

Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants 香港會計師公會

Application for Registration as a Certified Public Accountant

Online Membership Application

User Guide





Application for Registration as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

This user guide provides detailed instructions for applicants to submit their applications for registration as a CPA with the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA / the Institute). Its aim is to assist applicants in effectively navigating and utilizing the online membership application platform.

Please read this guide thoroughly and ensure that all necessary documents, as outlined in the <u>application checklist</u>, are prepared before starting your application.

Getting Started

System Requirements

The application supports the following browsers only:
Recommended – **Google Chrome version 15.0 or above**Alternative – **Microsoft Internet Explorer version 9.0 or above**

Please visit the Institute's website to access the application webpage:

https://www.hkicpa.org.hk → Membership → Register as a CPA → Membership

Application

Before application

Register a web account

To access the online application platform, you need to register a web account. Instructions for registering a web account will be provided in later sections.

- ♣ If you have registered a web account under the Qualification Programme (QP) registration, please login by using the same username and password of the web account.
- **If you are a former HKICPA member**, please login by using the same username and password of the web account.

If you forgot your password or username, please refer to the "About Web Login Account" and click <u>HERE</u> to recover your login ID and password. For IT-related assistance, please contact the Institute's IT support team at itenquiry@hkicpa.org.hk or by telephone at (852) 2287-7800.

Before submitting your application, you will need to prepare the following:

- 1. **Certified copy** of your Hong Kong identity card / passport marked "COPY" across the image.
- 2. Certified copy of your Educational certificate for the highest academic qualification.
- 3. Passport standard photo (JPEG, ratio of length to width is 4:3).
- 4. Specimen signature of membership applicant click HERE for the blank form.
- 5. **Certified copy** of supporting documents to be submitted under different entry routes.
- 6. Credit card (VISA/ MasterCard/ UnionPay) or other payment methods capable to support online payment in Hong Kong dollars.



Note:

- Size of each single file must be less than 20MB.
- Certification of documents: Specified supporting documents must be certified as true copy by any of the following persons:
 - o A certified public accountant (i.e. HKICPA member)
 - A legal practitioner
 - o Government District Officer through statutory declaration
 - o Authorised staff of the Institute after applicants upload copies and submit application.
- The Institute reserves the right to check the original / obtain the certified copy of required documents.
- The Institute reserves the right to verify the information provided by the applicant with employer(s) / parent institute(s) / the Commissioner of Police, and any criminal investigatory bodies or regulatory authorities in or outside Hong Kong or their representatives and any third parties concerned.
- An administration charge, as announced in the <u>fee schedule</u> will be deducted from the refund if an application is rejected by the Institute or is withdrawn by the applicant.

During application

You should ensure that all input data in each section is correct and complete before proceeding to the next section.

You may click the "Save Draft" button to save the information on the application platform during the application process. You can click the "Continue" button to resume the application at a later time.

Important: all information in the application platform may be removed if the application is not submitted within 2 months from its creation date.

After submission

You will receive an email confirmation upon the successful submission of application and payment. The results of the application will normally be available 10 weeks after the relevant submission deadline. Please note that incomplete information or insufficient supporting evidence may cause delay in the processing of an application.

The Institute will review the application and may contact the applicant for additional information if necessary. Please ensure that all contact information is up to date to receive notifications regarding the application status.

Enquiry

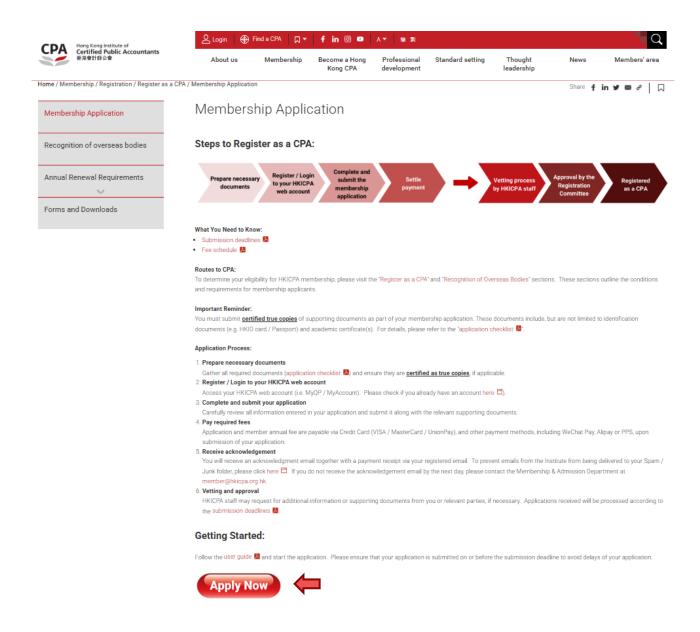
Should you have any changes or inquiries regarding your application, please contact the Institute's Membership and Admission Department at member@hkicpa.org.hk. To facilitate the identification of your application, kindly provide your full name and reference number included in the confirmation email.



Accessing the Online Application Platform

- 1. Access the application platform for membership application
- 2. Read the instructions and notes carefully
- 3. Click on "Apply Now"

Membership → Registration → Register as a CPA → Membership Application



To proceed with your online application, please login by using your web account.

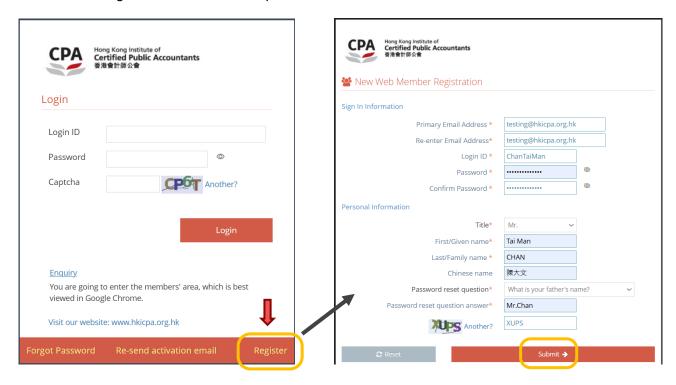
QP registered students and former HKICPA members are required to use their designated accounts to login. This facilitates the Institute's processing of your application efficiently.



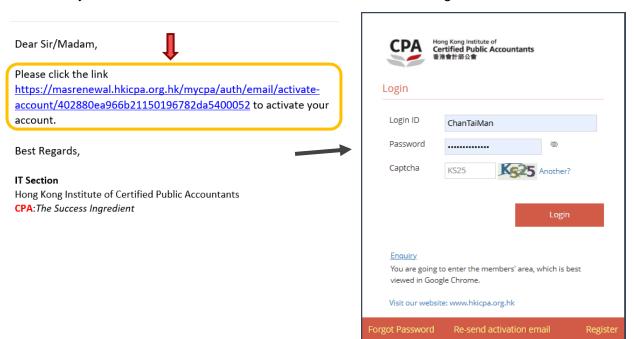
Register a web account

If you do not have a web account, please register before accessing the online application platform. Follow the instructions on the website to create your account. Once registered, you can login and continue with your application.

1. Select "Register" and fill in the required information



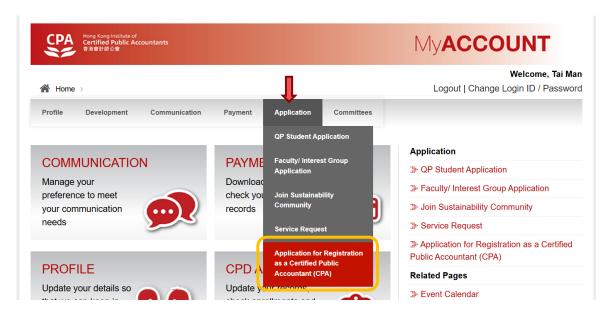
2. Check your mailbox for the account activation email and then login



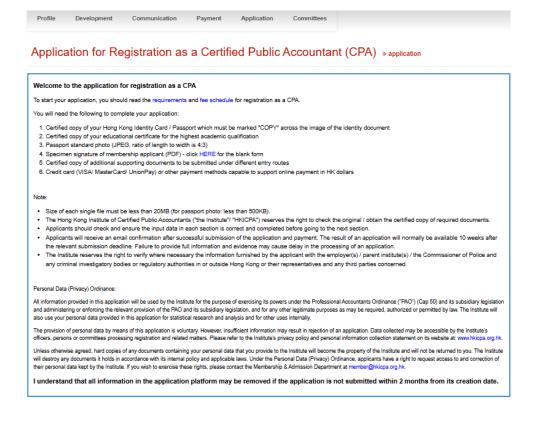


Application procedures

1. Choose "Application for Registration as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)" from the "Application" menu

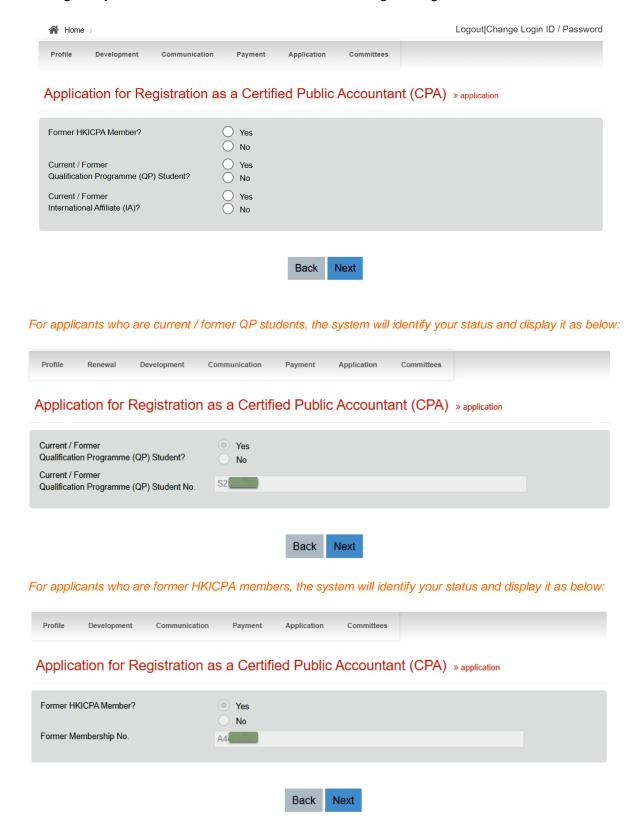


2. Read the instructions and notes carefully, then click "Next"





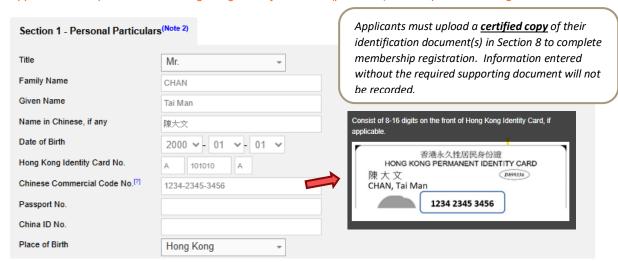
3. Answer the questions below. If you login with a wrong account, an error message will appear stating that your status cannot be identified. Please login using the correct account.





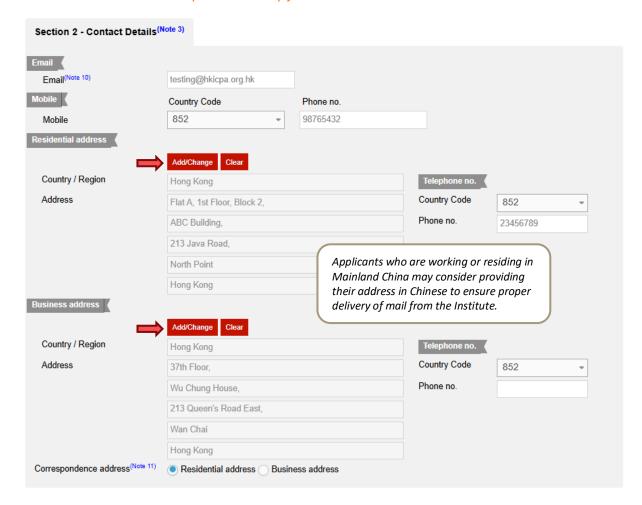
4. Fill in your Personal Particulars in Section 1

Applicants must provide either Hong Kong Identity Card No. (preferred) or Passport No. for registration.



5. Fill in your Contact Details in Section 2

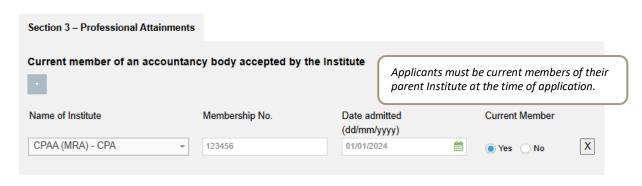
A residential address must be provided to comply with the Professional Accountants Ordinance.



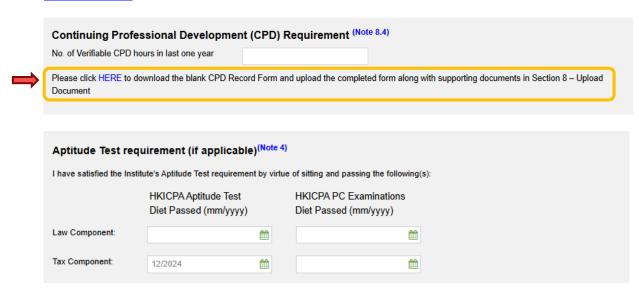


6. Select your Professional Qualification in Section 3 (applicable for Non-QP graduates)

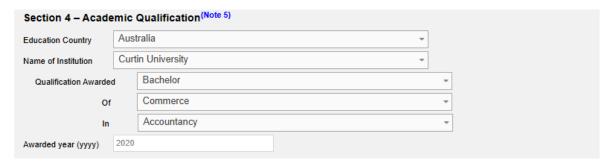
The full name of the Institutes can be found in the application checklist.



Former members re-applying for membership are required to complete at least **20 hours** of relevant and verifiable continuing professional development activities in the last one year at the time of re-application as stipulated in **Statement 1.500**.



7. Fill in your Academic Qualification in Section 4





8. Fill in your Employment Details in Section 5

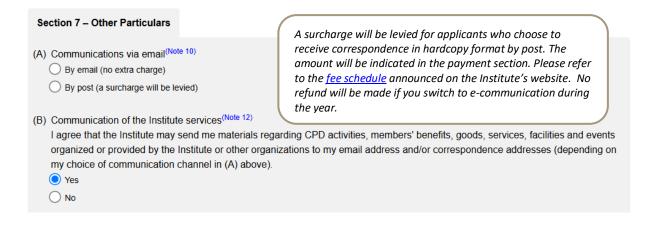
Section 5 – Employment Details / Practical Experience in Accountancy(Note 6)						
Please provide employment details / practical experier last row.	nce in accountancy within the last	10 years in chronological order w	ith current employment in th	е		
Period of Employment (dd/mm/yyyy)	Name of Employer	Work Location	Position			
02/10/2020 mm to 22/12/2023 mm - Present	ABC Company	Hong Kong	Accountant	X		
08/01/2024 to lime to lime ✓ Present	BCD CPA & Co.	Hong Kong	Senior Manager	X		

9. Answer the questions regarding "Fit and Proper" in Section 6

A spent conviction under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Ordinance is <u>not exempted</u> from disclosure under the same Ordinance for the purpose of considering the admission of a person as a CPA.

Section 6 – Fit and Proper(Note 7)			
For answers indicating a "Yes", please provide further explanation with supporting document(s) in Section 8 – Upload	I Documents		
(a) Financial integrity			
• In the last five years, have you made any compromis satisfy creditors in full? A "Yes" answer to any of the questions will not automatically result in a refusal of membership.	Yes No		
 Have you ever been declared bankrupt or been the s elsewhere, or has a bankruptcy petition ever been se elsewhere or has a bankruptcy petition ever been se Documents for the Institute's consideration. 	Yes No		
(b) Conviction (including spent conviction) and civil liability*	,		
Have you been convicted of an offence under Part V (Perjury) of the Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 200)?	O Yes O No		
 Have you been convicted in Hong Kong or elsewhere of any offence other than a minor traffic or littering O Yes No offence? Conviction of a minor traffic or littering offence refers to one that did not lead to imprisonment (including suspended sentence). 			
Have you been guilty of misconduct in your professional or business activities? Yes			

10. Select your preferred option provided in Section 7





Applicants who wish to receive a digital badge upon approval of their application must check the box to authorize its issuance.

(C) Authorization for issuing the digital badge

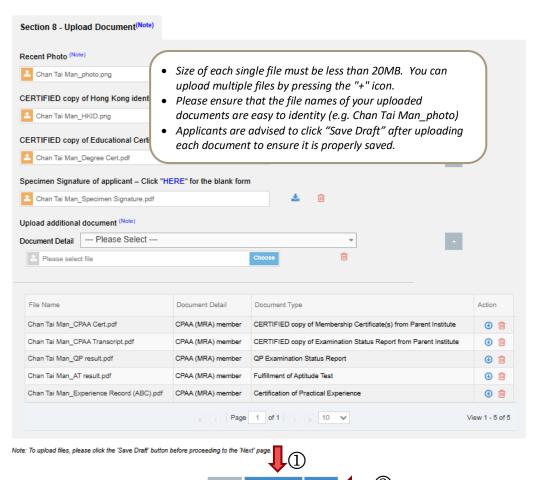
The Institute is pleased to offer a digital badge to all members so they may proudly showcase their qualification. Check this box to authorize the Institute to use your name and email address for the purpose of issuing your digital badge.
(Note: No digital badge will be issued if you leave this box unchecked. Any subsequent request for a digital badge will require additional processing time and may incur additional fees.)

Applicants who submit their applications by the September deadline can choose to have their membership registration effective either from the current year or from 1 January of the next calendar year. Please select your preference, and the applicable fees will be displayed in the payment section later.

- (C) Applications considered and approved by the Council in November or December each year will normally become effective on 1 January of the next calendar year. Applicants should choose one of the following options regarding the effective date of their application: (Note 16.2)
 - Ourrent Year Pay the half-year member annual fee for 2025
 - Next Year Pay the full-year member annual fee for 2026

11. Upload documents in Section 8

Applicants are required to upload all necessary documents in this section. If you choose to submit documents certified by the authorized staff of the Institute, you must **first upload copies of the documents and submit your online application** for further processing. Please note that certified copies of supporting documents will be retained by the Institute and will not be returned.



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12. Review Authorization Form

All applicants are required to provide their consent to the Hong Kong Police Force to release full particulars of any and all criminal convictions to the Institute. Please review all the information entered in the form and check the box before clicking the "Next" button.

Authorization ^(Note)					
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PERSONAIL DATA 個人資料					
	AUTHORIZATION 授權書				
convictions@ reco	ded against me	to <u>Hong Kong Institute</u>	of Certified Publi	esentative, to release full particulars of any and all criminal <i>lic Accountants</i> . My personal particulars are as follows:- 部有關本人的刑事判罪 [®] 紀錄的所有資料。本人的個人資料如下:-	
Name in English	CHAN, Tai Ma	n	中文姓名	陳大文	
Date of Birth 出生日期	01-01-2000		Place of Birth 出生地點	Hong Kong	
Hong Kong Identit 香港身份證號碼	y Card No.	A101010(A)			
Chinese Commerc 中文商業電碼		1234-2345-3456			
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☐ I hereby confirm th	at I have reviev	ved this Authorization Forn	n in the process o	of submitting the HKICPA online application.	
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13. Complete the Declaration as required

Declaratio	n(Note 14.4)
	I declare that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
	I confirm that all uploaded documents are true and correct certified copies of the original documents, as required.
	I hereby authorize the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("the Institute") to obtain my personal information from third parties for the purpose of verifying my experience and qualifications, and I authorize any such third party to release my personal information to the Institute. (Note 14.5)
	I hereby authorize the Commissioner of Police to release full particulars of any and all criminal convictions recorded against me to the Institute. (Note 14.6)
	If there are ongoing investigations which I cannot lawfully disclose, I undertake to notify the Institute of the results as soon as practicable after completion of the investigations.
	I undertake to notify the Registrar of any future conviction of any criminal offence or professional misconduct locally or overseas as soon as practicable. (Note 13)
	I understand that upon Council's approval of my membership application, I shall observe and abide by the Professional Accountants. Ordinance, Professional Accountants By-laws and Professional Standards of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
	I waive all claims against the Institute for any loss or damage I may suffer arising from this application.



14. Application Summary

Applicants are required to thoroughly review all information entered in the application. If any changes are necessary, please click the "Back" button to make the appropriate updates.



Application for Registration as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) » review

Review Summary			
Personal Particulars			
Title:	Mr.		
Family Name:	CHAN		
Given Name:	Tai Man		
Chinese Name:	陳大文		
Date of Birth:	01-01-2000		
Hong Kong Identity Card No.:	A101010(A)		
Chinese Commercial Code:	1234-2345-3456		
Place of Birth:	Hong Kong		
Nationality:	Chinese		

Note: Before clicking the "Next" button to proceed to the payment section, <u>applicants are strongly advised to</u> <u>save or print the application summary for their records</u>. Please be aware that you will not be able to return to this section after settling the payment.

Declaration

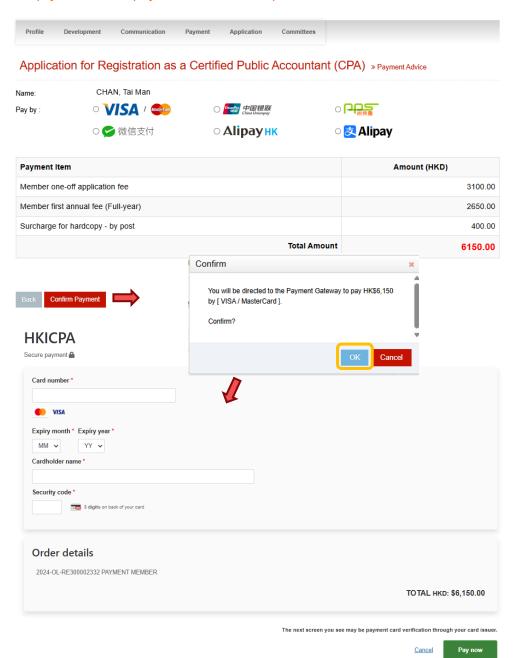
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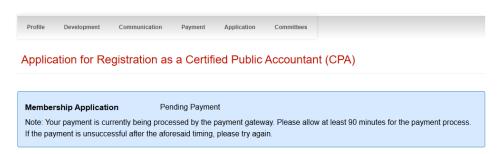


15. Payment Section

The payment items displayed are based on the option selected in Section 7



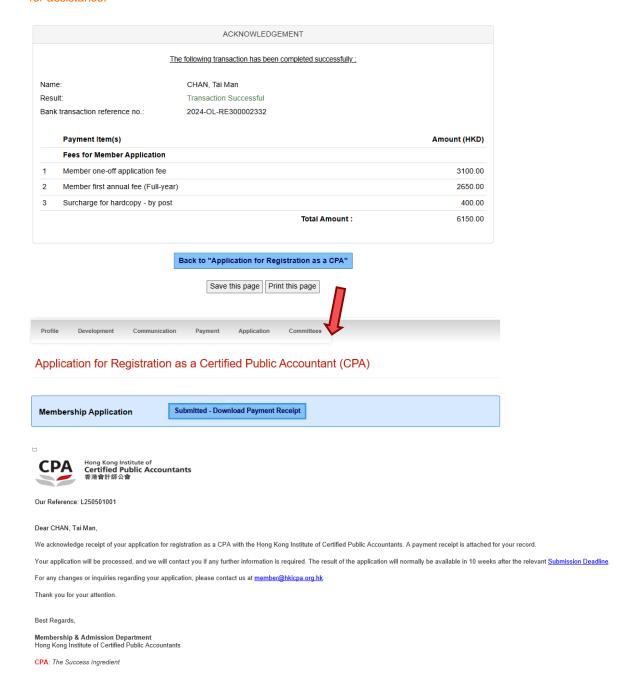
Note: If you see the following message, please wait for **90 minutes** before attempting another payment.





16. Upon successful payment, an acknowledgement with the payment receipt will be sent to your registered email. Your application status will be updated to "Submitted".

If you do not receive this email, please contact the Membership & Admission Department at member@hkicpa.org.hk for assistance.



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