

**HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2022**  
**Examination Circular No. (6) 2020/2021**  
**Streamlining of School-based Assessment and Special Arrangements for Applied Learning Subjects**

1. This circular is to inform schools of the streamlining of the School-based Assessment (SBA) and special arrangements for Applied Learning (ApL) subjects for students entering for the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE).
2. In view of the severe disruption of normal school operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the learning and teaching for the cohort of students sitting the 2022 HKDSE have been adversely affected. The HKEAA has formulated one-off contingency measures for current Secondary 5 students, with a view to freeing up learning time and reducing those assessment tasks which require face-to-face contact, need to be completed at school or require intensive individual teacher guidance. The proposed measures were considered and approved by the Public Examinations Board in its meeting on 8 February 2021.

**Category A subjects**

3. The SBA requirements for the 2022 HKDSE cohort have been streamlined by reducing the number of assessment tasks to be completed. Reference has been made to the arrangements for the 2021 HKDSE. The changes are summarised as follows:
  - (a) Cancellation of SBA of ten Category A subjects (i.e. Liberal Studies, Chinese Literature, Literature in English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science (Combined/Integrated Science), Technology and Living, Information and Communication Technology and Health Management and Social Care).
  - (b) Streamlining of SBA of four subjects (i.e. Chinese Language, English Language, Design and Applied Technology and Visual Arts).
  - (c) As a result of the changes in (a) to (b) above, the weighting of the remaining papers will be adjusted according to the assessment structure of the subjects concerned.

**Applied Learning subjects**

4. Special arrangements have been made to allow course providers of Applied Learning subjects to adjust the assessment tasks upon consultation with the CDI and HKEAA. The arrangement is the same as that adopted for the 2021 HKDSE.
5. The SBA streamlining arrangements of the 14 Category A subjects and special arrangements for ApL subjects for the 2022 HKDSE cohort are summarised in the *Annex*. For further details, please refer to the revised Assessment Frameworks ([https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment\\_framework/](https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/)) of the 14 subjects and the SBA Teachers' Handbooks ([https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/sub\\_info\\_sba/](https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/sub_info_sba/)) of the four subjects with streamlined SBA.
6. The HKEAA will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 pandemic. Should further changes to the 2022 HKDSE Assessment Frameworks be required, the HKEAA will announce such changes the soonest.

**Action Required**

7. Principals are requested to draw the attention of their teachers and students concerned to the revised Assessment Frameworks/Schemes of the Categories A and B subjects concerned as appropriate.
8. For enquiries, please contact Mr Dickson Pang (Tel: 3628 8070) or the SBA Team (Tel: 3628 8064).

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To: Principals of Participating Schools

**Streamlining arrangements in the SBA requirements for 2022 HKDSE**

Subject	Summary	Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2022 HKDSE Examination
<b>Chinese Language</b>	校本評核 <del>20%</del> -10%	取消選修部分，保留必修部分：閱讀活動，呈交 1 個分數，佔 10%。 其餘佔分比重(10%)分配至其他卷別。卷一由 24% 變為 27%；卷二由 24% 變為 27%；卷三由 18% 變為 20%；卷四由 14% 變為 16%
<b>English Language</b>	SBA 15%	1 task (oral assessment - accept either Part A or Part B; accept either individual presentation or group interaction). (Note: The percentage weighting of Paper 1 to 4 remains unchanged.)
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 50% to 62%; Paper 2: change from 30% to 38%
<b>Chinese Literature</b>	校本評核 <del>15%</del>	取消 佔分比重分配至卷一和卷二。卷一：由 25% 變為 34%；卷二：由 60% 變為 66%
<b>Literature in English</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 50% to 62%; Paper 2: change from 30% to 38%
<b>Biology</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 60% to 75%; Paper 2: change from 20% to 25%
<b>Chemistry</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 60% to 75%; Paper 2: change from 20% to 25%
<b>Physics</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 60% to 75%; Paper 2: change from 20% to 25%
<b>Science: Integrated Science</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 45% to 56%; Paper 2 Section A: change from 15% to 19%; Paper 2 Section B: change from 20% to 25%

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<b>Science:</b>	SBA	Cancelled
<b>Combined Science:</b>	<del>10%</del>	Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper. Paper: change from 40% to 50%
<b>Biology Part</b>		
<b>Chemistry Part</b>	<del>SBA</del> <del>10%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper. Paper: change from 40% to 50%
<b>Physics Part</b>	SBA <del>10%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper. Paper: change from 40% to 50%
<b>Design and Applied Technology</b>	SBA <del>40%</del> <b>20%</b>	Students are only required to submit the first half part (Section 1 to 4 – Design ideas development) of the SBA (20%). The remaining percentage weighting (20%) re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 30% to 40%; Paper 2: change from 30% to 40%
<b>Health Management &amp; Social Care</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 46% to 57%; Paper 2: change from 34% to 43%
<b>Information &amp; Communication Technology</b>	SBA <del>20%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 55% to 70%; Paper 2: change from 25% to 30%
<b>Technology &amp; Living</b>	SBA <del>30%</del>	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. Paper 1: change from 30% to 43%; Paper 2: change from 40% to 57%
<b>Visual Arts</b>	SBA 50%	1 research workbook + 2 pieces of artworks/critical studies

### Special Arrangement for Applied Learning subjects

Subject	Summary	Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2022 HKDSE Examination
<b>Applied Learning</b>	6 to 10 Assessment Tasks (ATs) conducted by respective ApL course providers (CPs)	Some ATs have already been completed. For the remaining ATs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● if feasible, to be conducted with modification (e.g. mode, scope)</li> <li>● ATs (especially practical ATs) that cannot be feasibly conducted or modified are to be exempted</li> </ul> [CDI-HKEAA-CPs to propose on ATs to be modified and/or cancelled] [HKEAA-CPs to propose mark re-allocation]