

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2021
Examination Circular No. (10) 2020/2021
2022 Examination Timetable and Date of Release of Results

1. This circular is to inform schools of the examination schedule for the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and the tentative date of release of results, and to seek schools' support and co-operation to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations.
2. In drawing up the 2022 HKDSE examination schedule for Category A subjects (*Annex 1*), consideration has been given to the extended class suspension in the school year 2020/21, the school holidays for the year 2021/22, the subject combination statistics for the 2020 and 2021 examinations as well as the general pattern of the previous years' examination. The main features of the 2022 examination timetable are as follows:
 - (a) As the 2022 Easter public holidays will fall between 15 and 18 April, the written examinations will start on 22 April after the Easter break while the core subject examinations (i.e. English Language, Liberal Studies, Chinese Language and Mathematics Compulsory Part) will be held from 25 April to 3 May with a day's break on 28 April.
 - (b) The Chinese Language speaking examinations will be held in mid-March to late March and the English Language speaking examinations from late March/early April to mid-April.
 - (c) In view of the large entries of the core subjects and the special venue requirements for listening component of the two language subjects, schools serving as Home cum District centres will have to suspend classes/face-to-face teaching so as to free up their classrooms as examination venues for the core subject examinations. The possible class suspension is five days.
 - (d) For elective subjects, those with an SBA component or options requiring equating will be examined earlier. Simulations of the subject combinations have been conducted with a view to minimising the number of candidates who have to sit examinations for two or three consecutive days.
 - (e) Four examination dates have been tentatively earmarked for Design and Applied Technology (DAT), Technology and Living (TL), and Music examinations. Two or more of these subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates. In addition, 23 & 24 May 2022 will be earmarked as reserved dates for contingency purposes.
3. The examination timetable for Category C (Other Languages) subjects for the 2022 HKDSE (i.e. November 2021 series) is given in *Annex 2*.

Date of Release of Results

4. The date for the release of the 2022 Categories A and B examination results is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, 20 July 2022**. For Category C examinations, the exact date for the release of results will be announced in January 2022.

Support from schools

5. To ensure the smooth conduct of the 2022 HKDSE, the cooperation and collaborative support from all participating schools is indispensable. Schools are requested to note the highlights of the 2022 examination timetable *in paragraph 2 above* when planning their calendars and activities for 2021/22.
6. Schools have been our important partners in examination administration through their provision of invigilation staff and school premises for the conduct of examinations, which is a requirement of schools' participation in the public examinations. To facilitate the implementation of the 'Home cum District Centre' arrangements for core subjects (i.e. Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics Compulsory Part and Liberal Studies) and the enhanced home centre approach for SEN candidates in the HKDSE as well as to ensure adequate supply of examination centres for all candidates in different districts, schools are obligated to accommodate all of their own candidates in the core subject examinations. In view of the spatial seating arrangements implemented in examination centres as one of the precautionary measures against the pandemic, the seating capacity of school halls has been greatly reduced, thus the problem of insufficient venues for the core subject written examinations for both normal and SEN candidates still exists. Schools are also requested to accommodate other school candidates without a home centre as well as private candidates in your district. To minimise the number of schools that have to suspend classes/face-to-face teaching and to provide a desirable examination environment for our candidates, we earnestly request schools' continued support by **making available their maximum number of school halls and/or classrooms for the conduct of the core subject written examinations with the largest entries:**

Written examinations	English Language	Monday, 25 April 2022 (AM)
		Tuesday, 26 April 2022 (AM)
	Liberal Studies	Wednesday, 27 April 2022 (AM)
	Chinese Language	Friday, 29 April 2022 (AM)
		Saturday, 30 April 2022 (AM)
Mathematics Compulsory Part	Tuesday, 3 May 2022 (AM)	

7. Over the years, the acute shortage of suitable school venues for the conduct of speaking examination of the two language subjects has become a major concern. Owing to the unavailability of examination centres in some districts, oral examiners and candidates have to be assigned to examination centres located not in their chosen districts. To facilitate our planning for the 2022 HKDSE, schools are urged to **make their classrooms available for the conduct of the speaking examinations for both normal and SEN sessions** on the dates shown below:

Speaking examinations	Chinese Language	mid-March – late March 2022 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)
	English Language	late March/early April – mid-April 2022 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)
	Sessions for SEN candidates (including Chinese Language and English Language)	late May 2022 (tentative) (Mon – Fri, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Proposed Timeframe for Examination Accommodation

8. The accommodation requirements for the 2022 Examination will be sent to schools in September 2021.
9. Schools are requested to draw the attention of their teachers and students concerned to the contents of this circular.

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To: Principals of Participating Schools

2022 年香港中學文憑考試時間表
Examination Timetable for 2022 HKDSE

日期及時間 Date & Time	應考科目 Subjects to be examined	
四月二十二日(星期五) AM Apr. 22 Fri PM	Visual Arts 1,2	視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十三日(星期六) AM Apr. 23 Sat PM	Information & Communication Technology 1,2	資訊及通訊科技 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十五日(星期一) AM Apr. 25 Mon PM	English Language 1,2	英國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十六日(星期二) AM Apr. 26 Tue PM	English Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills)	英國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
四月二十七日(星期三) AM Apr. 27 Wed PM	Liberal Studies 1,2	通識教育 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十九日(星期五) AM Apr. 29 Fri PM	Chinese Language 1,2	中國語文 (一) 及 (二)
四月三十日(星期六) AM Apr. 30 Sat PM	Chinese Language 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills)	中國語文 (三) (聆聽及綜合能力考核)
五月三日(星期二) AM May 3 Tue PM	Mathematics Compulsory Part 1,2	數學 必修部分 (一) 及 (二)
五月四日(星期三) AM May 4 Wed PM	Literature in English 1 / Design & Applied Technology 1,2 (Note 2) / Technology & Living 1,2 (Note 2) Literature in English 2	英語文學 (一) / 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) / 科技與生活 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) 英語文學 (二)
五月五日(星期四) AM May 5 Thu PM	Integrated Science 1,2 / Physics 1,2 / Combined Science (Physics)	綜合科學 (一) 及 (二) / 物理 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (物理)
五月六日(星期五) AM May 6 Fri PM	Health Management & Social Care 1,2 / Music 1A & 1B (Note 2)	健康管理與社會關懷 (一) 及 (二) / 音樂 1A 及 1B (註 2)
五月七日(星期六) AM May 7 Sat PM	Geography 1,2	地理 (一) 及 (二)
五月十日(星期二) AM May 10 Tue PM	Biology 1,2 / Combined Science (Biology)	生物 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (生物)
五月十一日(星期三) AM May 11 Wed PM	Chinese Literature 1,2 / Technology & Living 1,2 (Note 2) / Design & Applied Technology 1,2 (Note 2)	中國文學 (一) 及 (二) / 科技與生活 (一) 及 (二) (註 2) / 設計與應用科技 (一) 及 (二) (註 2)
五月十二日(星期四) AM May 12 Thu PM	Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 1,2	企業、會計與財務概論 (一) 及 (二)
五月十三日(星期五) AM May 13 Fri PM	History 1,2	歷史 (一) 及 (二)
五月十四日(星期六) AM May 14 Sat PM	Chemistry 1,2 / Combined Science (Chemistry)	化學 (一) 及 (二) / 組合科學 (化學)
五月十六日(星期一) AM May 16 Mon PM	Mathematics Extended Part Modules 1,2	數學 延伸部分 單元 (一) 及 (二)
五月十七日(星期二) AM May 17 Tue PM	Tourism & Hospitality Studies 1,2	旅遊與款待 (一) 及 (二)
五月十八日(星期三) AM May 18 Wed PM	Economics 1,2	經濟 (一) 及 (二)
五月十九日(星期四) AM May 19 Thu PM	Physical Education 1,2 / Music 1A & 1B (Note 2) / Technology & Living 1,2 (Note 2)	體育 (一) 及 (二) / 音樂 1A 及 1B (註 2) / 科技與生活 (一) 及 (二) (註 2)
五月二十日(星期五) AM May 20 Fri PM	Chinese History 1,2	中國歷史 (一) 及 (二)
五月二十一日(星期六) AM May 21 Sat PM	Ethics & Religious Studies 1,2	倫理與宗教 (一) 及 (二)
五月二十三日(星期一) AM May 23 Mon PM	Reserve	後備
五月二十四日(星期二) AM May 24 Tue PM	Reserve	後備

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- Note:**
(1) 2022 年 5 月 2 日(勞動節翌日); 2022 年 5 月 9 日(佛誕翌日)
2 May 2022 (the day following Labour Day); 9 May 2022 (the day following Buddha's Birthday)
(2) 設計與應用科技、科技與生活及音樂科的考試日期, 將會在 2021 年 11 月, 即一般報考日期完結後落實, 倘沒有重覆考生報考, 兩個或以上科目將會被安排於同日進行考試。
The examination dates for Design & Applied Technology, Technology & Living and Music will be finalised in November 2021 after the normal closing date of registration and two or more subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates.

實習考試/口試日期 Examination Period for Practical/Speaking Examinations

體育（實習考試）	:	2022年2月中旬至3月下旬
Physical Education – Practical	:	mid-February – late March 2022
音樂（實習考試）	:	2022年2月下旬至4月中旬
Music – Practical	:	late February – mid-April 2022
中國語文（口試）	:	2022年3月中旬至3月下旬（星期一至星期五）（暫定）
Chinese Language – Speaking	:	mid-March to late March 2022 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)
英國語文（口試）	:	2022年3月下旬 / 4月上旬至4月中旬（星期一至星期五）（暫定）
English Language – Speaking	:	late March/early April to mid-April 2022 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)

放榜日期(暫定) Date of Release of Results (tentative)

約於2022年7月20日
Around 20 July 2022

**Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2022
Category C (Other Languages) Subjects
Examination Timetable**

The examinations for the 2022 HKDSE Category C (Other Languages) subjects will be conducted in October 2021. As announced by Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International), the examination timetable is as follows:

Date of Examination	Subject/Paper	Examination Time
11 October 2021 (Monday)	Hindi 3 Urdu 3	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
13 October 2021 (Wednesday)	French 3 German 3 Japanese 3 Spanish 3	8:30 am to 10:00 am
14 October 2021 (Thursday)	Hindi 2 Urdu 2	1:00 pm to 2:45 pm
15 October 2021 (Friday)	French 2 German 2 Japanese 2 Spanish 2	8:30 am to 10:15 am

The speaking examinations of the above subjects (except Hindi and Urdu Languages) will be held between 1 and 24 October 2021. (*Note: There is no speaking component for the Hindi and Urdu examinations with effect from the 2020 HKDSE.*)

The examination results will be released in late January 2022.