

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination 2012

Information Session for
Private Candidates

7 & 14 October 2011



香港考試及評核局
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Entry Qualifications for Private Candidates

Satisfying one of the following requirements:

- (1) Sat the previous Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) or an equivalent examination, or
- (2) Reached the age of 19 by 1 January 2012, or
- (3) Completed or is pursuing a non-HKDSE curriculum equivalent to Secondary 6 in 2011/2012



Entry Qualifications for Private Candidates (cont'd)

HKEAA may consider applications from persons possessing other qualifications or pleading special circumstances.

Applications under this regulation must be made in writing to the Secretary General **on or before 18 October 2011.**



HKDSE Subjects

Category A

24 New Senior Secondary (NSS) subjects

Category B *(for school candidates only)*

Applied Learning (ApL) subjects

Category C

Other language subjects

(June 2012 Series – French & Spanish only)



- Maximum number of subjects entered: 8
- For the 8 subjects chosen, at least one of them must come from:
 - (1) Ethics and Religious Studies / Music / Physical Education / Visual Arts in **Category A**;
 - (2) ApL subjects in **Category B** (*for school candidates only*); or
 - (3) Other language subjects in **Category C**



Subjects (Category A) require laboratory / workshop facilities

- (1) Biology
- (2) Chemistry
- (3) Design and Applied Technology *
- (4) Physics
- (5) Science
- (6) Technology and Living



Private candidates may enter for a subject which requires laboratory / workshop facilities only if they can produce evidence of having sat the subject in a previous HKCEE or in an equivalent public examination.

(except the subject **Design and Applied Technology** - not accepting entries from private candidates)



School-based Assessment (SBA)

Subjects with SBA component in 2012 HKDSE:

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| (1) Biology | (7) History |
| (2) Chemistry | (8) Information and
Communication
Technology |
| (3) Chinese Language | (9) Liberal Studies |
| (4) Chinese History | (10) Physics |
| (5) Design and Applied
Technology | (11) Science |
| (6) English Language | (12) Visual Arts * |



Private candidates are not required to complete the SBA component of the subjects entered (except **Visual Arts**). Their subject marks will be based entirely on their public examination results.

For **Visual Arts** in which the SBA component carries a weighting of 50%, private candidates will be required to submit a portfolio in lieu of the SBA.



Note

- **Supplementary Form**

- Music
- Physical Education

- **Portfolio**

- Literature in English
- Visual Arts



Registration Period

- 3 – 18 October 2011
- Online registration
(www.hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk)



On completion of the data entry, candidates should download the “Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)” and “Information Sheet for Checking of Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)” from the Registration System. Check the CEIC carefully to make sure that there are no errors in the entry.

If any errors are discovered, candidates should make the amendments via their own account on the Registration System. They should check the CEIC again carefully after amendments are made.



Examination Fees

- Initial fee: HK\$414
- Subject fee:
 - Language subjects: HK\$540 per subject
 - Other subjects: HK\$360 per subject



Payment Methods & Deadline

Payment Methods

- credit card (during registration)
- cash at 7-Eleven stores in Hong Kong
- PPS
- internet banking

Payment Deadline

5:00 pm, 26 October 2011 (Wednesday)



Late Payment

- after 5:00 pm, 26 October 2011 but before 5:00 pm, 3 November 2011
- a supplementary fee of **HK\$215** per candidate

(If a candidate does not settle the examination fees before 5:00 pm on 3 November 2011, his/her registration entry will be cancelled by HKEAA.)



Amendment of Subject Entries

- *tentatively* 17 November – 8 December 2011
- subject to the approval of HKEAA
- a supplementary fee of HK\$215 per application
- further details will be announced in early November 2011



Withdrawal from the Examination

- Make an application in writing to the Secretary General of HKEAA **on or before 8 December 2011**.
- If accepted, the candidate may receive a partial refund of the fees he/she paid (namely any amount left after the deduction of an administration fee of HK\$379).



Important Dates

Event	Date
Registration (for Cat A & Cat C June 2012 Series subjects)	3 – 18 October 2011
Payment of examination fees (Late payment of examination fees)	26 October 2011 (3 November 2011)
Amendment period	17 Nov – 8 Dec 2011 (tentative)
Issue of Handbook for Candidates	early December 2011
Application for withdrawal	8 December 2011
Issue of Admission Forms - Practical examinations - Cat A & Cat C (June 2012 Series) subjects examinations	- early February 2012 - early March 2012
Release of examination results - Category A & Category B subjects - Category C subjects (June 2012 Series)	- 20 July 2012 (tentative) - 21 or 22 July 2012 (tentative)



HKEAA Contact Information

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