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To: Principals of HKDSE Participating Schools

Dear Principal,

**Revised**

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(Changes are highlighted)

### **Streamlining of the School-based Assessment (SBA) Requirements for the 2021 HKDSE**

I write to update you on the following regarding the conduct of School-based Assessment (SBA) in the 2021 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE).

#### **1. Streamlining of the SBA requirements for the 2021 HKDSE**

Due to the impact of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) has reviewed the SBA requirements for students entering the 2021 HKDSE to facilitate schools and students to complete the SBA in time. Currently there is a set of SBA requirements for S6 school repeaters/transfer students who complete the SBA task(s) in the S6 year only. Since schools and teachers are familiar with the existing requirements for S6 school repeaters/transfer students, these have been used as an overarching principle, applicable to all subjects, for the review.

- In ten subjects, the SBA requirements for the 2021 HKDSE cohort are streamlined by reducing the number of assessment tasks to be completed. Reference have been made to the SBA requirements of S6 school repeaters/transfer students.
- No proposed changes are made for the remaining four subjects, as the SBA requires students to complete one task only.

The **Annex** summarises the changes, if any, to the SBA requirements for the cohort. For the details of the streamlining, please refer to the revised Assessment Frameworks and the SBA Teachers' Handbooks of the ten subjects with streamlining. The revised documents are available on the following web pages:

#### Assessment Frameworks

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/hkdse/assessment/assessment\\_framework/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/) (Chinese)

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment\\_framework/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/) (English)

#### SBA Teachers' Handbooks

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/SBA/sba\\_teachers\\_handbooks/2021\\_Streamline.html](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/SBA/sba_teachers_handbooks/2021_Streamline.html) (Chinese)

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/SBA/sba\\_teachers\\_handbooks/2021\\_Streamline.html](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/SBA/sba_teachers_handbooks/2021_Streamline.html) (English)

## 2. SBA Mark Templates for 2021 HKDSE

Schools are required to submit all SBA marks to the HKEAA in one go in S6. To facilitate schools to store the SBA marks, SBA Mark Templates (in the format of MS Excel files) are prepared for teachers to input the SBA marks for internal record-keeping. Compared to the original 2021 SBA Mark Templates, the templates for the ten subjects with streamlining for the 2021 cohort are revised. The templates for all the 14 subjects with an SBA component are available on the following web pages:

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/SBA/forms/mark\\_template/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/SBA/forms/mark_template/) (Chinese)

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/SBA/forms/mark\\_template/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/SBA/forms/mark_template/) (English)

As information like candidate numbers are not yet available for the time being, the SBA Mark Templates only serve to facilitate schools to input their SBA marks for internal record-keeping but not for submission purpose in S6. Schools are free to adapt these Mark Templates or use other suitable means to keep their SBA marks safely for submission in S6.

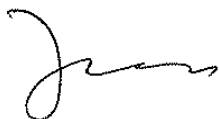
## 3. S5 SBA Teacher Documents for 2021 HKDSE (for Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science (CS) and Integrated Science only)

In connection to the streamlining of the SBA requirements for the 2021 cohort, **teachers of the above subjects are NOT required to submit the relevant Teacher Documents of their S5 classes in the 2019-20 school year.** The Teacher Documents of the above subjects are to be submitted together with the SBA marks to the HKEAA in one go in S6. Details of the submission requirement are listed below for easy reference.

Subject	Details of SBA Teacher Document
Biology & CS (Bio)	List of Experiments Performed in S5 and S6 and Lab Manual/Worksheet (blank) used for assessment
Chemistry & CS(Chem)	List of Experiments Performed in S5 and S6
Physics & CS(Phy)	List of Experiments Performed in S5 and S6
Integrated Science	List of Experiments Performed in S5 and S6

I should be grateful if you could bring the attention of your staff concerned to the above arrangements. Thank you again for your continuous support in implementing SBA and providing professional assessments to the students. Should you have any queries, please contact our SBA Team at 3628 8064.

Yours sincerely,



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**Summary of Changes to SBA Requirements for 2021 HKDSE**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Original SBA Requirements</b>	<b>SBA Requirements for 2021 HKDSE</b>	
Chinese Language 中國語文	Reading Activities (6%) 2 elective modules (14%) 閱讀活動 (6%) 兩個選修單元 (14%)	Reading activities (6%) 1 elective module (14%) 閱讀活動 (6%) 一個選修單元 (14%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.	
English Language	2 oral assessments - with one from Part A (7.5%) and one from Part B (7.5%)	1 oral assessment (15%) - accept either Part A or Part B <b>Note:</b> School repeaters/transfer students will also complete the same task on Part A or Part B.	
Chinese Literature 中國文學	3 Creative Writing (5% each) 三次創作練習 (每次5%)	2 Creative Writing (7.5% each) 兩次創作練習 (每次7.5%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.	
Biology	At least - 2 assessments on Ability Area A (8%) - 2 assessments on Ability Area B (12%)	At least - 1 assessment on Ability Area A (8%) - 1 assessment on Ability Area B (12%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.	
Chemistry	At least 4 assessments (20%) - 1 assessment on VA - 1 assessment on QA - 2 assessments on Other Experiments (EXPT) / One IS can be done in lieu of 2 EXPT	At least 2 assessments on VA/QA/EXPT (20%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.	
Physics	At least - 2 assessments on experiments (EXPT) (12%) - 1 assessment on IS or an experiment with a detailed report (EXPT*) (8%)	At least - 2 assessments on EXPT/IS/EXPT* (20%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.	
Science: Combined Science	<b>Biology part (10%):</b> At least - 1 assessment on Ability Area A (4%) - 1 assessment on Ability Area B (6%)	At least - 1 assessment on Ability Area A (4%) - 1 assessment on Ability Area B (6%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.	
	<b>Chemistry Part (10%):</b> At least - 1 assessment on VA - 1 assessment on Other Experiments (EXPT)		At least 1 assessment on VA/EXPT (10%) <b>Note:</b> The requirement is similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.
	<b>Physics Part (10%):</b> At least 2 assessments on experiments (EXPT)		At least 1 assessment on EXPT (10%) <b>Note:</b> The requirement is similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.

Subject	Original SBA Requirements	SBA Requirements for 2021 HKDSE
Science: Integrated Science	At least - 2 assessments on Ability Area A (5% each) - 2 assessments on Ability Area B (5% each)	At least - 1 assessment on Ability Area A (10%) - 1 assessment on Ability Area B (10%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.
Information and Communication Technology	2 guided tasks - Design & Implementation (12.5%) - Testing & Evaluation (7.5%)	1 guided task - Design & Implementation (20%) <b>Note:</b> School repeaters/transfer students will also complete the same guided task on Design and Implementation.
Technology and Living	A prescribed task (10%) and a project / design folio (20%)	Project / Design Folio - Realisation and evaluation (30%) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those for school repeaters/transfer students.
Visual Arts	One SBA portfolio (including 1 research workbook (20%) and 4 pieces of artworks/critical studies (7.5% each))	One SBA portfolio (including 1 research workbook (20%) and 2 pieces of artworks/critical studies (15% each)) <b>Note:</b> The requirements are similar to those of school repeaters/transfer students.
Liberal Studies	An Independent Enquiry Study (20%)	No change to the original SBA Requirements <b>Reason:</b> There is only one assessment task in the SBA.
Design and Applied Technology	A Project (40%)	No change to the original SBA Requirements <b>Reason:</b> There is only one assessment task in the SBA.
Health Management and Social Care	A Field Learning Task (20%)	No change to the original SBA Requirements <b>Reason:</b> There is only one assessment task in the SBA.
Literature in English	Portfolio (20%) on either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extended essay or</li> <li>● Analytical review or</li> <li>● Creative writing</li> </ul>	No change to the original SBA Requirements <b>Reason:</b> There is only one assessment task in the SBA.