



PRESS RELEASE

2019 HKDSE Examination Fee Adjustment

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced that the examination fees for 2019 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) was published in the government's gazette today (4 May 2018).

The examination fees for the 2019 HKDSE are as follows:

Subject Fee

Language subjects	HK\$644
Other subjects	HK\$431

Initial Fee (applicable to private candidates only) HK\$494

With an increase of HK\$25 to the examination fee for language subjects and HK\$17 to other subjects, the total examination fee for a typical school candidate taking six subjects, including two language and four non-language subjects, will be HK\$3,012 in the 2019 HKDSE.

As an independent and self-financing statutory organisation without recurrent subvention from the government, the HKEAA derives its income mainly from examination fees. The HKEAA Council approved a 4% increment of the HKDSE examination fees after taking into consideration factors such as the Authority's overall financial position, the costs and resources required for examination operations, the local economic situation and the affordability of the examination fees for candidates and parents.

The registration for Category C Other Language subjects will open in mid June 2018 while the registration for Categories A and B subjects will commence in September 2018.

In light of the Government's initiative to pay examination fees for school candidates sitting for the 2019 HKDSE, the HKEAA will discuss with the Education Bureau on the implementation details and announce the registration and payment arrangements in due course.

The income of public examinations has been adversely affected by the continuous drop in candidature in recent years. It is projected that a deficit will be recorded for the HKDSE even after the fee increment in 2019. To ensure fair and impartial assessment, the HKEAA is committed to increasing resources for the provision of special examination arrangements for candidates with special educational needs and the upgrading of various information technology systems for public examination administration, which has exerted greater pressure on its finances.

To meet the educational and professional development needs of the community, the Authority will continue to enhance its organisational efficiency and look into ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses with a view to offering examination and assessment services in the most cost-effective manner without compromising their standards and quality.

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