

HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
LONDON EXAMINATIONS
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (GCE) – MAY/JUNE 2012
NOTES FOR PERSONS ENTERING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Please read these instructions carefully before completing the entry form. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) will not be responsible for incorrect entries.

1. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** No entry requirement is needed.

2. **SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES**

School Candidates

Candidates should submit their entry forms through their respective participating schools. Please check with your participating school for the registration details.

Private Candidates

(a) Registration in person (or through a representative)

Candidates may submit their completed entry forms in person or by a representative. They should show their valid Hong Kong Identity Cards or other identification documents for checking at the time of registration. If the entry form is submitted by a representative, the representative should also bring along a photocopy of the applicant's valid Hong Kong Identity Card or other identification document for checking and verification purposes. Please refer to the table below for the registration schedule.

(b) Registration by post

Please mark "London GCE" on the envelope when sending the entry form by post. You should also enclose a photocopy of your valid Hong Kong Identity Card or other identification document (which will be destroyed after verification) and a stamped, self-addressed return envelope so that the demand note for examination payment can be sent to you for settlement. Cheques or cash must **NOT** be enclosed with the entry form. The form should reach the Registration Office during the following postal registration period. If the demand note is not received **before 7 December 2011**, you must contact the HKEAA at 3628 8761 / 3628 8787 and register in person before the registration closing date. The HKEAA office cannot accept responsibility for entry forms or demand notes lost in the post. To safeguard against any possible loss or delay in mail, applicants are advised to send their entries by post in good time.

Registration Office	Registration Period	
	By Post	In Person
International and Professional Examinations Division Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority San Po Kong Office 3/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon Enquiries: Tel. 3628 8761 / 3628 8787 or Fax 3628 8790	18 November - 3 December 2011	8 – 14 December 2011 Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (without lunch break)

The closing date of normal registration is 14 December 2011. Candidates are advised to submit their entries as early as possible in order to avoid the rush in the last few days.

Candidates with disabilities requiring special arrangements should contact the Registration Office as early as possible.

3. **EXAMINATION FEES**

	School Candidates	Private Candidates
Each Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced Level Unit (Business Studies, Economics, General Studies, Geography, Government & Politics, Psychology)	\$ 675	\$ 715
Each Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced Level Unit (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics)	\$ 535	\$ 575
Each Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced Level Special Unit (Accounting, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Japanese)	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,400
Advanced Level (Linear) – Law	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,990

Private Candidates

For registration in person (or through a representative), a demand note will be issued at the time of registration. For postal registration, a demand note will be sent to the candidate by mail as detailed in 2 (b). Payment may be made at any Hang Seng Bank branch or through Automated Teller Machine (ATM). Detailed payment instructions are printed on the reverse side of the demand note.

Fees must be paid on or before the date printed on the Demand Note (20 December 2011). Candidates should keep their original receipts as evidence of payment. If payment of examination fee is not made by that date, entries are accepted at the discretion of the HKEAA and a supplementary fee in addition to the examination fee will be levied.

Fees paid by a candidate who subsequently withdraws his/her entry, or is absent from the examination, or whose entry is later cancelled will **NOT** be refunded. Fees are not transferable from one examination to another/a later one or for other purposes.

If paying by cheque, please write your demand note number at the back of the cheque.

4. **SYLLABUSES AND PAST QUESTION PAPERS**

The syllabuses may be downloaded from the website: www.edexcel.com. The syllabuses, marking schemes and past question papers are available for sale at Edexcel Publications, Adamsway Road, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 4FN, United Kingdom. Syllabuses and past question papers are also available for sale at the Publications Unit, Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, G/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon. Please read the syllabuses CAREFULLY before making entries.

5. **SUBJECTS**

Please check the special requirements and conditions of entry for various subjects on the Edexcel International website (www.edexcel.com). No refunds or adjustments to the candidate's examination schedule will be made as a result of entries which do not comply with the regulations on the Edexcel International website. The following is only meant as a convenient summary and candidates should refer to the regulations on Edexcel International website for details.

(a) The Chinese Unit 1 (6CN01) Speaking Test will be held in mid-April 2012. Candidates will be notified of the examination details in late March 2012.

- (b) Some AS/AL GCE qualification consists of three/six units, e.g. AS Biology consists of units 6BI01, 6BI02 & 6BI07 and AL Biology consists of units 6BI01, 6BI02, 6BI07, 6BI04, 6BI05 & 6BI08. Some AS/AL GCE qualification consists of two/four units, e.g. AS Geography consists of unit 6GE01, 6GE02 and AL Geography consists of units 6GE01, 6GE02, 6GE03 & 6GE04.
- (c) Optional Papers: Fill in the option number, if appropriate, in the space provided on the entry form. Be careful to select the optional papers as ambiguous marking may lead to cancellation of the entire subject. The following table lists the options and paper codes of some specific units:

Unit Code / Name	Option code
6GP03 Government & Politics Unit 3	A / B / C / D

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6GP04 Government & Politics Unit 4	A / B / C / D

6. ENTRIES

- (a) When entries are made for units, there is no requirement for the candidate to declare the level or title of the qualification that he/she is intending to complete.
- (b) Cashing-in: Once a candidate has entered for the appropriate set of units, an entry may then be made for the AS/AL qualification. This is known as 'cashing in'. Cashing in is **NOT** automatic. To apply for cashing in, candidate must blacken the Cash-in Subject code(s), e.g. 8GE01 for AS Geography and 9GE01 for AL Geography. **No overall grade will be issued unless a cash-in code is entered at the time of entry.** Results of units will be held in Edexcel's unit bank for as many years as the same syllabuses remains available. The units can be taken in the same examination series, or can be banked under the candidate's Unique Candidate Identification (UCI) number if taken in more than one series. **Once the AS or AL qualification has been certificated, all unit results contributing to that qualification are deemed to be used up. However, a candidate can enter for at least one unit in a later examination and cash in again for the qualification.** Results of UNITS taken will be issued to candidates on the Individual Candidate Statements of Results. If a 'cash-in' code has been quoted at the time of entry, SUBJECT results at AS or AL will also be issued.
- (c) Dual Entries: A candidate may not submit more than one entry in the same examination session whether for the same or for different subjects. Dual entries may lead to cancellation without prior notice. No refund of the examination fee will be made for the cancelled entries.
- (d) Late Entry: Application for late entry should be submitted to the Registration Office **before 7 February 2012**. If the application is accepted, a supplementary fee in addition to the subject fees will be levied for each entry. No late entries will be accepted after 7 February 2012.
- (e) Addition/Change of Subjects: Once the examination fees have been settled, candidates are not permitted to make any changes to their entries. Application for addition/change of subjects should be submitted to the Registration Office **before 7 February 2012**. If the application is accepted, a supplementary fee in addition to the subject fees will be levied for each entry. No addition/change of subjects will be accepted after 7 February 2012.
- (f) Withdrawal: Candidates must submit written request to the registration office. Approval of withdrawal is at the discretion of the examination board. No refund of examination fee will be made.

7. PERSONAL DATA

Personal data of candidates are used for delivery of examination services. The entry data are supplied either by students through their schools or by private candidates responsible for their own entries. Whether you provide the requested personal data is voluntary. However, if you fail to provide all the data, or if any of the data are inaccurate or incomplete, the HKEAA may not be able to accept your entry. The personal data submitted may also be used for:

- assisting tertiary institutions and other government/public organizations in their processes for admissions purposes;
- assisting tertiary institutions and other government/public organizations in respect of their request for information in granting scholarships;
- assisting tertiary institutions and other government/public organizations to confirm the candidates' eligibility for financial assistance or other forms of subsidization, in which case, the necessary personal data of the candidates may have to be disclosed to the concerned organizations for verification;
- certifying candidates' examination results in response to legitimate requests; and
- conducting educational research and analysis in an anonymous format in which the identities of candidates are not traceable.

The Examination Board will process candidates' personal data. For details, please refer to the JCQ Notice to Candidates – Fair Processing, General and Vocational Qualification on Edexcel International's website. In compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, access to all personal data will be made available, on payment of a fee, to anyone who can establish his/her right to be informed of such data as are retained by the HKEAA. Please also note that candidate's personal data/correspondence/other information received by the HKEAA may be referred to the Examination Board concerned. Candidates should approach the Examination Board direct for their personal data/information handling policies if necessary.

8. TIMETABLE

A timetable showing the subjects/units available in Hong Kong is printed overleaf. **Candidates are reminded to check carefully the relevant examination timetables (including GCE/GCSE/IGCSE) before submitting entries so as to avoid timetable clashes among subjects entered and prohibited combination of subjects/units. Normally, no special arrangements will be made under such circumstances.** Candidates will be required to cancel the subjects/units affected. Examination fees paid are not refundable and not transferable from one examination to another or from one candidate to another.

9. CANDIDATE ENTRY INFORMATION CHECKLIST

The "Candidate Entry Information Checklist" will be sent through schools (school candidates) / by post (private candidates) in February 2012. Candidates should check if the information is correct. If amendments are required, they are advised to inform the Registration Office in writing before late February 2012.

10. ADMISSION FORM

Admission forms will be sent through schools (school candidates) / by post (private candidates). Private candidates who have not received their admission forms one week before the first date of the examination **MUST** contact the Registration Office.

11. RESULTS

In mid-August 2012, Individual Candidate Statements of Results will be sent through schools (school candidates) / by post (private candidates).

12. UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

Please note that neither the Examination Board nor the HKEAA will be responsible for any non-performance of duties where such non-performance has been caused by an act of God, labour strike, natural disaster, government action or intervention, riot, or any cause not reasonably foreseeable and beyond the reasonable control of the Examination Board or the HKEAA.

**DO NOT LOSE THIS SET OF INSTRUCTIONS/TIMETABLE
KEEP IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**