INTRODUCTION
1.1 The first Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) will be conducted in 2012 in accordance with the provisions of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority Ordinance.

1.2 The primary purpose of the HKDSE is to measure the attainment of candidates who have completed a full-time three-year senior secondary course. The Examination is conducted annually, mainly in April and May.

SUBJECTS OF THE EXAMINATION
2.1 There are three categories of subjects:

Category A
These refer to the New Senior Secondary (NSS) subjects.

Category B
These refer to the Applied Learning (ApL) subjects approved by the Education Bureau (EDB).

Category C
These refer to the other language subjects which will be examined using the question papers of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE).

2.2 The Category A subjects are as follows:

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<td>Business, Accounting and Financial Studies</td>
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<td>Chemistry**</td>
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<td>Chinese Literature</td>
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<td>Design and Applied Technology**</td>
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<td>Economics</td>
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<td>Health Management and Social Care</td>
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<td>History</td>
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<td>Liberal Studies</td>
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<td>Mathematics#</td>
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Combined Science (Biology & Physics)
Combined Science (Chemistry & Physics)
Integrated Science
Technology and Living**
Tourism and Hospitality Studies
Visual Arts

**Note:**
In any Category A subjects examinable in both Chinese and English, only one language version may be entered for in the same Examination.

**Subjects that require laboratory/workshop facilities (see Regulation 3.4(3))**

* There are two parts in the subject of Mathematics: the compulsory part and the extended part. Candidates may choose to take either the compulsory part only or the compulsory part plus one of the modules of the extended part.

2.3 There are two streams in the subject of Science: Combined Science and Integrated Science. To ensure there is no overlap with Biology, Chemistry and Physics, only one subject in each of the following groups may be entered for in the same Examination:

- Biology
- Integrated Science
- Combined Science (Biology & Chemistry)
- Combined Science (Biology & Physics)

- Chemistry
- Integrated Science
- Combined Science (Biology & Chemistry)
- Combined Science (Chemistry & Physics)

- Physics
- Integrated Science
- Combined Science (Biology & Physics)
- Combined Science (Chemistry & Physics)

2.4 The Applied Learning subjects in Category B are grouped under six areas:

- Creative Studies
- Media and Communication
- Business, Management and Law
- Services
- Applied Science
- Engineering and Production

An ApL subject is a two-year course offered by a course provider to Secondary 5 students through schools. Entries from private candidates will normally not be accepted (but see Regulation 2.5 below). Normally, the first year of study (Y1) is in Secondary 5 and the second year (Y2) in Secondary 6. At the time of registration, candidates must indicate the name of the subject entered and the corresponding name of the course provider according to the list of subjects approved by the Education Bureau.

2.5 Students who repeat Secondary 5 in schools but will complete Y2 of ApL subjects may enter for “ApL subjects only” as school candidates with the support of school principals and course providers. Special approval must be sought from the Authority prior to registration.

Special approval may be given to candidates entering for “ApL subjects only” as private candidates under the following circumstances:
(1) Students who have left schools at the end of Y1 but will complete Y2 with the support of course providers.
(2) Students who have entered for the HKDSE as school candidates but left schools before the completion of S6. These students, irrespective of whether they meet the entry requirements for private candidates (Regulation 4.1), must seek special approval from the Authority to enter for ApL subjects with the support of course providers if they can complete Y2.

2.6 The list of ApL subjects to be offered in 2012 is shown below:

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<td>1. Design Studies</td>
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<td>Innovative Product Design</td>
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<td>Jewellery Arts and Design</td>
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<td>2. Media Arts</td>
<td>Commercial Comic Art</td>
<td>Multimedia Entertainment Studies</td>
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<td>3. Performing Arts</td>
<td>Introduction to Theatre Arts</td>
<td>Taking a Chance on Dance</td>
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<td><strong>Media and Communication</strong></td>
<td>Film and Video Studies</td>
<td>Infotainment Production</td>
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<td>4. Films, TV and Broadcasting Studies</td>
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<td>5. Media Writing and Production</td>
<td>Radio Host and Programme Production</td>
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<td><strong>Business, Management and Law</strong></td>
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<td>6. Business Studies</td>
<td>Marketing in Global Trade</td>
<td>Practical Accounting for SMEs</td>
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<td>Understanding Financial Services</td>
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<td>7. Clientele Management</td>
<td>Purchasing and Merchandising</td>
<td>Retail Management</td>
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<td>8. Legal Studies</td>
<td>Understanding Hong Kong Law</td>
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<td><strong>Services</strong></td>
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<td>9. Hospitality Services</td>
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<td>10. Event Management</td>
<td>Events Planning and Operation</td>
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<td>11. Personal and Community Services</td>
<td>Child Development and Care</td>
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<td>Fundamental Cosmetology</td>
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<td><strong>Applied Science</strong></td>
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<td>12. Medical Science and Health Care</td>
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<td>Health and Beauty Keeping in TCM</td>
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<td>Health Care Practice</td>
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<td>13. Sports</td>
<td>Exercise Science and Health Fitness</td>
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<td>Sports Coaching and Management</td>
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<td><strong>Engineering and Production</strong></td>
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<td>14. Civil and Mechanical Engineering</td>
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<td>15. Services Engineering</td>
<td>Aviation Studies</td>
<td>Building Facilities Engineering</td>
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There is no language indicator for entry to Applied Learning subjects.

2.7 The Category C subjects are as follows:

French
German
Hindi
Japanese
Spanish
Urdu

Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level question papers from Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) will be used for these six language subjects.
All six other language subjects will be offered in the November 2011 series. Although French and Spanish will be offered in both the November 2011 and June 2012 series, candidates may enter for the same subject only once in the same examination year. The total number of subjects entered in both examination series will be combined and is limited to a maximum number of subjects in an examination year (see Regulation 2.8).

2.8 Candidates may take up to a maximum of eight subjects. These subjects may come from Categories A, B or C. If a candidate chooses to take the extended part of Mathematics, the result of the extended part will be reported separately from the compulsory part. The extended part is not regarded as an additional subject. For candidates choosing eight subjects, at least one of the subjects chosen must come from the following areas:

(a) Ethics and Religious Studies/Music/Physical Education/Visual Arts in Category A
(b) Applied Learning subjects in Category B
(c) Other language subjects in Category C

2.9 A candidate may only enter for the Examination either as a school candidate or as a private candidate but not both in the same examination year.

PARTICIPATION IN THE EXAMINATION BY SCHOOLS

3.1 The participation of schools in the Examination shall be subject to the prior approval of the HKEAA. At the time of application for participation, the school should provide evidence that it is a registered school and is running courses and operating classes in accordance with the Education Bureau registration requirements; and that the school agrees to comply with the examination regulations. The Authority may seek advice from the Education Bureau where necessary. In its consideration and determination of an application, the Authority reserves the right to refuse such an application and to make such conditions, in addition to those conditions contained within these Regulations, as it considers appropriate.

3.2 Only bona fide Secondary 6 students of registered schools approved for participation may be entered as school candidates. The students must be studying at the registered address of the schools. The principal's certification to this effect will be required at the time of registration. Exceptional entry for Applied Learning subjects only at Secondary 5 is subject to special approval from the Authority (see Regulation 2.5).

3.3 Schools wishing
(1) to enter candidates for the first time; or
(2) to enter candidates for any subject that requires laboratory/workshop facilities for the first time, must make a written application to the Secretary General for approval by 31 March, three years preceding the Examination.

3.4 Schools are required to apply for first participation in HKDSE and comply with the following conditions:
(1) Schools will be required to make a declaration that they must place their teaching staff at the reasonable disposal of the HKEAA and make their school premises available as may be required for the conduct of examinations. Schools that cannot comply with this requirement in a particular year must obtain prior approval from the Secretary General of the Authority ("the Secretary General") for exemption. The Authority reserves the right to ask such schools to meet the costs incurred by hiring other exam venues.
(2) Schools will have to submit the application by 31 March, three years before the Examination.
(3) For some subjects, schools will have to declare that they can provide the laboratory/workshop facilities for practical work. These subjects include Biology, Chemistry, Design & Applied Technology, Physics, Science and Technology & Living.

3.5 Schools presenting candidates for the Examination must provide centre supervisors and/or invigilators in relation to the number of entries. Schools which are unable to provide the required number of invigilators may, at the discretion of the Secretary General, be allowed the option of paying the costs incurred by hiring invigilators.
3.6 For school candidates, there will be a School-based Assessment (SBA) component for each of the following subjects:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language
- Chinese History
- Design and Applied Technology
- English Language
- History
- Information and Communication Technology
- Liberal Studies
- Physics
- Science
- Visual Arts

Schools are required to fulfill the SBA requirements for subjects entered by candidates of their schools. The Authority will not accept entries for subjects from candidates presented by schools which do not join the SBA scheme.

3.7 Compliance by schools with Regulations 3.4 to 3.6 will be regarded as a condition of participation in the Examination.

3.8 The Secretary General will notify schools of the decisions of the Authority under Regulations 3.1 and 3.3, normally not later than 31 August, three years preceding the Examination. Any appeal against the Authority's decisions under Regulations 3.1 and 3.3 should be made in writing to the Secretary General within 30 days from the date of the above notification.

3.9 Under exceptional circumstances, a school may be given provisional approval for participation in the Examination or in a subject that requires laboratory/workshop facilities; the final approval being subject to the school fulfilling the conditions under which the provisional approval was given.

3.10 Participation in the Examination and in subjects that require laboratory/workshop facilities will be subject to annual review by the Authority. The Secretary General will inform schools of any decision of the Authority to withdraw permission for the schools to participate or to impose conditions for continued participation, normally not later than 31st August, three years preceding the Examination.

3.11 Notwithstanding Regulation 3.10, the Authority may by notice rescind the participation of any school upon receipt of notification from the Education Bureau that:

1. the registration of the said school under the terms of the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) has been cancelled; OR
2. registration of the premises or part of the premises of the said school under the terms of the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) has been refused; OR
3. the said school has been found to be operating in premises all or part of which are not registered under the terms of the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279).

The participation of any such school shall cease with effect from the date of the said notice, or with effect from such other date as the Authority may specify in the said notice.

3.12 Should permission to participate be withdrawn under Regulation 3.10 or 3.11, a school may make application to participate again in accordance with Regulations 3.1 and 3.3 as if applying to enter candidates for the first time.

3.13 The list of schools approved for participation in the Examination together with approved subjects that require laboratory/workshop facilities is available at the Authority's offices, District Offices and the Authority's web site (www.hkeaa.edu.hk) from 1st July in the year preceding the Examination.
PARTICIPATION IN THE EXAMINATION BY PRIVATE CANDIDATES

4.1 A person may enter for the Examination as a private candidate provided he/she has satisfied the requirements set out at (a) or (b) or (c) below:

(a) The person has sat the previous Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) or an equivalent examination, or
(b) The person has reached the age of 19 by 1 January of the year of the Examination, or
(c) The person has completed or is currently pursuing a non-HKDSE curriculum equivalent to Secondary 6 in the year preceding the Examination.

4.2 The Authority may consider applications from persons possessing other qualifications or pleading special circumstances. Applications under this regulation must be made in writing to the Secretary General before 30 June in the year preceding the Examination.

4.3 A private candidate may enter for a subject which requires laboratory/workshop facilities (subjects in 2.2 marked with **) only if the candidate can produce evidence of having sat the subject in a previous HKCEE or in an equivalent public examination. [Notwithstanding this provision, the Authority will not accept entries from private candidates for Design and Applied Technology.]

4.4 For Category A subjects with an SBA component, private candidates are not required to complete the SBA component of the subjects entered (except Visual Arts). Their subject marks will be based entirely on their public examination results. For Visual Arts in which the SBA component carries a weighting of 50%, private candidates will be required to submit a portfolio in lieu of the SBA.

GENERAL

5.1 The subjects of the Examination will be examined in accordance with a timetable, which will normally be announced in September in the year preceding the Examination. A provisional examination timetable will be provided to participating schools in May or June in the year preceding the Examination.

5.2 Although the Authority will endeavour to ensure that all examinations will be conducted on the dates and at the times specified in the examination timetable, it cannot guarantee that this will be so. In the event of an examination having to be rescheduled or cancelled, the Authority will not accept any liability in respect of claims for expenses or other damages. However, it may at its discretion refund the whole or part of the fees paid in respect of an examination which has to be cancelled.

5.3 Examination fees will be announced before September in the year preceding the Examination.

5.4 Candidates may not submit more than one entry for the Examination, whether for the same or different subjects, and whether as school or private candidates.

5.5 The Authority reserves the right to reject an application for entry to any examination conducted by the Authority if it is satisfied that the applicant has been involved in any serious irregularity, misconduct or dishonesty in any examination conducted by the Authority, or in connection with certificates, statements of results or similar documents.

5.6 Under special circumstances the Authority may at its discretion,

(1) admit a candidate after the normal closing date for entry, on payment of a supplementary fee in addition to the normal examination fee;
(2) allow the addition or substitution of a subject or subjects to a candidate's entries after they have been accepted, on payment of a supplementary fee (For the purpose of this regulation, a change of language version will be regarded as a change of subject.);
(3) allow changes in a candidate's choice of paper, or sections within a paper, on payment of a supplementary fee;
(4) accept a script submitted by a candidate in a language medium other than that for which the candidate entered, or for a subject/component/module other than that for which he/she entered, on payment of a supplementary fee;
(5) permit a school candidate who has ceased to attend the school which submitted the candidate's entry to change his/her status to that of a private candidate (subject to his/her satisfying the relevant entry requirement), on payment of the initial fee and a supplementary fee.
5.7 Candidates with special needs may apply for exemption from part(s) of the requirements in an examination or special examination arrangements. Such applications must be made in writing (via schools in the case of school candidates) to the Secretary General within a period prescribed by the Authority, together with full supporting documents (e.g. medical certificates).

5.8 Entries of candidates will not be regarded as having been accepted until the fees payable have been received in full by the Authority.

5.9 Candidates will be responsible for checking their entry data to ensure that the entries they made at the time of registration have been correctly processed. The Secretary General must be notified in writing before a specified date of any discrepancies discovered. In the absence of such notification, the entry data will be regarded as having been confirmed. Any subsequent request for changes will be subject to the provisions of Regulation 5.6.

5.10 Applications for amendments to a candidate's personal particulars received after a specified date may be accepted at the discretion of the Secretary General.

5.11 A candidate withdrawing from the Examination may receive a partial refund of the fees paid provided that the Secretary General is notified in writing of the candidate's withdrawal before a date stipulated by the Authority. The Authority may, at its discretion, consider special applications under exceptional circumstances. There will be no refund for partial withdrawal. Examination fees are neither transferable from one examination to another, nor from one person to another. Examination fees will not be refunded to candidates who are disqualified (see Regulation 6.1).

5.12 Admission forms will be issued to candidates (via schools in the case of school candidates) in October in the year preceding the Examination (for Category C November series) / March in the year of the Examination (for Category A and June series of Category C subjects). Schools should not, for whatever reasons, withhold the admission forms of their students.

5.13 On application by a candidate, a duplicate admission form may be issued to replace one which has been lost, subject to payment of a supplementary fee.

5.14 Electronic calculators, including programmable calculators, may be used in any examination session provided that the calculators are battery-powered, silent in operation and with neither print-out nor graphic/word-display facilities and do not use dot-matrix technology in the main display.

5.15 All answer scripts submitted by candidates, including the practical work in examinations for subjects that require laboratory/workshop facilities, shall be the property of the Authority and as such, shall be handled by the Authority at any time and in any way it deems appropriate. While the Authority will exercise reasonable care to protect and preserve the scripts, in the event of any loss or damage, as a result of which the candidate's performance cannot be assessed based on the scripts, the candidate concerned will waive all claims, if any, against the Authority.

5.16 Personal data of candidates will be used for the purpose of conducting the Examination. The personal data, including examination results, may also be used for the following purposes:

(1) assisting tertiary institutions and other government/public organisations in their admission processes;

(2) assisting government/public organisations in respect of their requests for information in granting scholarships;

(3) certifying candidates' examination results in response to legitimate requests; and

(4) conducting educational research and analysis in an anonymous format in which the identities of candidates are not traceable.

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 Authority.
5.17 All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary General. (Address: Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, 12th Floor, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.) School candidates should normally write to the Authority via their schools.

DISQUALIFICATION

6.1 A candidate may be disqualified from part or whole of the Examination or suffer a mark or grade penalty, without refund of the examination fees paid, if the candidate

(1) is not a bona fide Secondary 6 student of the school which presented him/her for the Examination;
(2) provides false personal particulars in his/her entry form;
(3) improperly obtains knowledge of examination papers prior to the Examination;
(4) is found to have unauthorised article(s) on/in the examination desk or on his/her person;
(5) communicates or attempts to communicate improperly with any person inside or outside the examination room during an examination session;
(6) copies from notes, books or materials stored in electronic devices brought into the examination room or from the answers of another candidate during an examination session;
(7) attempts to take away the question papers during the examination or any examination material, such as answer sheets, backing sheets or graph paper from the examination room;
(8) leaves the examination room without permission;
(9) starts to work on the question paper before being instructed to do so or continues to write after being told to stop writing at the end of an examination session;
(10) passes off work done by someone else as his/her own, in any part of a project/SBA where original work is required;
(11) breaks any of the examination instructions as laid down in the Instructions to Candidates;
(12) disobeys the instructions of the centre supervisor or an invigilator;
(13) disregards the Authority’s written warning in connection with misbehaviour in any examination conducted by the Authority.

6.2 Appeals against decisions to disqualify or to refuse entry to examinations within the purview of the Authority should be made in writing to the Secretary General.

REPORTING OF RESULTS

7.1 For Category A subjects, results will be reported in five levels (1-5), with Level 1 being the lowest and Level 5 the highest. Achievements below Level 1 will be designated as “unclassified”. To give recognition to outstanding candidates, top candidates within Level 5 will be awarded Level 5* and Level 5** as appropriate. Component levels for Chinese Language, English Language and Science (for Combined Science electives only) will be reported on the certificate.

7.2 For Category B subjects, assessment will be undertaken by course providers. After moderation by the HKEAA, the final results will be recorded on the HKDSE certificate. The results will be reported as “Attained” and “Attained with distinction”.

7.3 For Category C subjects, marking and grading will be conducted by CIE. Results will be reported in five grades (A-E), with grade E being the lowest and grade A being the highest. Achievements below grade E will be designated as “ungraded”.

7.4 A results notice will be issued to each candidate (via schools in the case of school candidates) at the time of the publication of results in July. This will record

(1) the provisional results obtained in individual subjects sat; and
(2) subjects entered for, but not sat.

Results recorded in the results notice in case of absence in the paper(s) of Category C other language subjects will be issued by CIE in accordance with their standard procedures. The language medium used by candidates will not be recorded on the results notice.

7.5 Each school will receive a summary showing the results obtained by its candidates.

7.6 Certificates are normally issued to candidates (via schools in the case of school candidates) in October in the year of the Examination.
7.7 Levels or grades awarded for individual subjects will be recorded on the certificate. The language medium used by candidates in the Examination will not be recorded. Subjects for which the candidate was absent and subjects with results designated as “Unclassified” (or below level 1 for the subjects in Category A), “Unattained” for subjects in Category B or “Ungraded” (or below grade E for the subjects in Category C) will not be recorded. Candidates who were absent from all subjects or who obtained Unclassified/Unattained/Ungraded results in all subjects will not be issued a certificate.

7.8 Where a candidate has been exempted from part(s) of the requirements of an examination, his/her results for the affected part(s) will be assessed. The details of any such assessment will be listed on a second page to the candidate’s certificate, and an indication will be printed on the first page that a second page has been used. However, the reason for granting the exemption will not be recorded on the certificate. In the case of special assistance (e.g. extra time allowance, provision of braille or enlarged question papers), such assistance provided will not be recorded on the certificate as long as the candidate has completed the full requirements of the examination.

7.9 School principals are required to return all unclaimed certificates to the Authority at the time when certificates for the Examination in the following year are collected. Certificates unclaimed by 31st December, two years after the Examination, will be destroyed.

7.10 On application by a candidate, a duplicate results notice may be issued to replace one which has been lost, subject to the payment of a fee.

7.11 On application by a candidate, a statement of results may be issued, subject to the payment of a fee.

7.12 School candidates who are unable to take the examinations because of hospitalisation as a result of an accident or serious illness, or because of special circumstances, may, with the support of the school principal, apply for special consideration.

7.13 A copy of the Examination Report will be issued to all participating schools and will be available for sale to the general public, normally in December in the year of the Examination.

APPEALS

8.1 For Category A subjects, applications for appeal must be submitted within a period prescribed by the Authority. Each candidate may apply for rechecking and/or remarking for a number of subjects as stipulated by the Public Examinations Board. A fee will be charged per subject. The fee will be refunded if the result is upgraded. For the SBA component, all disputes on assessment decisions should be resolved within the school before marks are submitted to the HKEAA for moderation. Candidates are not allowed to appeal for re-assessment after the release of examination results. They may apply for rechecking of marks only.

8.2 For Category B subjects, course providers are required to establish procedures to allow candidates to appeal against assessment decisions. The course providers should keep a complete record of all complaint cases and resolve all complaints from candidates before submitting the assessment results to the HKEAA for moderation. Candidates are not allowed to appeal against assessment decisions made by course providers once the results are submitted to the HKEAA for moderation. They may apply for rechecking of marks only.

8.3 For Category C subjects, appeals for other language subjects will be handled by CIE in accordance with their standard procedures.

8.4 Applications from school candidates will be accepted only if they are supported by the candidates’ school principals. Applications from private candidates must be supported by adequate reasons.
AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

9.1 The Regulations are subject to revision.

9.2 Major amendments to the Regulations will be published before 15 September in the year preceding the Examination. Candidates will be notified of subsequent amendments, if any.

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