Level Module 10: Sustainability Strategy, Compliance and Control</p>
<p>Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 10 (Sustainability Strategy, Compliance and Control) under ECF-GSF</p> <p>Programme Identification Code: GTP-878252, Effective date under the Scheme: 2026/03/27</p>	<p>This programme refers to the <i>examination</i> of ECF-GSF Core Level Module 10: Sustainability Strategy, Compliance and Control</p>

1. How can I complete the programme(s)* # and be eligible for applying the Pilot GSF Capacity Building Support Scheme (the Scheme)?

***Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 – 4 under ECF-GSF and Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 – 10 under ECF-GSF**

- You are required to complete the module training (face-to-face/virtual) with an attendance of **70% or above** and pass a multiple-choice in-class assessment with a score of **70% or above** in order to be granted with the Certificate of Achievement of the relevant module, and to apply for the Pilot GSF Capacity Building Support Scheme.
- The multiple-choice in-class assessment is a **web-based assessment** which contains **10** multiple-choice questions. Each question carries equal mark.
- You will have **20 minutes** to take the in-class assessment.
- Your enrolment date of the programme must also be on or after the effective date of the eligible programme under the Scheme.

#Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 1 – 4 under ECF-GSF and Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 5 – 10 under ECF-GSF

- You are required to pass a multiple-choice assessment with a score of **70% or above** in order to be granted with the Certificate of Completion of the relevant module, and to apply for the Pilot GSF Capacity Building Support Scheme.
- The multiple-choice assessment is a **paper-based assessment**. Each question carries equal mark.

	Number of multiple-choice questions	Assessment duration
○ Module 1	80	2.5 hours
○ Module 2 – 4	50	1.5 hours per module
○ Module 5	80	2.5 hours
○ Module 6 – 10	60	2 hours per module

- Your enrolment date of the programme must also be on or after the effective date of the eligible programme under the Scheme.

2. Which relevant fees of the programme(s)* # are reimbursable under the Scheme?

***Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 – 4 under ECF-GSF and Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 – 10 under ECF-GSF**

Programme Fee for Module 1	HKD3,400
Programme Fee for Module 1 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD2,550
Programme Fee for Module 2 – 4	HKD2,000

Programme Fee for Module 2 – 4 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD1,500
Programme Fee for Module 5	HKD4,500
Programme Fee for Module 5 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD3,375
Programme Fee for Module 6 – 10	HKD2,700
Programme Fee for Module 6 – 10 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD2,025

#Certificate of Completion for Module 1- 4 under ECF-GSF

Programme Fee for Module 1	HKD2,000
Programme Fee for Module 1 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD1,000
Programme Fee for Module 2 – 4	HKD1,400
Programme Fee for Module 2 – 4 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD700
Programme Fee for Module 5	HKD2,400
Programme Fee for Module 5 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD1,200
Programme Fee for Module 6 – 10	HKD2,100
Programme Fee for Module 6 – 10 (HKIB Student Member)	HKD1,050

3. What is the medium of instruction for the programme(s)* # ?

***Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 – 4 under ECF-GSF and Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 – 10 under ECF-GSF**

- Cantonese, English or Mandarin

#Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 1 – 4 under ECF-GSF and Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 5 – 10 under ECF-GSF

- Cantonese or English

4. What are the entry requirements for the programmes?

Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 – 4 under ECF-GSF

- Students of Associate Degree (AD) / Higher Diploma (HD) in any discipline or equivalent (QF L4); OR
- Equivalent qualifications or above; OR
- Mature applicants with at least 3 years of relevant banking experience with recommendations from employer

Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 – 10 under ECF-GSF

- Holder of Advanced Certificate for ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance awarded by HKIB (completion of ECF-GSF (Core Level) relevant trainings and examinations); OR
- Grandfathered for ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level) awarded by HKIB

Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 1 under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 (Introduction to Sustainability) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 (Introduction to Sustainability) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 2 under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 2 (Fundamentals of Green and Sustainable Finance) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 2 (Fundamentals of Green and Sustainable Finance) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 3 under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 3 (Sustainability Risks in Banking) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 3 (Sustainability Risks in Banking) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Core Level Module 4: under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 4 (ESG/Sustainability Strategy, Disclosure and Reporting) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 4 (ESG/Sustainability Strategy, Disclosure and Reporting) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 5: under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 (ESG Essentials) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 (ESG Essentials) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 6: under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 6 (Green and Sustainable Finance Product) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 6 (Green and Sustainable Finance Product) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 7: under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 7 (Green and Sustainable Finance Investment) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 7 (Green and Sustainable Finance Investment) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 8: under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 8 (Sustainability Risk Management) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 8 (Sustainability Risk Management) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 9: under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 9 (ESG/Sustainability Reporting and Disclosure) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 9 (ESG/Sustainability Reporting and Disclosure) under ECF-GSF.

Certificate of Completion for Professional Level Module 10: under ECF-GSF

- Acquired the “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 10 (Sustainability Strategy, Compliance and Control) under ECF-GSF”, OR
- Acquired confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption” on “Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 10 (Sustainability Strategy, Compliance and Control) under ECF-GSF.

5. How can I acquire confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption”?

You will be required to self-declare on completion of relevant in-house training programme(s) organised by an Authorized Institution with substantially overlapping syllabus coverage with respective module(s).

Before you are being awarded with the Certificate of Achievement for Core Level Module 1 – 4 or Certificate of Achievement for Professional Level Module 5 – 10; as a confirmation from the HKIB on the successful “training exemption”, you may also be required to provide supporting documents including but not limited to syllabus mapping summary, training course syllabus, etc. to the HKIB.

6. Do I need to apply for the subsidy by myself or The HKIB will represent me to apply it automatically when I have enrolled the programme?

You are required to apply for the subsidy on your own via The Scheme. You are also recommended to read the eligibility requirements for details beforehand. For details, please refer to <https://www.greentalent.org.hk/>

7. Is there any deadline for applying the Scheme after the completion of programme(s)?

You are required to submit the completed application form together with the required supporting documents via the website of The Scheme within 3 months from the date of completion of the programme. Late applications will not be processed.

8. If I lost my certificate and documentary proof, is there any charge to obtain a replacement of proof?

In case of lost certificate, you can apply for getting a new copy of the certificate. For details, please refer to the certification application form.

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