

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2023
Examination Circular No. (4) 2021/2022
Streamlining Arrangement for Chinese Language and Liberal Studies

1. This circular is to inform schools of the streamlining arrangement of the public examination and School-based Assessment (SBA) for the 2023 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE).
2. The COVID-19 pandemic has severely disrupted normal school operation in 2020/21 and 2021/22, thus causing substantial delay to the learning and teaching for the cohort of students sitting the 2023 HKDSE. With a view to freeing up more learning time and providing more flexibility for this specific cohort of students, the Public Examinations Board (PEB), at its meeting in late October 2021, deliberated and approved the streamlining of the 2023 HKDSE examination requirements of the following two core subjects:
 - (a) Cancellation of the speaking examination of Chinese Language (Paper 4)
 - (b) Cancellation of the SBA (Independent Enquiry Study) of Liberal Studies

The arrangements are only applicable to 2023 HKDSE candidates.

3. The Assessment Frameworks of Chinese Language and Liberal Studies have been changed as a result of the streamlining of the public examination and SBA stated in paragraph 2. The weighting of the remaining papers will be adjusted according to the assessment structure of the subjects concerned. Highlights of the changes in the Assessment Frameworks of the subjects concerned are given in the *Annex*. The revised Assessment Frameworks for the 2023 HKDSE are available on the HKEAA website (http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/).
4. The HKEAA will work closely with the Education Bureau to monitor the epidemic situation and school operation in the coming months. Should there be any further changes to the 2023 public examination or SBA, schools and candidates will be informed of the related arrangements as soon as practicable.

Action Required

5. Principals are requested to draw the attention of their teachers and students concerned to the revised 2023 HKDSE Assessment Frameworks of the two subjects concerned.
6. For enquiries, please contact Ms Kennis Mak (Tel: 3628 8070).

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To: Principals of Participating Schools

Highlights of the changes in the Assessment Frameworks of Chinese Language and Liberal Studies:

中國語文科及通識教育科的評核大綱修訂重點：

Subject 科目	Assessment Framework 評核大綱	Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2023 HKDSE Examination 2023 年度文憑試精簡安排細節
中國語文科	卷一 24% 28%	沒有改動
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	卷三 18% 20%	沒有改動
	卷四 14%	取消 佔分比重分配至卷一至三及校本評核
	校本評核 20% 24%	沒有改動
Liberal Studies	Paper 1 50% 62%	No change
	Paper 2 30% 38%	No change
	SBA 20%	Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2