

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2022
Streamlining Arrangement of Public Examination
Examination Circular No. (13) 2020/2021

1. This circular is to inform schools of the streamlining of the public examination for the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), and to seek schools' support and co-operation to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations.
2. Considering the impact of extended class suspension under the COVID-19 pandemic on the learning and teaching of the cohort of students sitting the HKDSE next year, the Public Examinations Board (PEB) of the HKEAA approved in February 2021 the streamlining of School-based Assessment (SBA) for 14 Category A subjects and slight modifications of the Assessment Schemes of some Category B Applied Learning subjects (as necessary) in the 2022 HKDSE. With a view to freeing up learning time and providing more flexibility for this specific cohort of students, the PEB deliberated and approved the streamlining of the 2022 HKDSE public examination requirements for relevant Category A subjects at its meeting in late June 2021. The arrangements are only applicable to 2022 HKDSE candidates.
3. The Assessment Frameworks of respective Category A subjects have been changed as a result of the streamlining for the public examination of relevant subjects announced in this circular as well as that for SBA announced on 9 February 2021 for the 2022 HKDSE. The main changes are summarised as follows:
 - (a) Cancellation of the speaking examination of Chinese Language
 - (b) Streamlining of the practical examinations of Physical Education and Music
 - (c) Streamlining of the requirements of the written examinations of nine Category A subjects including reducing the number of questions to be attempted and/or turning some compulsory questions optional
 - (d) Cancellation of SBA of 10 Category A subjects and streamlining of the remaining four subjects (announced on 9 February 2021)
 - (e) As a result of the changes in (a) to (d) above, the weighting of the remaining papers will be adjusted according to the assessment structure of the subjects concerned
4. According to the changes in the public examination of some subjects/papers, the examination time of the following subjects/papers have been adjusted:

| Subject/Paper | Original examination time | Revised examination time |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Geography Paper 1 | 2 hours 45 minutes | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| History Paper 1 | 2 hours | 1 hour 45 minutes |
| Tourism and Hospitality Studies Paper 2 | 1 hour 45 minutes | 1 hour 15 minutes |
| Design and Applied Technology Paper 2 | 2 hours | 1 hour 15 minutes |

5. The revised Assessment Frameworks for the 2022 HKDSE are available on the HKEAA website (http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/). Highlights of the changes in the Assessment Frameworks of the Category A subjects concerned are also provided in *Annex 1*.
6. The 2022 examination timetable at *Annex 2* has been updated and uploaded on the HKEAA website (http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Exam_Timetable/2022_DSE_Timetable.pdf). This supersedes the original examination timetable promulgated to schools and the public vide Examination Circular No. (10) 2020/2021 on 31 May 2021.

7. The HKEAA will work closely with the Education Bureau to monitor the epidemic situation. In the event of unforeseeable situations that necessitate further changes to the 2022 examinations, schools and candidates will be informed of the related arrangements as soon as practicable.

Action Required

8. Principals are requested to draw the attention of their teachers and students concerned to the revised 2022 HKDSE examination timetable and revised Assessment Frameworks/Schemes of the Categories A and B subjects concerned as appropriate.
9. For enquiries on Assessment Frameworks, please contact Mr Dickson Pang (Tel: 3628 8070). As for the examination timetable, please contact Ms Gladys Cheng (Tel: 3628 8950).

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To: Principals of Participating Schools

Highlights of the changes in the Assessment Frameworks of Category A subjects:

The table below summarises all streamlining arrangements of Category A subjects in the 2022 HKDSE, including the streamlining for the public examination of relevant subjects announced this time in June and that for SBA announced on 9 Feb 2021.

| Subject | Assessment Framework | Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2022 HKDSE Examination |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Chinese Language | 卷一 24% 32% | 沒有改動 |
| | 卷二 24% 32% | 沒有改動 |
| | 卷三 18% 26% | 沒有改動 |
| | 卷四 14% | 取消 佔分比重按比例分配至卷一至三 |
| | 校本評核 20% 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%)按比例分配至卷一至三 |
| English Language | Paper 1 20% | No change |
| | Paper 2 25% | No change |
| | Paper 3 30% | No change |
| | Paper 4 10% | No change |
| | SBA 15% | 1 task (oral assessment - accept either Part A or Part B; accept either individual presentation or group interaction). |
| Mathematics (Compulsory Part) | Paper 1 65% | No change |
| | Paper 2 35% | No change |
| Mathematics (Extended Part) | Paper 100% | No change |
| Liberal Studies | Paper 1 50% 62% | No change |
| | Paper 2 30% 38% | No change |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper 1 and 2. |
| Chinese Literature | 卷一 25% 34% | 沒有改動 |
| | 卷二 60% 66% | 沒有改動 |
| | 校本評核 15% | 取消 佔分比重分配至卷一和卷二 |

| Subject | Assessment Framework | Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2022 HKDSE Examination |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Literature in English | Paper 1 50% 62% | No change |
| | Paper 2 30% 38% | No change |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Chinese History | 卷一 70% | 第一部分必答題分拆為兩題，考生只需選答一題 第二部分原分甲部及乙部，各設三題，考生須各選一題，共答兩題； 現建議考生可從六題中自由選答兩題，不受從甲部及乙部各選答一題的限制。考試時間維持不變。 |
| | 卷二 30% | 沒有改動（三題中自由選答兩題） |
| Economics | Paper 1 30% | No change (Multiple Choice Questions) |
| | Paper 2 Section A 26% 30% | No change (Short questions on Compulsory Part) |
| | Paper 2 Section B 35% 40% | No change (Structured/essay-type/data response questions on Compulsory Part) |
| | Paper 2 Section C 9% | Cancelled (Structured questions on Elective Part) Percentage weighting re-allocated to Sections A and B in Paper 2. Examination time of the paper remains unchanged. |
| Ethics and Religious Studies | Paper 1 50% | Part A: Turn the compulsory questions into optional questions. Candidates are required to answer 3 out of 4 questions. Part B: No change Examination time of the paper remains unchanged. |
| | Paper 2 50% | No change |
| Geography | Paper 1 75% | <u>Trim Paper 1:</u> 1. Instead of answering one compulsory fieldwork-based question (FBQ) in Section B and 2 (out of 4) data-based questions (DBQs) in Section C, candidates will be allowed to choose any 2 questions (out of 5) by combining both Section B & Section C. The total number of FBQ & DBQs to be answered is reduced from 3 to 2 (out of 5), and the examination time is reduced by 15 minutes (from 2¾ hours to 2½ hours); AND 2. Trim the coverage of the fieldwork-based question from 3 designated modules to 1 module only (Managing River Environment) for 2022 HKDSE. <u>No change in the parts of MC questions (Section A) and short essay questions (Section D).</u> |
| | Paper 2 25% | No change |
| History | Paper 1 60% | Turn all 4 data-based questions (DBQs) in Paper 1 optional, and candidates can choose 3 out of 4 DBQs. Examination time is reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour 45 min. |
| | Paper 2 40% | No change |

| Subject | Assessment Framework | Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2022 HKDSE Examination |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Tourism and Hospitality Studies | Paper 1 45% | No change |
| | Paper 2 55% | Trim Paper 2: Essay Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instead of answering 3 out of 5 questions, candidates can choose to answer 2 out of 5 questions. • Examination time is reduced from 1 hour 45 mins to 1 hour 15 mins. |
| Biology | Paper 1 60% 75% | No change |
| | Paper 2 20% 25% | No change |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Chemistry | Paper 1 60% 75% | No change |
| | Paper 2 20% 25% | No change |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Physics | Paper 1 60% 75% | No change |
| | Paper 2 20% 25% | No change |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Combined Science: Biology Part | Paper 40% 50% | No change |
| | SBA 10% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper. |
| Chemistry Part | Paper 40% 50% | No change |
| | SBA 10% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper. |
| Physics Part | Paper 40% 50% | No change |
| | SBA 10% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Paper. |

| Subject | Assessment Framework | Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2022 HKDSE Examination |
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| Integrated Science | Paper 1 45% 56% | No change |
| | Paper 2 Section A 15% 19% | No change |
| | Paper 2 Section B 20% 25% | No change |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Business, Accounting and Financial Studies | Paper 1 40% | No change |
| | Paper 2 60% | To maintain the assessment standard without affecting the paper structure, it is suggested turning questions of Section B in Paper 2 optional without changing the weighting of each section in the paper: <u>Paper 2A (Accounting module)</u> Section B (36 marks) for application problems – turning 3 compulsory application problems optional, i.e. choose to answer 2 out of 3 questions and each question still carries 12 marks. <u>Paper 2B (Business Management module)</u> Section B (36 marks) for case studies – turning 2 compulsory case studies optional, i.e. choose to answer 1 out of 2 questions and each question still carries 18 marks. <u>Remarks</u> No change in the time allowed for Papers 2A and 2B. |
| Design and Applied Technology | Paper 1 30% 40% | No change |
| | Paper 2 30% 40% | Candidates are to choose 2 elective modules among 5 electives in the existing arrangement. Candidates are required to answer only one elective . Candidates still have to answer two questions among three in one of the chosen modules. Examination time is reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour 15 min. |
| | SBA 40% 20% | To retain the SBA with a reduction of subject weighting from 40% to 20%. Candidates are only required to submit the first half part (Sections 1 to 4 – Design ideas development) of the SBA (20%). The remaining percentage weighting (20%) re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Health Management & Social Care | Paper 1 46% 57% | No change |
| | Paper 2 34% 43% | No change |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Information & Communication Technology | Paper 1 55% 70% | No change |
| | Paper 2 25% 30% | Candidates can choose to answer 3 out of the 4 questions in the examination papers for the Elective Part, i.e. 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D. Examination time of the paper remains unchanged. |
| | SBA 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |

| Subject | Assessment Framework | Details of Streamlining Arrangements for 2022 HKDSE Examination |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Technology & Living | Paper 1 30% 43% | No change |
| | Paper 2 40% 57% | No change |
| | SBA 30% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1 and 2. |
| Music | Paper 1 40% 50% | No change |
| | Paper 2 20% | Cancelled Percentage weighting re-allocated to Papers 1, 3, 4A/ 4B/ 4C. |
| | Paper 3 20% 25% | For Paper 3 (Creating I), trim the total duration of the composition works from 6-15 minutes to 4-12 minutes. |
| | Paper 4A, Paper 4B, Paper 4C (choose 1 Paper) 20% 25% | No change |
| Visual Arts | Paper 1 / 2 50% | No change |
| | SBA 50% | 1 research workbook + 2 pieces of artworks/critical studies |
| Physical Education | Paper 1 42% | No change |
| | Paper 2 18% | No change |
| | Paper 3 40% | <p>Trim Paper 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Activity (20%) - Merge Physical Activity 1 (PA1) with Physical Activity 2 (PA2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Candidates to choose 1 activity from either PA1 or PA2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For the activity to be chosen from PA1 - Assess only on basic skills (Cancel game assessment) ▪ For the activity to be chosen from PA2 - Assess only on 1 event instead of 2 events • Physical fitness (20%) – Assess only on sit-ups, sit-and-reach and pull-ups/flexed arm hang (Cancel 1609m run) <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PA1 includes 6 options: Badminton/Basketball/Football/Volleyball/Table Tennis/Handball. 2. PA2 includes 3 options: Athletics/Swimming/Gymnastics. 3. In the original assessment plan, candidates will be assessed on their performance in both basic skills demonstration and games in PA1, and also their performance in two events in PA2. <p>If any of the PA examinations have to be cancelled due to the pandemic or venues reasons, the results of these examinations will be projected by proportional adjustment using the results obtained in the physical fitness part of the practical examination. If all the PA examinations have to be cancelled due to the pandemic or venue reasons, the 20% for Physical Activity will be allocated to the written examination where the weighting will be adjusted from 60% to 80%.</p> |

2022 年香港中學文憑考試
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考試時間表 (2021 年 6 月 30 日修訂版)
TIMETABLE (Revised on 30 June 2021)

| 日期 Date | 時間 Time | Subject / Paper | 科目 / 試卷 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 四月二十二日 (星期五) Friday, 22nd April | 8:30 - 12:30 | Visual Arts 1,2 | 視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二) |
| 四月二十三日 (星期六) Saturday, 23rd April | 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:45 | Information & Communication Technology 1 Information & Communication Technology 2 | 資訊及通訊科技 (一) 資訊及通訊科技 (二) |
| 四月二十五日 (星期一) Monday, 25th April | 8:30 - 10:00 11:00 - 13:00 | English Language 1 English Language 2 | 英國語文 (一) 英國語文 (二) |
| 四月二十六日 (星期二) Tuesday, 26th April | 9:15 - 12:10* | 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) Wednesday, 27th April | 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:30 | Liberal Studies 1 Liberal Studies 2 | 通識教育 (一) 通識教育 (二) |
| 四月二十九日 (星期五) Friday, 29th April | 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:15 | Chinese Language 1 Chinese Language 2 | 中國語文 (一) 中國語文 (二) |
| 四月三十日 (星期六) Saturday, 30th April | # 9:15 - 11:40* | 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) Tuesday, 3rd May | 8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45 | Mathematics Compulsory Part 1 Mathematics Compulsory Part 2 | 數學 必修部分 (一) 數學 必修部分 (二) |
| 五月四日 (星期三) Wednesday, 4th May | 8:30 - 11:30 13:30 - 15:30 | Literature in English 1 Literature in English 2 | 英語文學 (一) 英語文學 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:30 | Design & Applied Technology 1 (Note 2) Design & Applied Technology 2 | 設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2) 設計與應用科技 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:45 | Technology & Living 1 (Note 2) Technology & Living 2 | 科技與生活 (一) (註 2) 科技與生活 (二) |
| 五月五日 (星期四) Thursday, 5th May | 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:45 | Integrated Science 1 Integrated Science 2 | 綜合科學 (一) 綜合科學 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45 | Physics 1 Physics 2 | 物理 (一) 物理 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:10 | Combined Science (Physics) | 組合科學 (物理) |
| 五月六日 (星期五) Friday, 6th May | 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 13:00 | Health Management & Social Care 1 Health Management & Social Care 2 | 健康管理與社會關懷 (一) 健康管理與社會關懷 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:15 | Music 1A (Note 2) Music 1B | 音樂 1A (註 2) 音樂 1B |
| 五月七日 (星期六) Saturday, 7th May | 8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 13:00 | Geography 1 Geography 2 | 地理 (一) 地理 (二) |
| 五月十日 (星期二) Tuesday, 10th May | 8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45 | Biology 1, Biology 2 | 生物 (一) 生物 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:10 | Combined Science (Biology) | 組合科學 (生物) |
| 五月十一日 (星期三) Wednesday, 11th May | 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 13:15 | Chinese Literature 1 Chinese Literature 2 | 中國文學 (一) 中國文學 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:45 | Technology & Living 1 (Note 2) Technology & Living 2 | 科技與生活 (一) (註 2) 科技與生活 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:30 | Design and Applied Technology 1 (Note 2) Design and Applied Technology 2 | 設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2) 設計與應用科技 (二) |
| 五月十二日 (星期四) Thursday, 12th May | 8:30 - 9:45 10:30 - 12:45 | Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 1 Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 2 | 企業、會計與財務概論 (一) 企業、會計與財務概論 (二) |
| 五月十三日 (星期五) Friday, 13th May | 8:30 - 10:15 11:00 - 12:30 | History 1 History 2 | 歷史 (一) 歷史 (二) |
| 五月十四日 (星期六) Saturday, 14th May | 8:30 - 11:00 11:45 - 12:45 | Chemistry 1 Chemistry 2 | 化學 (一) 化學 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:10 | Combined Science (Chemistry) | 組合科學 (化學) |
| 五月十六日 (星期一) Monday, 16th May | 8:30 - 11:00 | 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) Tuesday, 17th May | 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:00 | Tourism & Hospitality Studies 1 Tourism & Hospitality Studies 2 | 旅遊與款待 (一) 旅遊與款待 (二) |
| 五月十八日 (星期三) Wednesday, 18th May | 8:30 - 9:30 10:15 - 12:45 | Economics 1 Economics 2 | 經濟 (一) 經濟 (二) |
| 五月十九日 (星期四) Thursday, 19th May | 8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:45 | Physical Education 1 Physical Education 2 | 體育 (一) 體育 (二) |
| | 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:15 | Music 1A (Note 2) Music 1B | 音樂 1A (註 2) 音樂 1B |
| | 8:30 - 10:00 10:45 - 12:45 | Technology & Living 1 (Note 2) Technology & Living 2 | 科技與生活 (一) (註 2) 科技與生活 (二) |
| 五月二十日 (星期五) Friday, 20th May | 8:30 - 10:45 11:30 - 12:50 | Chinese History 1 Chinese History 2 | 中國歷史 (一) 中國歷史 (二) |
| 五月二十一日 (星期六) Saturday, 21st May | 8:30 - 10:15 11:00 - 12:45 | Ethics & Religious Studies 1 Ethics & Religious Studies 2 | 倫理與宗教 (一) 倫理與宗教 (二) |
| 五月二十三日 (星期一) Monday, 23rd May | | Reserve | 後備 |
| 五月二十四日 (星期二) Tuesday, 24th May | | Reserve | 後備 |

廣東話組卷三的報到時間為上午 9 時 15 分；普通話組卷三的報到時間為上午 9 時 30 分。

Candidates taking the Cantonese version of Paper 3 should report at 9:15 a.m. while those taking the Putonghua version should report at 9:30 a.m.

* 約計聆聽卷別的完結時間

Approximate examination end time of the Listening papers

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Note:

- 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)
- 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.

注意：應考下列科目／卷別的考生應參閱其准考證上所列的考試日期和時間（報到時間）：

Note: Candidates should refer to their Admission Form for the examination date and time (reporting time) for the following Subjects / Papers:

| 日期 Date | 時間 Time | Subject 科目 / Paper 試卷 |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| 2022 年 2 月中旬至 3 月下旬 mid-February – late March 2022 | 8:00 - 19:00 | Physical Education – Practical 體育（實習考試） |
| 2022 年 2 月下旬至 4 月中旬 late February – mid-April 2022 | 9:00 - 18:00 | Music – Practical 音樂（實習考試） |
| 2022 年 3 月 30 日至 4 月 8 日（星期一至星期五）（暫定） 30 March to 8 April 2022 (Monday to Friday) (tentative) | 17:00 - 20:30 | English Language – Speaking 英國語文（口試） |
| 2022 年 5 月 25 至 26 日（暫定） 25 May – 26 May 2022 (tentative) | 待定 to be confirmed | English Language – Speaking (SEN Sessions) 英國語文（口試） (特殊需要考生) |

Candidates are expected to make themselves available for the whole examination period including the reserve examination dates specified above in case any written examinations are rescheduled due to unforeseeable circumstances.

考生應預留整個考試時段包括上述列出的後備考試日期，如遇到一些未能預計的情況，筆試可能會被安排於後備考試日期進行。