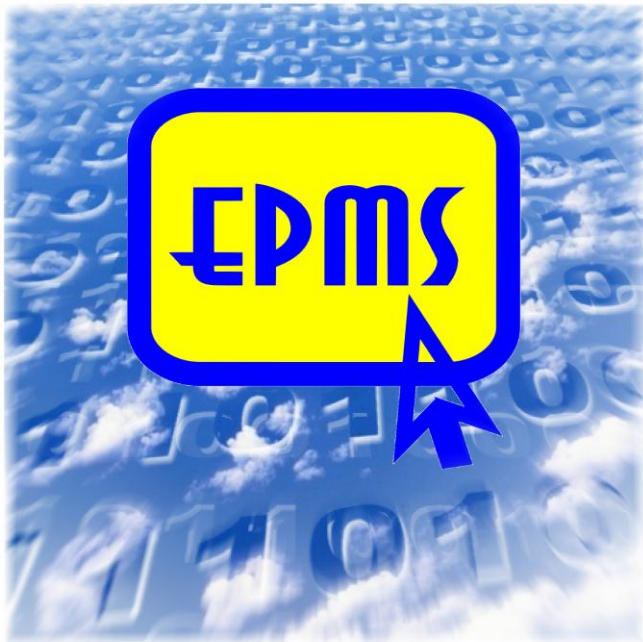


Electronic Project Management System

**Submit applications for
the Quality Education Fund
at your fingertips**



*Applications for the Quality
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can be submitted throughout the
year
via EPMS*



Quality Education Fund

The Electronic Project Management System (EPMS) is a one-stop, user-friendly platform for applicants and grantees to submit applications for Quality Education Fund (QEF) and reports of approved projects via the Internet.

Workflow for Submission of QEF Applications via EPMS

Pre-requisites (obtain logon information & read “Guide to Applicants” in QEF’s website)

(1) Logon EPMS (<http://qef.org.hk>)

(2) Update user’s information (if required)

(3) Submit new application

(4) Attach project summary and proposal

(5) Enter collaborating/participating organization’s information (if applicable)

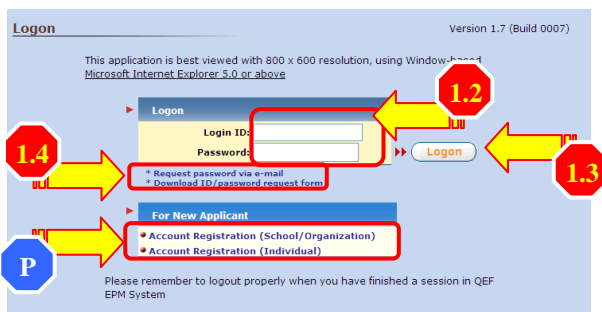
(6) Confirm and submit application (print record, if required)

(7) Receive acknowledgment from QEF



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Pre-requisites - Before submitting your application, you should:

- ▶ Create and register as a user or use the logon information provided by the QEF Secretariat to check your Grantee/Applicant ID and password.
- ▶ Read the “Guide to Applicants” in QEF’s website (<http://qef.org.hk>), and have all documents, including the project proposal, project summary and all other attachments, ready for upload.



1 Logon EPMS

- 1.1) Enter QEF’s website, <http://qef.org.hk> with Internet Explorer 5.0 or above and press  to enter.
- 1.2) Enter Applicant ID and password.
- 1.3) Press  to enter.
- 1.4) If you have forgotten your password, press “Request password via e-mail” and EPMS will send the password to your registered e-mail account. You can also download the ID/password request form, complete and return it to the QEF Secretariat.

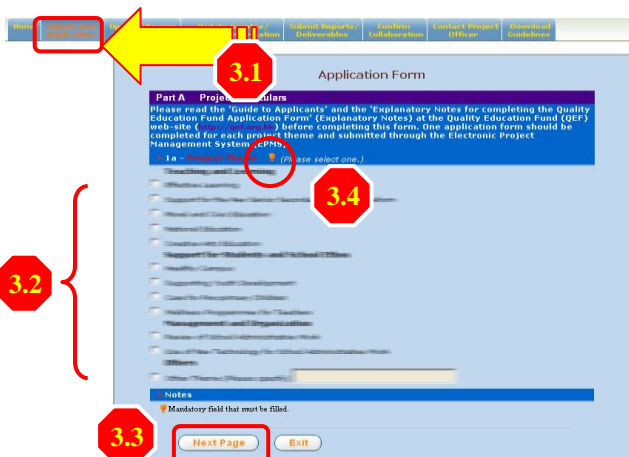
2 Update Applicant’s information (if required)

- 2.1) Press “**Update Grantee/Applicant Information**” on the top menu bar.
- 2.2) Update information as required, such as the name of the head of organization/school, especially your active e-mail address.

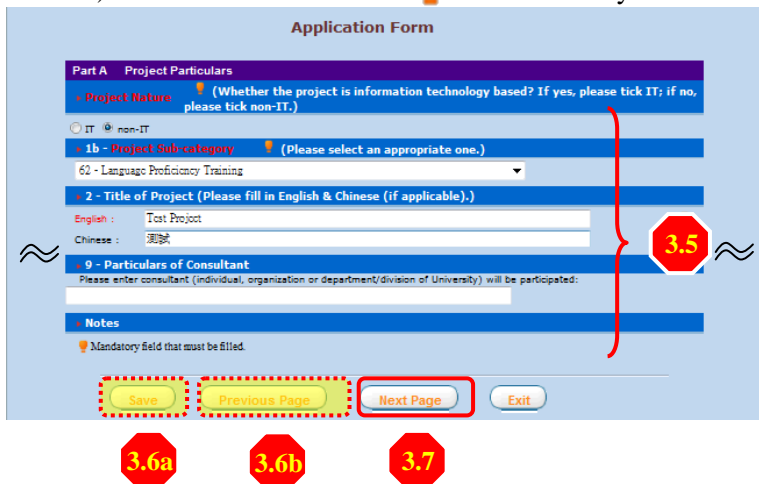


3 Submit new application

- 3.1) Select “**Submit New Application**” on the menu bar.
- 3.2) Select one project theme.



- 3.3) Press **Next Page** to continue.
- 3.4) All fields marked with are mandatory.



- 3.5) Type in all the required information.
- 3.6) You can save the information entered for future use or press **Previous Page** to return to the pages saved.
- 3.7) After filling in all the required information, press **Next Page** to continue.

4 **Attach project summary and proposal**

- 4.1) You can download the project summary template and explanatory notes if necessary.
- 4.2) Press **Upload** to upload the completed one-page project summary. The document uploaded should be in **pdf** format.

The screenshot shows the 'Application Form' interface. The 'Part B Project Summary' section includes instructions and two 'Download' buttons for the 'Project Summary Template (Annex.)' and 'Explanatory Notes'. Below this is the 'Upload Project Summary' section with an 'Upload' button. A table titled 'Upload History of Project Summary' is shown with columns for 'Filename', 'Size (Mbyte)', 'Date Uploaded', and 'Mark for Delete'. A red arrow points from the 'Upload' button to a second screenshot of the 'Upload - Project Summary' dialog box, which contains a 'Browse...' button, an 'Upload' button, and a 'Save' button.

- 4.3) Press **Browse** , **Upload** and **Save** to upload and save the selected file in the system.

- 4.4) You will receive a message “**Save Successfully**” when the upload process is completed.
- 4.5) You can mark and press **Delete** to delete an uploaded file in case you have saved a wrong file.
- 4.6) Press **Next Page** to continue.
- 4.7) Repeat steps 4.2 to 4.6 for uploading of the project proposal.
- 4.8) For applications with grant sought not exceeding \$150,000, you can download the proposal template from the EPMS. Press **Upload** to upload the completed six-paged project proposal. The documents uploaded should be in pdf format.
(Note: To facilitate the processing of applications for grant sought not exceeding \$150,000, the EPMS will be upgraded. Until further notice on the QEF website, applications for grant sought not exceeding \$150,000 should be submitted via email (qef@edb.gov.hk)

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Enter collaborating/participating parties' information

(skip this step if not applicable)

- 5.1) You can either enter a school number or a partial name of the school/organization, then press **Search** to acquire the school/organization's information from the EPMS database.
- 5.2) Press the arrow to expand the drop down list, then select the collaborator from the search results.

Application Form

Part D Details of Collaborating / Participating Organizations

Please provide a list of schools and organizations which has / have agreed to collaborate / participate in the proposed project. The nominated schools and organizations should be requested to confirm their collaboration / participation through the EPMS within 14 days from the date of submission of the application. Should no confirmation be made, the schools and organizations concerned will not be counted as valid collaborators / participants.

You can enter a school number or partial name of school/organization to search for collaborator registered under EPMS:

5.1a

Name of Collaborating / Participating Parties: 5.1b

5.1c

Select Collaborating/Participating School/Organization:

5.3

5.2

The following organization(s) has/have confirmed their participation in the proposed project:

Name of Organization(s)	Name of Supervisor/Head	School No.	Session	Status	Mark for Delete
No Record.					

5.4

Press **Add** to append the collaborator selected to the invitation list.

5.3) You can mark and press **Delete** to delete any collaborator entered wrongly in the list.

5.4) Repeat steps 5.1 to 5.3 until your list is complete.

Confirmation Procedures for Invited Collaborators

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An e-mail will be sent to the invited collaborators reminding them to confirm their collaboration via EPMS. They can logon EPMS with their own account and:

- (i) Press “**Confirm Collaboration**” on the top menu bar.
- (ii) Click on a project to view the project summary.
- (iii) Press download to get the Project Summary for reference before confirming their participation. For details of the project, they can contact the applicant.
- (iv) Click confirm and **Submit** their decision if they want to participate in the project.

Project No.	Project Title	Name in English	Name in Chinese	Grant Sought (HK\$)	Project Period	Status	Confirmed Date
						Invited but not yet confirm	

Confirm Invitation of Collaboration

Invitation of Collaboration Details

Your organization is invited to collaborate/participate in the following project:

Project No.: 2006/0027

Project Title: [Redacted]

Grant Sought: 3000000

Name in English: [Redacted]

Name in Chinese: [Redacted]

Project Period: 09/2006 - 08/2007

Project Summary: Project Summary



Download

Declaration

I confirm that I/my organization will collaborate/participate in the project submitted by the Applicant



Previous Page

Submit

Exit

6 Confirm and Submit Proposal

- 6.1) Read the clauses under the part on declaration carefully.
- 6.2) Click “Confirmed” to indicate your agreement to the relevant clauses.
- 6.3) Press **Submit** to save and complete the submission process.

The screenshot shows the 'Application Form' interface. At the top, it says 'Application Form'. Below that, there is a purple header for 'Part E Declaration'. The main content area contains several lines of text, each followed by a checkbox and the word 'Confirmed'. A red dashed box highlights these checkboxes, with a red octagon labeled '7.2' next to it. At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: 'Previous Page', 'Submit', and 'Exit'. The 'Submit' button is highlighted with a red box, and a red octagon labeled '7.3' is placed above it.

7 Receive acknowledgement from QEF

- 7.1) A summary of the submitted information will be displayed once you have pressed the **Submit** button; you can press **Print** to print it as a record.
- 7.2) An e-mail will be sent to your registered e-mail account to acknowledge the receipt of your application.

Useful Information

- (1) QEF Hotline: **2921 8833**
- (2) FAQ of EPMS: <https://qef-epms.edb.gov.hk/ESC/faqE.pdf>
- (3) EPMS trial website: <http://trial.qef-epms.edb.gov.hk/ESC TRIAL/>
- (4) QEF website: <http://qef.org.hk>