

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF  
HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKDSE)**

UNIVERSITY OF READING

<b>A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
	<b>Bachelor Degree Programmes</b>	<b>International Foundation Programmes (if applicable)</b>	<b>* Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable, please specify)</b>
<p>1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p><i>Level ____ in (number) subjects, including (names of subjects) or</i></p> <p><i>UCAS points required including (names of subjects)</i></p>	Level 5,5,5 to 4,4,4, depending on the programme	Not required, HKCEE only required	N/A
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<a href="http://www.reading.ac.uk/Study/international">www.reading.ac.uk/Study/international</a>	<a href="http://www.reading.ac.uk/ifp">www.reading.ac.uk/ifp</a>	N/A
<b>B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
<p>1. Please indicate the requirement in English Language in terms of level attained under the HKDSE, and/or requirement under other qualifications that demonstrate the applicant's English standard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HKDSE English requirements: If the medium of instruction is English, a Level 3 will be acceptable</li> <li>- IELTS 6.5 – 7.0, depending on the programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HKDSE English requirements: As before</li> <li>- IELTS 5.0 – 5.5</li> </ul>	N/A

\* For example, Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND), Foundation Degrees, National Certificate (Scotland)

### C. Student Learning Profile (SLP)

Information provided in the SLP includes student's other learning experiences, awards/achievements gained outside school, academic performance in school as well as his/her "self-account" (for example, impressive learning experiences, career goal setting, etc.)

1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing applications for admission?

Yes, as part of the whole application. It is useful to find out more about the applicant generally.

### D. Information needed before release of HKDSE results:

1. What information, apart from SLP, needs to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?

Predicted result, progress and performance so far. Although I understand there will be no marksheets available in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of graduating students- the qualification has high tariff bands, so it is difficult to predict a student near the top of the band vs one near the bottom. This is the most difficult change for us to implement. It may mean our entry requirements change, in case of low performance etc.

2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?

Certainly suitability to the programme as well as a commitment and motivation to the subject. We would also ask for an assessment of their skills and qualities- here emphasis should be placed on the students analytical skills and independent thinking.  
  
More generally, suitability to study at university level and initiatives they have been involved in.

### E. Other Information

1. Please provide further information (if any) regarding undergraduate studies at your Institution (such as scholarship etc.) for prospective students who hold the HKDSE, or the website address for accessing the relevant information.

HKDSE students will be eligible for the entrance scholarships  
[www.reading.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.reading.ac.uk/studentfinance)

*\*Normally, students who have completed secondary education in Hong Kong holding the HKDSE should have reached the age of 18.*

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