



Press Release

Strategic Implementation of School-based Assessment

The Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the Public Examinations Board (PEB) of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) today (19 March 2007) approved the implementation timetable for School-based Assessment (SBA) in all 24 subjects of the new senior secondary curriculum.

The implementation timeline for SBA in 14 of the 24 HKDSE subjects was announced in January. SBA will be implemented in 2012 for Liberal Studies and seven other subjects which currently have SBA as part of the HKCEE. Full implementation of SBA for six other subjects will be deferred for two to four years.

It was also decided that further discussion with relevant stakeholders would be conducted before finalising the arrangement for the remaining 10 subjects.

After further discussion with relevant stakeholders including school councils, tertiary academics and professional bodies, the timeline for implementing SBA in the following 10 subjects has been finalised:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science
Chinese Literature, Literature in English
Health Management and Social Care, Technology and Living, Tourism and Hospitality Studies, Physical Education.

Key stakeholders have agreed that laboratory work is an essential component of science learning in the HKDSE and thus school-based assessment of laboratory work will be implemented in 2012 for the benefit of students taking the four science subjects.

For the other six subjects, there is a preference for deferral.

Implementation Timetable of the 10 Subjects

Following careful consideration of the views collected, the CDC and PEB approved the following implementation timetable:

1. **Science subjects:** Implementation of school-based assessment of laboratory work in 2012 and 2013, with full implementation of SBA deferred until 2014.
2. **Other subjects:** Implementation of SBA deferred until 2014.

During the transition years, the curricula of the above subjects will be unchanged and schools will be expected to conduct, as part of the learning and teaching process, the assessment activities as suggested in the curriculum and assessment guides.

The strategic implementation of SBA will enable schools and teachers to familiarise themselves with the new senior secondary curriculum and will relieve them of the extra burden resulting from teachers having to prepare students for both the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination and the new Hong Kong Diploma and Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination.

The implementation timeline for SBA in all new senior secondary subjects is set out in the attached table and these decisions will be incorporated into the Curriculum and Assessment Guides for each subject.

These Guides represent a key milestone as Hong Kong moves to the new academic structure commencing in 2009. Final versions of the Guides will be uploaded to both the EMB and HKEAA websites by the end of March and printed versions will be issued to schools in April 2007.

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SBA Implementation Timetable

Chinese Language English Language Chinese History Design & Applied Technology History Information & Communication Technology Liberal Studies Visual Arts	Commence full implementation in 2012.
Biology Chemistry Physics Science	Implement the laboratory work component in 2012 and 2013, with full implementation in 2014.
Chinese Literature Economics Ethics & Religious Studies Geography Health Management & Social Care Technology & Living Tourism & Hospitality Studies	Defer implementation for two years (2012 and 2013). Full implementation in 2014.
Literature in English	Defer implementation for two years (2012 and 2013). Full implementation in 2014. In 2012 and 2013, students' learning portfolio will be submitted to the HKEAA for assessment.
Physical Education	Defer implementation for two years (2012 and 2013). Full implementation in 2014. In 2012 and 2013, the HKEAA will administer an externally assessed practical examination.

Music	Defer implementation for two years (2012 and 2013), followed by a school trial in 2014 in which all schools will implement SBA and submit marks for feedback, but SBA marks will not count towards the subject result. Full implementation in 2015.
Business, Accounting & Financial Studies Mathematics	Defer implementation for two years (2012 and 2013), followed by a school trial in 2014 and 2015 in which all schools will implement SBA and submit marks for feedback, but SBA marks will not count towards the subject result. Full implementation in 2016.