A new secondary academic structure has been launched in Hong Kong. Under the new academic structure, students will receive six years of secondary school education, including three years of junior secondary and three years of senior secondary education. Upon completion of senior secondary education, students will take the new Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination. With the aim of assessing the learning outcomes of students comprehensively, the curriculum and the assessment framework of the new examination were developed through the collaboration among the Curriculum Development Council, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) representatives from all higher education institutions as well as frontline secondary school teachers and finalised after extensive consultation.
The first HKDSE will be held in 2012

**Super:**
Core Subjects
Chinese Language
English Language
Mathematics
Liberal Studies.

**Elective Subjects**
Select 2-3 subjects from:
20 New Senior Secondary subjects
Applied learning subjects
6 Other language subjects

**VO:**
According to
the New Senior Secondary (NSS) Curriculum
students are required to take four core subjects:
Chinese Language
English Language
Mathematics and Liberal Studies.
They can also take
two to three elective subjects
which can be selected from
the twenty NSS elective subjects,
Applied Learning subjects
or the six other language subjects