

Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme Fast Track Professional route Application Requirements

I. Criteria

To qualify for the Fast Track Professional route, applicants must provide evidence (see section IV) that:

- You are a lawyer or accountant with a recognised professional body (see section II); and
- You are a current member in good standing of your professional body; and
- You have maintained your professional status as a lawyer or accountant for at least five years; and
- You have gained at least five years' experience, since you qualified as a lawyer or accountant, which is relevant to the role of a Chartered Secretary and/or Chartered Governance Professional (see section III); and
- The law degree should have included Corporate or Company Law.

II. Professional status

An applicant who is a lawyer needs to be a member of one of the following:

- Hong Kong Bar Association
- The Law Society of Hong Kong
- Law Society or Bar Association in China
- Law Society or Bar Association recognised by the other divisions of The Chartered Governance Institute

An applicant who is an accountant needs to be a member of one of the following:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (ICAI)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS)
- The Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CICPA)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA)
- Accounting bodies recognised by the other divisions of The Chartered Governance Institute

III. Relevant experience

Applicants must provide evidence of the five years' relevant post-qualifying experience in the following areas:

- Company secretarial practice
- Compliance
- Legal
- Corporate governance
- Financial management and accounting
- General management and administration
- Pensions
- Insurance

IV. Required evidence

Applicants are required to provide evidence of professional status and relevant post-qualifying experience:

1. For professional status:

- Certified true copies of evidence that you have been a lawyer or accountant for at least five years (e.g. confirmation from your professional body, membership certificate/identification, receipts of payment for membership, etc.); and
- Certified true copies of evidence that you currently hold the professional status (e.g. confirmation from your professional body, membership certificate/identification, receipts of payment for membership, etc.).

Applicants are required to provide scanned certified true copies of the above documents and the contact details of your professional body. The Institute reserves the right to verify your status with your professional body.

2. For relevant post-qualifying experience:

- Evidence to show examples of the areas you have worked in which demonstrate the relevant experience, including completed application form ([EE013c](#)), detailed CV and/or another professional profile.

Applicants are required to provide contact information of your employing organisation. The Institute reserves the right to verify your employment status with your employing organisation.

All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis and subject to the final decision of the Institute.