ECF on Fintech (ECF-Fintech) - Modular Exemption

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An Relevant Practitioner (RP) may be exempted on specified modules based on completion of eligible training/professional programmes. Please note that the lists of eligible training/professional programmes below are not meant to be exhaustive. Other training/professional programmes covering syllabus that have significant overlap with that of the ECF-Fintech can also be considered for modular exemption on a case-by-case basis. The detailed lists of eligible training/professional programmes for modular exemption are as follows:

(a) Module 1 - Technology Essentials (Core Level)

An RP who has passed any of the following training/professional programme(s) is eligible to apply for exemption on **Module 1** of the ECF-Fintech **Core Level** training programme:

Training Programme (University Degree)	Programme Provider
BEng Fintech	Chinese University of Hong Kong
MSc Fintech	Chinese University of Hong Kong
BSc Computational Finance and Financial Technology	City University of Hong Kong
Associate of Science (Financial Technology)	College of International Education, Hong Kong Baptist University
MSc Finance (Fintech and Financial Analytics)	Hong Kong Baptist University
BBA (Hon) Financial Technology and Innovation	Hong Kong Metropolitan University
BSc (Hon) Financial Technology and Artificial Intelligence	Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Doctor Financial Technology	Hong Kong Polytechnic University
BCom (Hon) in Financial Technology	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
MSc Fintech	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Advanced Diploma in FinTech	HKU SPACE

Executive Certificate in FinTech	HKU SPACE
Executive Certificate in Banking and Financial Technology	HKU SPACE
BASc Financial Technology	University of Hong Kong
MSc Fintech	University of Hong Kong
MSc Financial Technology and Data Analytics	University of Hong Kong

Training Programme (Online Courses)	Programme Provider
Harvard Fintech Online Short Course with Harvard VPAL Premier Certificate	Harvard University
FinTech: Finance Industry Transformation and Regulation Specialization of Coursera	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Fintech: Innovation and Transformation in Financial Services	National University of Singapore
The Future of Finance Professional Certificate of edX	University of Texas

Professional Programme	Programme Provider
Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Macau Fintech Professional Programme Level 1	Shenzhen Fintech Association, Chinese Financial Association of Hong Kong, and Macau Institute of Financial Services
Certificate in Finance and Technology Level 1	Institute of Financial Technologists of Asia

(b) Module 2 - Banking and Risk Essentials (Core Level)

An RP who has passed any of the following training programme(s) is eligible to apply for exemption on **Module 2** of the ECF-Fintech **Core Level** training programme:

Training Programme (University Degree)	Programme Provider
BCom (Hon) in Financial Technology	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
BBA (Hon) Financial Technology and Innovation	Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Training Programme (Advanced Diploma)	Programme Provider
Advanced Diploma for Certified Banker – "Fundamental of Banking", "Professional Ethics and Compliance", and "Risk Management"	The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers

Advanced Diploma for Certified Banker – "Fundamental of Banking", and ECF-Operational Risk Management / ECF-Compliance – "Module 2: Regulatory Framework and Compliance in the Banking Industry"	The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers

(c) Module 4 Fundamental Software Development (Core Level)

i) An RP who has passed any of the following training programme(s) is eligible to apply for exemption on **Module 4** of the ECF-Fintech **Core Level** training programme:

Training Programme (University Degree)	Programme Provider
BEng Fintech	Chinese University of Hong Kong
MSc Fintech	Chinese University of Hong Kong
BSc Computational Finance and Financial Technology	City University of Hong Kong
Associate of Science (Financial Technology)	College of International Education, Hong Kong Baptist University
MSc Finance (Fintech and Financial Analytics)	Hong Kong Baptist University
BSc (Hon) Financial Technology and Artificial Intelligence	Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Doctor Financial Technology	Hong Kong Polytechnic University
BCom (Hon) in Financial Technology	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
MSc Fintech	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Advanced Diploma in FinTech	HKU SPACE
BASc Financial Technology	University of Hong Kong
MSc Fintech	University of Hong Kong
MSc Financial Technology and Data Analytics	University of Hong Kong

OR

ii)   An RP who has completed at least one of the certifications in any one of the following specialist areas from key market players and service or platform providers is eligible to apply for exemption on **Module 4** of the ECF-Fintech **Core Level** training programme:

- Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Analytics: e.g. AWS Machine Learning – Specialty, Microsoft AI Engineer, AWS Data Analytics – Specialty, Microsoft Data Engineer, Microsoft Data scientist, Google Data Analytics, etc.

- Cloud Computing for Business Applications: e.g. AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner, GCP Associate Cloud Engineer, Alibaba Cloud Certified Associate-Cloud Computing, Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals, etc.

- Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology: e.g. Blockchain Certification Course (from EC Council), P. G. Diploma in Blockchain Technology (from UpGrad), Certified Enterprise Blockchain Architect (CEBA), Blockchain Technology — EdX, Blockchain Fundamentals Certificate (from ISACA), etc.