

Highlight of changes in 2009 HKALE exam regulations

Below are highlights of the changes in the 2009 HKALE:

1. Sitting the listening tests in the “Special Room”

Candidates who sit the listening tests in the “Special Room” must listen to the radio broadcast through the ordinary radio provided in the room and cannot use their own radio with earphones (details in p.35 of 2009 *HKALE handbook for candidates*).

2. Calculators

Electronic calculators may be used in any examination session, except for language subject examinations i.e., Chinese Language & Culture and Use of English (details in p.1 of 2009 *HKALE handbook for candidates*).

3. Barcode labels

Candidates are not allowed to remove any unused barcode labels from the examination centre; otherwise, they may receive a mark penalty (details in p.24 of 2009 *HKALE handbook for candidates*).

4. Answer books and supplementary answer sheets

For the new design of answer books and supplementary answer sheets, (please refer to p.25 and 26 of 2009 *HKALE handbook for candidates*) candidates are required to mark the question number box on each page and the cover of the answer books / supplementary answer sheets before the end of the examination session. They will NOT be given time after the “Time is up” announcement to mark the question number boxes.

5. Full appeal

For Chinese Language & Culture, Liberal Studies and Use of English, appeal applications may be made on a subject or component basis (details in p.27 of 2009 *HKALE handbook for candidates*).

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