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TEMPORARY APPROVAL BY MIA EDUCATION BOARD FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING REPLACEMENT

The MIA Education Board has received information regarding scenarios where a few undergraduates are not able to complete the Industrial Training programme due to COVID-19 and Movement Control Order (MCO) regulation by the Malaysian government. Therefore, the Board has provided a temporary approval for replacement of Industrial Training programme with other alternative form of assessment for all affected students from the Universities accredited under Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Accountants Act 1967 and those that are currently being reviewed.

The decision made is in line with the recent announcement and recommendation by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) via its circular on 29 March 2020 regarding guideline for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) for current and post Movement Control Order (MCO), which includes recommendations for IHLs on the implementation of Industrial Training for the university students.

The alternative forms of assessment should be applied as per MQA recommendation.

The universities are also required to adhere to the following conditions in the implementation of the replacement of industrial training:

- 1) The temporary approval for the replacement of industrial training programme is only applicable for affected students during the period impacted by the MCO as imposed by the Government (for example the 4 weeks of MCO restriction) and the university is required to seek the advice from the MIA Education Board again in future, if necessary.
- 2) The university is required to ensure that the quality of the alternative programme which replaces the industrial training requirement is able to allow the students to achieve the intended Learning Outcome (LO) and Programme Objectives (PO). The alternative programme could involve and encourage the students affected by the MCO to embark on online work experience, virtual internship and experience that can be garnered by students using digital technology such as online accounting and audit related tasks and data analytics, among others, with the support of both the employers and universities. Universities are also reminded that if they are to embark on industry-based project as per MQA recommendation, there must be adequate support and proper monitoring by both the practitioner and university with recommended online support.
- 3) The university is requested to share with MIA on the assessment mechanism involved and list of students affected by MCO for the replacement of industrial training programme as approved by the Senate and/ or Academic Board of the university.

Please contact Mr Leong Mun Foong at education@mia.org.my should you require further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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