

GUIDELINES

CONVERSION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN COMPUTING AND IT- RELATED PROGRAMMES TO SEOUL ACCORD RECOGNITION



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This guideline, issued by Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT), serves as the official reference for higher education providers on the conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related programmes to meet Seoul Accord recognition standards. It provides a structured framework to ensure that these programmes align with international benchmarks, uphold rigorous quality assurance, and equip graduates with the knowledge, skills, and competencies required for professional practice. Furthermore, it facilitates professional mobility across Seoul Accord signatory countries, promotes the adoption of global best practices, and supports continuous improvement in programme design and delivery to strengthen graduate employability and industry recognition.

1.2 This is also aligned with MBOT's policy whereby, effective from 2027, only graduates from programmes accredited by MBOT and recognised under the Seoul Accord shall be eligible for registration as Graduate Technologists and Professional Technologists. This applies to registration in the fields of Information and Communication Technology (IT), Cybersecurity Technology (CS), and Art Design & Creative Multimedia Technology (AM). The policy aims to ensure the standardisation of professional qualifications, strengthen competency regulation, and align academic programmes with international best practices. Accordingly, the conversion process will only be applicable until December 2027.

1.3 This mechanism encompasses:

- i. Establishing clear and standardised procedures for the conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related programmes under the evaluation of MBOT and Malaysia Qualification Agency (MQA).
- ii. Utilising the 'Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes Conversion Recognition Form' and 'Assessment Items for the Conversion

- of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-Related Programmes to Seoul Accord Recognition' as the main medium for application and evaluation.
- iii. Conducting audits through physical review in order to ensure compliance with the conversion requirements.

2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 The conversion process for Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related programmes is designed to enable programmes not previously recognised under the Seoul Accord to attain recognition.

2.2 Under this mechanism, higher education providers must submit the 'Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes Conversion Recognition Form' to MQA, accompanied by the prescribed fee, prior to its onward submission to MBOT.

2.3 The evaluation for this conversion covers the items listed in the 'Assessment Items for the Conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord Recognition'. The requirements are divided into three categories:

- I. **Qualifying Requirements** refer to mandatory requirements for the conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related programmes to Seoul Accord recognition. A programme shall be disqualified from further evaluation if any of these requirements are not met. If an evaluation is conducted and the programme is found to be non-compliant with any of the requirements, accreditation shall be denied.
- II. **Major Requirements** refer to criteria that have a significant impact on the quality of the graduating cohort. A programme shall be granted a period of six

(6) months to address any non-compliance. If the non-compliance is not rectified within the stipulated time frame, accreditation shall be denied.

- III. **Minor Requirements** refer to criteria that may affect the quality of the programme in the longer term. A programme shall be granted two (2) years of accreditation and is required to address any non-compliance prior to submission for the SRR08 - Compliance Accreditation. If the non-compliance is not rectified within the stipulated time frame, the remaining four (4) years of accreditation shall not be granted.

2.5 The evaluation is conducted through a one (1) day physical audit only. However, MBOT reserves the right to change the audit category on a case-by-case basis.

3.0 PROCEDURE

3.1 Table 1 outlined the items for conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord Recognition.

Table 1: Items and descriptions for the Conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord Recognition.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Application	Higher education providers shall submit their applications to MBOT through MQA using the 'Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes Conversion Recognition Form' and 'Assessment Items for the Conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord Recognition'.
Panel appointment	MBOT shall appoint an accreditation panel* to conduct the evaluation.
Secretariat appointment	MBOT shall appoint an accreditation secretariat* to facilitate the evaluation.

** Travel expenses shall be borne by higher education providers.*

3.2 Figure 1 shows the flowchart illustrating the process for conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord recognition.

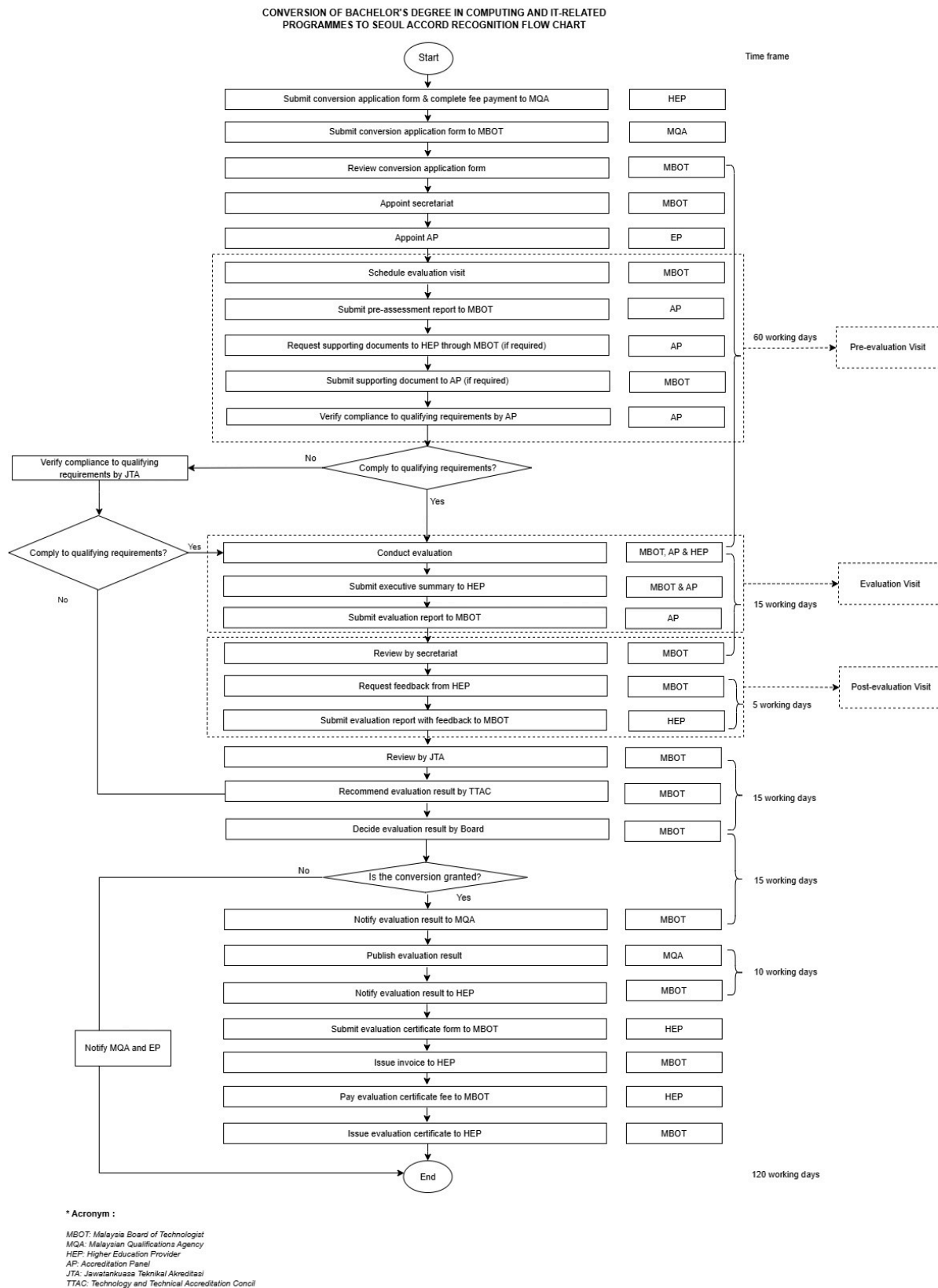


Figure 1: Process and time frame

4.0 FEE

4.1 Fee for conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord recognition as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Fee for conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord recognition

ITEM	FEE (RM)
Conversion of Bachelor's Degree in Computing and IT-related Programmes to Seoul Accord recognition	10,000.00*

** Rebates of RM5,000.00 per programme will be given to higher education providers upon completion of payment through MQA.*

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