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Certification Application Form for ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (ECF-GSF) (Core Level)

Important Notes:

1. The application is applicable to **Relevant Practitioner (RP)** engaged by an Authorized Institution (AI) at the time of application.
2. Read carefully the "Guidelines of Certification Application for ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance" (GSF-G-022) **BEFORE** completing this application form.
3. Only **completed application forms** with all valid supporting documents, including the HR Verification Annexes, will be processed.

Section A: Personal Particulars ¹

Title: ☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Dr ☐ Prof	HKIB Member: ☐ Yes _____ ☐ No <i>(Membership No.)</i>	
Name in English ² : <i>(Surname)</i> <i>(Given Name)</i>	Name in Chinese ² :	
HKID/Passport Number:	Date of Birth: <i>(DD/MM/YYYY)</i>	
Contact Information		
(Primary) Email Address ³ : (Secondary) Email Address:	Mobile Phone Number:	
Correspondence Address:		
Employment Information		
Name of Current Employer:	Office Telephone Number:	
Position/Functional Title:	Department:	
Office Address ⁴ :		
Academic and Professional Qualifications		
Highest Academic Qualification Obtained:	University/Tertiary Institution/ College:	Year of Award:
Other Professional Qualifications:	Professional Bodies:	Year of Award:

1. Put a "✓" in the appropriate box(es).
2. Information as shown on identity document.
3. All the HKIB communication will be sent to the Primary Email Address (Personal email preferred).
4. Provide if not the same as the correspondence address above.

Section B: Indication of Certification(s) Applied

Please indicate the Certification(s) applied for by putting a "✓" in the appropriate box(es).

Certification Application for

Eligibility *:

- ☐ **Associate Green Finance Professional (Product & Servicing) (AGFP(PS))**
 - ☐ Have completed **Modules 1 and 2** of the ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level) training programmes offered by HKIB or other accredited training programmes and passed the relevant examinations hosted by HKIB or equivalent; or
 - ☐ Possessing the ECF Affiliate of AGFP(PS) designation;
- ☐ **Associate Green Finance Professional (Climate Risk Management) (AGFP(ClimRM))**
 - ☐ Have completed **Modules 1 and 3** of the ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level) training programmes offered by HKIB or other accredited training programmes and passed the relevant examinations hosted by HKIB or equivalent; or
 - ☐ Possessing the ECF Affiliate of AGFP(ClimRM) designation;
- ☐ **Associate Green Finance Professional (Sustainability Disclosures and Reporting) (AGFP(SDR))**
 - ☐ Have completed **Modules 1 and 4** of the ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level) training programmes offered by HKIB or other accredited training programmes and passed the relevant examinations hosted by HKIB or equivalent; or
 - ☐ Possessing the ECF Affiliate of AGFP(SDR) designation;
- ☐ **Associate Green Finance Professional (Sustainability Strategy, Compliance and Control) (AGFP(SSCC))**
 - ☐ Have completed **Modules 1 and 4** of the ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level) training programmes offered by HKIB or other accredited training programmes and passed the relevant examinations hosted by HKIB or equivalent; or
 - ☐ Possessing the ECF Affiliate of AGFP(SSCC) designation;

Applicants must be employed by an AI at the time of application.

**Application will be processed based on the option(s) you chose.*

Section C: Declaration Relating to Disciplinary Actions, Investigations for Non-compliance and Financial Status

Put a “✓” in the appropriate box(es). If you have answered “Yes” to any of the questions, provide details by attaching all relevant documents relating to the matter(s).

1. Have you ever been reprimanded, censured, disciplined by any professional or regulatory authority?	☐ Yes	☐ No
2. Have you ever had a record of non-compliance with any non-statutory codes, or been censured, disciplined, or disqualified by any professional or regulatory body in relation to your profession?	☐ Yes	☐ No
3. Have you ever been investigated about offences involving fraud or dishonesty or adjudged by a court to be criminally or civilly liable for fraud, dishonesty, or misfeasance?	☐ Yes	☐ No
4. Have you ever been refused or restricted from the right to carry on any profession for which a specific license, registration, or other authorisation is required by law?	☐ Yes	☐ No
5. Have you ever been adjudged bankrupt, or served with a bankruptcy petition?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Section D: Payment

Payment Amount

Please indicate the fee by putting a "✓" in the appropriate box.

1st Year Certification Fee for AGFP (Membership valid until 31 December 2027¹)

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| ☐ Not a HKIB member | HKD2,300 ² |
| ☐ <u>Current and valid</u> HKIB Ordinary Member | HKD2,300 ² |
| ☐ <u>Current and valid</u> HKIB Professional Member | Waived |

1. Current Professional Member excluded. Professional Member will be required to renew the membership for 2027.

2. The 1st Year Certification Fee includes a complimentary CPD course (up to 3 hours) that supports your professional growth and career progression. For more details of the CPD course, please contact our Customer Experience Team.

Payment Method

- ☐ Paid by Employer
- ☐ Company Cheque (Cheque No: _____)
- ☐ Company Invoice (_____)
- ☐ A cheque/e-Cheque made payable to "The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers" (Cheque No. _____). For e-Cheque, please state "AGFP Certification" under 'remarks' and email together with the completed application form to cert.gf@hkib.org.

- ☐ Credit Card
- ☐ Visa
- ☐ Mastercard

Card No: - - -

Expiry Date (MM/YY): /

Name of Cardholder (as on credit card): _____

Signature of Cardholder (as on credit card): _____

Section E: Privacy Policy Statement

It is our policy to meet fully the requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. HKIB recognises the sensitive and highly confidential nature of much of the personal data it handles, and maintains a high level of security in its work. HKIB does its best to ensure compliance with the Ordinance by providing guidelines to, and monitoring the compliance of, the relevant parties.

For more details, please refer to the [Privacy Policy Statement](#) or contact us at the address and telephone number below:

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Use of Personal Data in Direct Marketing

I do not wish HKIB to use my personal data in direct marketing relating to HKIB's training programmes, examinations, professional qualifications, membership services, events, publications and professional development opportunities through the following channel(s) (please "✓" to select):

☐ Weekly E-News ☐ Email ☐ Telemarketing ☐ WhatsApp

Unless otherwise indicated above, HKIB may continue to use your personal data for direct marketing through the relevant communication channels in accordance with its Privacy Policy Statement.

Digital Credential Verification Preference

HKIB operates a Digital Credential System (DCS) that enables authorised employers and other authorised verification parties to verify professional qualifications and certifications awarded by HKIB. Unless you opt out below, HKIB will make the following credential information available through the DCS for credential verification purposes:

- Qualification achieved
- Certification status
- Award date
- Certification validity status

The purpose of this disclosure is to facilitate professional credential verification.

Please note that if you opt out, authorised verification parties may not be able to verify your HKIB credentials through the DCS. You may change your preference at any time through MyHKIB.

☐ I do not wish HKIB to disclose or verify my credential information through the DCS.

Section F: Acknowledgement and Declaration

- I declare that all information I have provided in this form is true and correct.
- I understand that the fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable, regardless of the final application result.
- I authorise HKIB to obtain from the relevant authorities any information about my qualifications and/or employment as required for my application.
- I acknowledge that HKIB has the right to withdraw approval of the certification if I do not meet the requirements. I understand and agree that HKIB may investigate the statements I have made with respect to this application, and that I may be subject to disciplinary action for any misrepresentation (whether fraudulent or otherwise) in this application.
- I confirm that I have read and understood the [Privacy Policy Statement](http://www.hkib.org) set out on the HKIB website at <http://www.hkib.org>, and consent to the terms set out therein. I also understand that HKIB will use the information provided and personal data collected for administration and communication purposes.
- I have read and agree to comply with the "Guidelines of Certification Application for ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level)" (GSF-G-022).

Document Checklist

To facilitate the application process, please check the following items before submitting them to HKIB. Failure to submit the required documents may cause delays or termination of the application. Please “✓” the appropriate box(es).

- ☐ All necessary fields on this application form filled in, including your signature
- ☐ Completed **HR Verification Annex (Core Level)** form(s), fulfilling the requirements as stipulated for certification application
- ☐ Copy of your HKID/Passport
- ☐ Copies of your ECF-GSF examination results
- ☐ Payment or evidence of payment enclosed (e.g. cheque or completed Credit Card Payment Instructions)

Signature of Applicant

(Name:

Date

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Certification Application Form for ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level)

HR Department Verification Form on Employment Information for GSF Practitioner

Important Notes:

1. A completed Certification Application Form for ECF on Green and Sustainable Finance (Core Level) should include p.1-7 plus the relevant **HR Verification Annex (Core Level)** form (p.AC1-AC9).
2. All information provided, including company chop, must be true and original.
3. Please complete this form in BLOCK LETTERS.

Employment Information	
Name of the Applicant:	
HKID/Passport Number:	
Position/Functional Title:	
Name of Current Employer:	
Business Division/Department:	
Employment Period of the Stated Position /Functional Title: (DD/MM/YYYY)	From: To:
Key Roles/Responsibilities in Relation to the Stated Position/Functional Title: (Tick the appropriate box(es); Application will be processed based on the role(s) ticked)	☐ Role 1 – Green and Sustainable Finance Product and Servicing (<i>fill in p.AC2-AC4</i>) ☐ Role 2 – Sustainability/ Climate Risk Management (<i>fill in p.AC5</i>) ☐ Role 3 – Sustainability Disclosures and Reporting (<i>fill in p.AC6</i>) ☐ Role 4 – Sustainability Strategy, Compliance & Control (<i>fill in p.AC7-AC8</i>)
Total Time Spent in the above Specified Functional Role(s) for the Stated Position	_____Year(s) _____Month(s)

Please declare the “Key Roles/Responsibilities” in relation to your position/functional title stated on **p.AC1** of this **HR Verification Annex (Core Level)** form by ticking the appropriate boxes.

Key Roles/Responsibilities	Please “✓” where appropriate
☐ Role 1 – Green and Sustainable Finance Product and Servicing	
☐ Client Engagement and Relationship Management	
1. Keep abreast of local, regional and global GSF trends, markets and development	
2. Support the research and analysis of corporates on ESG strategy, management, data and performances	
3. Support internal teams in collecting ESG data and information from clients and communicating bank-wide sustainability strategies and policies to clients	
4. Assist in selling of GSF products and offering advice to clients on matters including but not limited to ESG objectives, integration, readiness and sustainability strategies	
5. Promote GSF products and explain product features to clients	
6. Perform due diligence for GSF products and customers	
7. Work with internal teams to develop marketing materials that create interest in GSF products and develop new business opportunities	
8. Work with internal teams to develop, collect and analyse GSF related data and information for internal and external reporting purposes	
9. Act ethically and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and internal GSF frameworks, policies and guidelines	
10. Assist in providing training to staff on selling and advisory of GSF products	
☐ Green and Sustainable Investment	
1. Monitor, analyse and keep abreast of local, regional and global GSF trends, markets and development	
2. Conduct research on sustainability topics and perform quantitative and qualitative analysis on ESG information and performance of portfolio companies and markets, integrating findings into investment decisions	
3. Prepare client pitch, discussion and marketing materials for GSF business opportunities	

Key Roles/Responsibilities	Please "✓" where appropriate
4. Assist in executing different sustainable investing strategies and approaches, including but not limited to ESG screening, ESG integration, thematic investing and impact investing	
5. Work with internal teams to develop, collect and analyse GSF related data and information for internal and external reporting purposes	
6. Assist in stewardship activities including engagements and proxy voting	
7. Participate in GSF-related communications with internal and external stakeholders, including governments, regulators, industry associations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), rating agencies and relevant business units	
8. Assist in providing GSF-related guidance and trainings to staff (including portfolio managers and analysts) on GSF investment	
9. Ensure the financial market transactions are in compliance with regulatory requirements and internal GSF frameworks, policies and guidelines	
☐ Green and Sustainable Finance Product Development	
1. Monitor, analyse and keep abreast of local, regional and global GSF trends, markets and development	
2. Assist in developing and implementing internal GSF frameworks and strategies	
3. Gather and analyse ESG data and information on sectors and corporates that are covered	
4. Conduct research on sustainability topics and analyse ESG information and performance of clients and markets, integrating findings into financing decisions and research reports	
5. Support the origination, structuring of GSF products and solutions (i.e. financing proposals, term sheet, due diligence, documentation, etc.) by leveraging ESG data, regulatory and analytical expertise	
6. Liaise with frontline teams to explore and execute green and sustainable financing opportunities and deals	
7. Support the development, quality assurance and maintenance of the library of GSF communication materials to raise awareness of internal and external stakeholders	
8. Work with internal teams to collect and document GSF-related information for reporting purposes	
9. Support GSF-related engagements with internal and external stakeholders, including governments, regulators, industry associations, NGOs	

Key Roles/Responsibilities	Please “✓” where appropriate
10. Assist in providing GSF guidance and trainings to staff (including relationship managers) on GSF/sustainability products	
11. Act ethically and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and internal GSF frameworks, policies and guidelines	
☐ Green and Sustainable Finance Underwriting	
1. Support the credit underwriting of GSF transactions originated by other business units	
2. Assist in conducting qualitative analysis on issuers’ ESG risks and monitoring credit risk exposures and utilise quantitative techniques for ESG risk assessment to overlay an ESG view within the credit appraisal process, e.g. develop quantitative ESG score from proprietary framework that aggregates metrics from primary and secondary data sources	
3. Act ethically and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and internal GSF frameworks, policies and guidelines	
4. Assist in providing training to staff on GSF risks related to underwriting	
☐ Green and Sustainable Finance Data and Quantification	
1. Assist in developing, collating and analysing GSF data/databases	
2. Assist in developing and providing technology and data solutions for GSF data processing and analytics	
3. Liaise with ESG data vendors and suppliers to onboard and test new data sources	
4. Provide support to the internal teams during GSF-related system implementation phases	
5. Assist in providing training to staff on GSF data processing and analytics	

Key Roles/Responsibilities	Please “✓” where appropriate
☐ Role 2 – Sustainability / Climate Risk Management	
1. Assist in the development, enhancement and execution of an appropriate sustainability/ESG risk (including climate-related risks) management framework, and integration into the bank’s existing risk management processes	
2. Support the setting of risk appetite and control measures for sustainability/ESG and climate risk management, and monitoring sustainability/ESG and climate risk exposure	
3. Support in communicating with the risk owners on risk identification and assessment, and provide advice on control and mitigation	
4. Conduct research and monitor global trends and regulations on sustainability/ESG risks (including climate-related risks), keep abreast of latest industry standards to ensure existing practices remain effective and relevant	
5. Collaborate with related control functions and businesses on regulatory/legal entity risk management matters and sustainability/ESG risks (including climate-related risks and greenwashing risks) management	
6. Assist in the development of scenario-based modelling to understand the impact of climate-related risks (physical and transition risks)	
7. Assist in the development, validation, execution and monitoring of climate risk related models	
8. Perform climate risk stress testing and scenario analysis in accordance with international and local regulatory requirements and industry practice	
9. Engage with business units on sustainability/ESG risks (including climate-related risks) to implement the sustainability risk management framework	
10. Assist in providing training to staff on sustainability/ESG and climate risk management	
11. Act ethically and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and internal GSF frameworks, policies and guidelines	

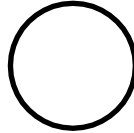
Key Roles/Responsibilities	Please "✓" where appropriate
☐ Role 3 – Sustainability Disclosures and Reporting	
1. Monitor, analyse and keep abreast of local, regional and global GSF trends, markets and development and incorporate them into the bank's sustainability and GSF reporting frameworks	
2. Support the bank's sustainability reporting efforts, including developing the data reporting framework, collecting sustainability data, drafting and improving data reporting procedures	
3. Support the implementation of current and emerging ESG disclosure frameworks, including the implementation of GSF related parts of TCFD and ISSB reporting	
4. Coordinate with different departments to evaluate the performance of GSF activities for sustainability/ESG data disclosures and reporting	
5. Support the collection, disclosures and reporting of green and sustainable finance products, sustainability/ESG and climate risk related data	
6. Collect and analyse sustainability-related data using data collection templates/data collection systems to report and evaluate the bank's sustainability performance	
7. Support the bank's submissions on sustainability/ESG ratings, surveys and awards	
8. Coordinate internal and external assurance of sustainability reports	
9. Assist in providing training to staff on sustainability disclosures and reporting	

Key Roles/Responsibilities	Please "✓" where appropriate
☐ Role 4 – Sustainability Strategy, Compliance & Control	
☐ Sustainability Strategy	
1. Monitor, analyse and keep abreast of local, regional and global GSF and ESG/sustainability trends, markets and development and incorporate them into the bank's sustainability strategy	
2. Support the development, implementation, execution and management of the bank's sustainability strategy, targets and action plans	
3. Collaborate and maintain relationships with internal and external stakeholders to promote and drive the bank's sustainability strategy	
4. Support training, upskilling and ongoing engagement of staff on key aspects of GSF and ESG/sustainability	
5. Maintain effective communication with internal and external stakeholders and relevant parties on matters related to GSF and ESG/sustainability	
☐ Sustainability Compliance	
1. Maintain a thorough and up-to-date understanding of legislative and regulatory developments on GSF and ESG/sustainability issues	
2. Assist in evaluating the impact of GSF and ESG/sustainability related regulatory developments, support regulatory change management efforts, and provide regulatory updates to the internal teams	
3. Provide advice on applicable GSF and ESG/sustainability related compliance and regulatory matters to business personnel and support functions	
4. Support the implementation of enhancement of policies, procedures, and programmes to effectively address GSF and ESG/sustainability related compliance and regulatory risks	
5. Assist in providing training to staff on GSF and ESG/sustainability compliance	
6. Act ethically and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and internal GSF and sustainability frameworks, policies and guidelines	

Key Roles/Responsibilities		Please "✓" where appropriate
☐ Internal Control		
1. Monitor, analyse and keep abreast of local, regional and global GSF and ESG/sustainability trends, markets and development, and assist in advising on the bank's broader risk management capabilities		
2. Support the development and implementation of integrating GSF and ESG/sustainability related risks and compliance considerations into the bank's audit strategy, framework and programmes		
3. Support the development, execution, documentation and testing of internal controls and risks related to GSF and ESG/sustainability and validating risk mitigation activities		
4. Setting up appropriate audit programmes to focus on material risks to an AI's sustainability risk identification and management		
5. Constructively challenging and adding value to an AI's climate risk and sustainable finance work and ESG/sustainability disclosures		
6. Assist in auditing the performance measurement, data disclosures and reporting of sustainability related risks		
7. Assist in providing training to staff on internal controls related to GSF		
☐ Advisory on Sustainability and Climate Related Issues		
1. Conduct research on sustainability and climate related issues, including material issues related to sectoral markets, greenhouse gas emissions, and other environmental and social issues		
2. Provide advice on sustainability and climate related issues		
3. Assist in providing training to staff on advisory on sustainability and climate related issues		

Verification by HR Department

The Employment information provided by the applicant in this form has been verified to be consistent with the information on the applicant that is retained by the HR department of this Authorized Institution.



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Date

Name:

Department: _____

Position: _____

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Authorisation for Disclosure of Personal Information to a Third Party

I, _____, (*name of applicant*) hereby authorise
The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) to disclose my results and/or progress of the
“Grandfathering/Examination/Certification/Exemption application for ECF-GSF (Core Level)” to any
third party, including but not limited to my current employer and future employer(s), upon request.
HKIB shall try its best endeavours to ensure that the disclosure of the personal information is proper
and harmless to the applicant.

Signature

HKIB Membership No./HKID No.*

Date

Contact Phone No.

** HKIB Membership No./HKID No. is needed to verify your identity. We may also need to contact you concerning the authorisation.*

Important Notes:

1. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, grandfathering/examination/certification/exemption applications for a module/designation and award(s) achieved.
2. This authorisation form must be signed and submitted to HKIB.
3. Applicants may rescind or amend their consent in writing to HKIB at any time, except where action has been taken in reliance on this authorisation.