

**HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2020**  
**Registration for Category A and Category B subjects**  
**Instructions to Applicants (School Candidates)**

**A. Examination Regulations**

1. All candidates must comply with the regulations stipulated in the ‘2020 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination Regulations and Assessment Frameworks’ and ‘Handbook for Candidates’. Candidates in breach of any regulations or requirements are subject to penalty.

**B. Entry Qualifications**

2. Only bona fide Secondary 6 (S6) students in the school year 2019/2020 of registered schools approved for participation in the 2020 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) may be entered as school candidates in the Examination. The students must be studying at the registered address of the schools. (For exceptional entry to Category B subjects, please see *paragraph 7(3)* below.)
3. For any school candidates who enter for the 2020 HKDSE, their registration entries must be approved by the school principal and submitted through the school.
4. A candidate may only enter for the 2020 HKDSE either as a school candidate or as a private candidate but not both in the same examination year.

**C. Selection of Subjects**

5. The September registration covers **Category A and Category B subjects**.
6. **Registration for Category A subjects**
  - (1) 24 Senior Secondary subjects are offered in the Category A examinations. In any subjects examinable in both Chinese and English, candidates may enter for one language version only in the same Examination.
  - (2) For subjects with a School-based Assessment (SBA) component, schools are required to fulfill the SBA requirements for the subjects entered by candidates of their schools. The HKEAA will not accept entries for subjects from candidates presented by schools which have not joined the SBA scheme for those subjects.

For SBA tasks involving work outside class, students have to sign a declaration form to confirm that the work they produce is their own. When submitting the SBA marks online, teachers are required to confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the work presented for assessment is the student’s own work. School principals are required to confirm that the SBA is conducted in accordance with the requirements of the HKEAA.
  - (3) School candidates who repeat S6 in schools have to be re-assessed in S6 and meet the SBA requirements of the respective subjects entered. If the schools do not offer the elective subject(s) that the candidates wish to re-take in the examination, the candidates may apply for exemption from the SBA for the particular subject(s). The candidates’ subject result will be based entirely on their public examination result (see also **Regulation 7.9**). This special exemption does not apply to the core subjects – Chinese Language, English Language and Liberal Studies. **Application for exemption must be submitted to the Authority on or before 11 September 2019.** Schools should fill in the application form (available for download from the main page of HKDSE Examination Online Services from 4 September 2019) and submit it to the Authority for consideration together with the relevant supporting documents.
  - (4) If you wish to enter for any practical subjects which require laboratory/workshop facilities (i.e. Biology /Chemistry/Physics/Combined Science/Integrated Science/Design and Applied Technology/Technology and Living), your school should have declared that it can provide the laboratory/workshop facilities for practical work.

(5) You should pay attention to the following notes when entering for the subjects below:

**Chinese Language** – If you choose to take Chinese Language in Cantonese, both Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills) and Paper 4 (Speaking) examinations will be conducted in Cantonese. If you choose to take Chinese Language in Putonghua, both Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills) and Paper 4 (Speaking) examinations will be conducted in Putonghua.

**Mathematics** – You may choose to take either the Compulsory Part only or the Compulsory Part plus one of the modules of the Extended Part. As the Compulsory Part and the Extended Part of Mathematics are counted as one subject only, candidates must choose the same language version for both parts.

**Biology/Chemistry/Physics/Combined Science/Integrated Science** – Only one subject in each of the following groups may be entered for in the same Examination:

- Group 1: Biology, Integrated Science, Combined Science (Biology, Chemistry),  
Combined Science (Biology, Physics)
- Group 2: Chemistry, Integrated Science, Combined Science (Biology, Chemistry),  
Combined Science (Chemistry, Physics)
- Group 3: Physics, Integrated Science, Combined Science (Biology, Physics), Combined  
Science (Chemistry, Physics)

**Music** – You are required to provide the supplementary information including the paper selection for the elective part such as the musical instrument(s) to be used for Paper 4B (Performing II) (if applicable) for your school to complete the relevant application options on the Registration System. If you wish to apply for exemption from the examination for Paper 4B/Paper 4C, you should produce proofs of recognised qualifications to your school for verification and uploading to the Registration System. The copy of your certificate should bear a school chop before scanning. You may be required to submit the **original** of the supporting document to the HKEAA for verification, if necessary. You may download the ‘Exemption Information for Paper 4B and Paper 4C’ at the HKEAA website ([www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk) → HKDSE → Assessment Information → Subject Information → Category A: Senior Secondary Subjects (Elective Subjects) → Music → Assessment Framework) for more details. Update on recognised qualifications will **NOT** be allowed **after 5 December 2019**. Candidates entering for Music Paper 4B but have not been exempted from the relevant examination should note the following points for taking the practical examination:

- (a) The HKEAA will only provide a piano for the Music practical examination. Candidates or accompanists who use instrument(s) other than the piano must provide them on their own.
- (b) Candidates must perform on the instrument(s) and/or voice chosen upon registration. Performance on extra instrument(s) or voice not chosen during registration will not be assessed by examiners. On the other hand, candidates who fail to perform on all instrument(s) and/or voice chosen during registration will receive a mark penalty.
- (c) Candidate must inform the Authority in writing via the school within the registration period if it is not suitable for the practical examination to be conducted in a designated centre, i.e. a room with a piano. The reason and the specifications of the instrument(s) to be used should be stated for the Authority’s consideration and approval.
- (d) Candidates must submit to the examiner on-site the scores and/or lyrics of their performed pieces on the day of the practical examination. The scores and/or lyrics will be returned to the candidates after the examination.

**Physical Education** – You are required to provide your selection of physical activities for Paper 3 (Practical Examination) for your school to complete the relevant application options on the Registration System. You are also required to submit a duly signed Health Declaration Form to your school for uploading at the time of registration.

**Business, Accounting and Financial Studies/Design and Applied Technology/Ethics and Religious Studies/Information and Communication Technology/Technology and Living/Visual Arts** – The requirements of selection of paper/module for these subjects are stipulated in the 2020 HKDSE Examination Regulations and Assessment Frameworks which is accessible from the HKEAA website at [www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk) → HKDSE → Assessment Information → Subject Information.

**Design and Applied Technology, Technology and Living, Physical Education and Music** – The examinations of these four subjects are tentatively scheduled for 9 April (Design and Applied Technology), 23 April (Technology and Living/Music/Design and Applied Technology), 28 April (Physical Education/Music/Technology and Living) or 4 May 2020 (Physical Education/Music). The exact dates will be finalised after the closing date of registration. Two or more subjects will be scheduled on the same day if there is no overlap of candidates. In case no examination is scheduled for 4 May, it will be used as a reserve examination date.

**Note:** Any subsequent requests for change of paper/module/language version/musical instruments (for Music)/physical activities (for Physical Education) after the completion of registration (i.e. submission of entries by the school principal) will be regarded as a change of subject (see **Section H** for more details)

## 7. Registration for Category B (Applied Learning) subjects

- (1) There are 36 Applied Learning (ApL) subjects under Category B which are approved by the Education Bureau and developed by the course providers.
  - (2) The assessments of ApL subjects are undertaken by the course providers. The HKEAA is responsible for monitoring the process and the moderation of final assessment results.
  - (3) An Secondary 4/Secondary 5 (S4/S5) repeater who is a Y2 student of an ApL subject in the school year 2019/2020 may enter for ‘ApL subjects only’ of the 2020 HKDSE as a school candidate with the support of the school principal and the course provider concerned. Schools should submit the entry of these candidates for ‘ApL subjects only’ via the Registration System within the registration period. S4/S5 repeaters entering for ‘ApL subjects only’ as school candidates are not required to seek special approval from the HKEAA or submit supporting documents via their school. Endorsement will be given by the school principal upon confirmation with the course provider(s) via clicking the related declaration in the Registration System before the submission of entries so that their result of the ApL subject(s) will be shown on their 2020 HKDSE results notice and certificate (if applicable). If the entry is invalid, the candidate concerned will be informed via the school and a refund of the examination fees for the Category B subject(s) will be made to the Government.
  - (4) An S6 repeater may re-take the same ApL subject(s) as a school candidate in the 2020 HKDSE with the support of the course provider(s) concerned subject to the proviso that the Y2 ApL assessment results to be submitted to the HKEAA for moderation should form at least 50% of the subject total. Schools should register these candidates for the ApL subjects as well as other subjects via the Registration System within the registration period.
  - (5) Although there are no public examinations for ApL subjects, candidates (including S4/S5 repeaters mentioned in *paragraph 7(3)* above) are reminded to register for the ApL subject(s) as well as other subjects via their school within the registration period. Otherwise their results of Category B subject(s) will not be shown on the 2020 HKDSE results notice and certificate (if applicable) nor could not be carried forward to the 2021 HKDSE and beyond.
8. The number of subjects entered for the 2020 HKDSE in the June and September 2019 registrations will be combined and the total number is limited to a maximum of eight subjects. Candidates entering for eight subjects should make sure that at least one of the subjects chosen come from the following areas:
- (1) Ethics and Religious Studies/Music/Physical Education/Visual Arts in Category A
  - (2) ApL subjects in Category B
  - (3) Other language subjects in Category C
9. The results for Categories A & B subjects of the 2020 HKDSE are tentatively scheduled to be released on 8 July 2020. Please visit the JUPAS website at <http://www.jupas.edu.hk> for further information about JUPAS procedures.
10. You should provide your school with the subject(s) that you would like to enter for the September 2019 registration. The timetable for the 2020 HKDSE is shown in page 10.
11. The speaking examinations of Chinese Language and English Language in Category A will be video-recorded for the purposes of remarking and/or handling examination irregularity.

#### D. Instructions on Completing Registration Entries

12. Registration for Category A and Category B subjects of the 2020 HKDSE will be accepted from **11 September to 8 October 2019**. Schools presenting students for the examination are required to register with the HKEAA via the Registration System. Hardcopies of entry forms will **not** be accepted.
13. After completing the entry of your registration data into the Registration System, your School Examination Officer (SEO) will give you a copy of 'Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)', together with the 'Instructions to Applicants (School Candidates)' and the 'Information Sheet for Checking of Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)', to verify your entry data.
14. You are required to read the 'Instructions to Applicants (School Candidates)' carefully, in particular **Section E** concerning the collection of personal data, and refer to this document and the 'Information Sheet for Checking of Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)'.
15. While checking your CEIC, you should make sure that your full name in English and your Chinese name (if any) on your CEIC are identical with your names on your HKID card/valid identification document as the names will be printed on the HKDSE certificate. You should use the same identification document number for the HKDSE registration and JUPAS/tertiary institution application. Extra attention should be paid to the subjects for which you have entered and your selection of paper(s)/module for the relevant subjects/musical instruments (for Music)/physical activities (for Physical Education) and the language version of the subjects entered. In particular, if you have registered for any Category B ApL subject(s), you should pay special attention to the name of the subject(s) as some of the subject names are very similar. Schools should take note that they cannot submit more than one entry for their candidates for the 2020 HKDSE, whether for the same or different subjects.
16. **To facilitate the HKEAA in contacting you or disseminating important examination-related information to you via email (or SMS in case of emergency), you should provide your school with your email address (mandatory) and SMS phone number (optional).**  
*(Note: Candidates who do not have an email address should set up an account and must not use shared email accounts. They should ensure that the setting of the email account can accept the email domain of HKEAA (i.e. [@hkdsa.hkeaa.edu.hk](mailto:@hkdsa.hkeaa.edu.hk) and [@hkeaa.edu.hk](mailto:@hkeaa.edu.hk)). Otherwise, the emails from HKEAA may only be received in the Spam/Junk folders.)*
17. You should check the information on your CEIC and read the 'Declaration' on your CEIC carefully. A supplementary fee will be charged to candidates on any requests for addition/substitution/deletion of subjects made after endorsement by the School Principal although the Government will pay the required subject fees for the 2020 HKDSE school candidates.
18. If you discover any errors in your CEIC, you should immediately inform your SEO who will update your entry record on the Registration System accordingly. When you confirm that all entry data on your CEIC is correct, you should sign on your CEIC and return it to your SEO. Your school will keep the original copy of your CEIC for record, but will provide you with a photocopy for future reference.
19. The SEO will submit the registration entry confirmed by you to the School Principal for endorsement. Upon the completion of endorsement, your application will be submitted to the HKEAA for processing. SEOs may print the demand notes and distribute them to individual candidates for record purposes but candidates **need not pay the examination fees**.
20. You should submit to your school one recent photograph (3 cm x 4 cm) showing your head and shoulders. Schools should keep these photographs and affix them on the admission forms when they are issued in mid-February 2020. Candidates who have entered for the Physical Education or Music examination should submit an extra photograph to their school for affixing it on the Admission Form for Practical Examinations which will be issued in late January 2020.

#### E. Your Personal Data and Answer Scripts

21. Personal data of candidates are used for the purpose of conducting the examination and the subsequent assessment of their performance. The entry data are supplied by students through their schools. Whether you provide the requested personal data is voluntary. However, if you fail to provide all the data, or if any of the data provided is inaccurate or incomplete, the processing of your examination results will be affected and hence the HKEAA may not accept your entry. Assessment data are provided by markers, checkmarkers, examiners and schools (school data are only for subjects/papers with School-based Assessment - the assessments are part of the normal teaching/learning process at schools).

22. The personal data, including examination results, may also be used for the following purposes:
- (1) assisting tertiary institutions and other government/public organisations in their admission processes;
  - (2) assisting government/public organisations in respect of their requests for information in granting scholarships;
  - (3) confirming with relevant Government authorities the eligibility of candidates by transferring necessary data of the school candidates concerned to these Government authorities for verification;
  - (4) certifying candidates' examination results in response to legitimate requests;
  - (5) conducting educational research and/or analysis in an anonymous format in which the identities of candidates are not traceable; and
  - (6) processing of any refund or payment in relation to the examination by the Authority's designated banks (or their appointees).
23. In compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, access to all personal data will be made available, on payment of a fee, to anyone who can establish his/her right to be informed of such data as are retained by the HKEAA. The procedures for applications for data access are included in the 'Application Guide on Data Access Requests' available at the HKEAA website at [www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk).
24. All answer scripts submitted by candidates (including portfolios and audio/video recordings for speaking and practical examinations) and all works submitted to the Authority under the SBA and ApL subjects (including coursework and audio/video recordings), shall be the property of the Authority. All scripts and works submitted may be handled by the Authority at any time and in any way it deems appropriate, in particular the Authority may (and may authorise third parties to) use, reproduce and/or publish those scripts and works, or any part thereof in an anonymous format in which the identities of applicants are not traceable. Also, the Authority will exercise reasonable care to protect and preserve the scripts and works submitted, but in the event of any loss or damage, as a result of which the candidate's performance cannot be assessed based on the scripts and/or the works submitted, the candidate concerned will waive all claims, if any, against the Authority.

#### F. Choice of Examination Centre District

25. You may choose the examination centre district. However, you will only be allocated to the examination centre district of your choice if sufficient accommodation is available. Otherwise, you will be allocated to centres in the nearest district. **The choice of examination centre district is not applicable to speaking examinations, practical examinations and subjects with small entries.** Applications for change of examination centre district will only be considered if you have valid reasons supported by documentary evidence. (**Note:** You are advised to choose the district in which you live, as the Authority's marking and grading systems are completely independent of district choice.) Please refer to the list of choice of examination centre district on page 11 or at the HKEAA website ([www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk) → HKDSE → Examination Administration → Exam Registration & Fees → Exam Registration → School Candidates).

#### G. Examination Fees

26. The subject fee for language subjects (i.e. English Language, Chinese Language and Six Other Languages) of the 2020 HKDSE is \$670 per subject while the subject fee for other subjects is \$448 per subject.
27. **Payment of Examination Fees by the Government for School Candidates**  
The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved the one-off measure for the Government to pay examination fees for eligible school candidates sitting for the 2020 HKDSE.

##### *Eligibility*

To be eligible for Government's payment of examination fees, a candidate must be studying in a registered school approved for participation in the 2020 HKDSE in the 2019/20 school year and be entered for the 2020 HKDSE through his/her school, regardless of whether he/she is a first-time candidate or is repeating part or whole of the senior secondary curriculum in a day school or evening school.

##### *Coverage of examination fees*

Government's payment of examination fees covers the subject fees of Category A (Senior Secondary), Category B (Applied Learning) and Category C (Other Languages) subjects for the 2020 HKDSE, but excludes all supplementary fees.

School candidates should pay attention to the following special arrangements:

- (1) Upon the School Principal's endorsement, SEOs may print the demand notes and distribute them to individual candidates for record purposes. Candidates should be reminded to verify their entry data carefully on the CEIC. If candidates found any discrepancies, they should inform the SEO to amend the

entry data immediately before school principal's endorsement.

- (2) School candidates do **not** have to pay the examination fees nor apply to the Government for the payment of examination fees by themselves. The administrative procedures will be handled by their schools, the HKEAA and the Education Bureau (EDB).
  - (3) Students who pass the means test of the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency need **not** apply for Examination Fee Remission (EFR) for the 2020 HKDSE.
  - (4) As stated in Section 5.9 of the 2020 HKDSE Examination Regulations, the entries of candidates will not be regarded as having been accepted until the fees payable have been received in full by the Authority. As such, all completed registration entries should be submitted by the SEO to the School Principal for endorsement by the registration deadline. Upon the school principal's endorsement, the payment status of all eligible school candidates' entries will be updated as 'Paid' after submission to the HKEAA.
28. Examination fees are not transferable from the June registration to the September registration, from one examination to another, nor from one candidate to another. No special arrangements will be made in the event of a timetable clash with other examinations.

## H. Late Entry and Subject Amendment

29. If you wish to apply for late entry/addition/substitution of subjects after your school principal's endorsement and submission of your entries to the HKEAA, you should raise your request with your SEO who may apply for late entry/amendments of subject entries for the candidates concerned on the Registration System during the **amendment period** (tentatively scheduled **from 15 November to 5 December 2019**). Upon the school principal's endorsement, SEO should print the demand notes and distribute them to individual candidates for payment of supplementary fees only **before 11:59 pm on 11 December 2019** while the subject fees (if applicable) will be paid by the Government.

### Supplementary Fees

Category	From 15 November to 5 December 2019 (i.e. during the amendment period)
<b>Deletion of subjects</b>	No supplementary fee will be charged.
<b>Substitution of subjects*</b>	School candidate should pay a supplementary fee of \$268 (per application irrespective of the number of subjects) while the difference of subject fees (if applicable) will be paid by the Government.
<b>Addition of subjects</b>	School candidate should pay a supplementary fee of \$268 (per application irrespective of the number of subjects) while the subject fees will be paid by the Government.
<b>Late entry</b>	A supplementary fee of \$414 will be charged on each candidate while the subject fees will be paid by the Government.

\* Any subsequent request for a change of paper/module/language version/musical instruments (for Music)/physical activities (for Physical Education) after the completion of registration (i.e. submission of entries by the school principal) will be regarded as a substitution of subject.

### Note:

- (1) **Applications for amendments to the supplementary information for the subject of Music cannot be accepted via the Registration System.** If you have entered for Music and wish to amend the supplementary information, including changes to the musical instruments and other details for Paper 4B or information about exemption for Paper 4B/Paper 4C, should **complete an application form** obtained from your school with the School Principal's approval letter and then **submit the completed form in person or via an authorised person at the HKEAA Southorn Centre office** (Address: 12/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong) **on or before 5 December 2019.** You should settle the payment of the supplementary fee by credit card / EPS / Octopus (the ceiling of each transaction is HK\$1,000) at the time when the application is submitted.
  - (2) **Applications for amendments to the physical activities for Physical Education Paper 3 (Practical Examination), changes to the musical instruments and other details for Music Paper 4B or exemption for Music Paper 4B/Paper 4C will not be accepted after 5 December 2019.**
30. Applications will normally **not be accepted after 5 December 2019.** Requests made thereafter will be exceptionally considered by the Secretary General of the HKEAA on a case-by-case basis and subject to the payment of a higher supplementary fee. **Any super-late requests for late entry/subject amendment will not be accepted after 13 March 2020 (i.e. 10 working days before the start of the first written examination on 27 March 2020).** In addition, the HKEAA will **not provide faxed copies of question papers to wrong-centre or wrong-version candidates.**

## I. Change of Status

31. Application for change of status may be accepted at the discretion of the Authority:

Change of Status		Supplementary Fees (on or before 30 November 2019)
(i)	Change from a school candidate to a private candidate	\$414 per candidate plus initial fee \$514 and the required subject fees.
(ii)	Change from a private candidate to a school candidate	The examination fees* (except the initial fee \$514) paid by the candidate will be refunded. No supplementary fee will be charged.
(iii)	Change of school by a school candidate	\$414 per candidate.

\* The HKEAA will reimburse the examination fees (except the initial fee \$514) paid by sending an order cheque to the candidate concerned. If the cheque has to be made payable to the parent of the candidate, a copy of the candidate's birth certificate should be submitted together with the application for change of candidate's status.

## J. Amendment of Personal Particulars and Contact Information

32. If you wish to amend your personal particulars (such as your name, identification document type and number) after submission of your registration entry, you should submit your request for amendments to the HKEAA via your school together with supporting documents, such as HKID card, birth certificate or statutory declaration for verification on or before 15 January 2020. The HKEAA will update your record on the Registration System after verifying your documents. If you miss the above deadline, any information you wish to change cannot be updated on your admission form or speaking examination score sheets (if applicable). Besides, you are reminded to update your personal particulars, such as identification document number, etc. to ensure that your personal particulars registered for the HKDSE match with those in your application to the JUPAS office/tertiary institutions concerned.

33. In case of amendments of your contact information (such as contact phone number, SMS phone number, email address and correspondence address), you may make requests with your school which will update your contact information on the Registration System accordingly.

## K. Amendment of Choice of Examination Centre District

34. You are allowed to change your choice of examination centre district **on or before 5 December 2019 without the payment of a supplementary fee**. You should inform your school to update your choice of district for you on the Registration System directly before the above deadline. Candidates who request such amendment **between 6 December and 14 December 2019** will be required to apply in person or via an authorised representative at the HKEAA Southorn Centre office and pay a supplementary fee of \$414 at the time of application. Applications after 14 December 2019 will normally **not** be accepted.

## L. Withdrawal from the Examination

35. Candidates who wish to withdraw from the 2020 HKDSE must inform the HKEAA via their School Principal by completing the relevant form, which is available for download from the Registration System main page, and returning it to the HKEAA Southorn Centre office on or before 30 November 2019.

36. No refund of supplementary fee (if any) is payable if a subject is deleted at the candidate's request.

37. If the candidates have sat any Category C subject (November 2019 Series) examinations and/or their Category B (ApL) marks have been submitted to the HKEAA, the results of the Category B/C subject(s) concerned will be retained and be shown on their 2020 HKDSE results notice and certificate (if applicable). Under such circumstances, only partial deletion of Category A subjects instead of withdrawal from the examination would be accepted while a partial refund of the examination fees for the Category A subject(s) after the deduction of an administration fee will be made to the Government. **No refund** of the examination fee will be made to the Government if the requests are received **after the above deadline** except under special circumstances.

## M. Candidates with Special Needs

### 38. Candidates with disabilities

- (1) Candidates with special needs (such as candidates with disabilities/chronic illness) may apply via schools for special examination arrangements (SEAs) (such as allocation to special centres, extra time allowance, supervised breaks, provision of Braille/enlarged question papers) or exemption from part(s) of the requirements of an examination in the HKDSE. Applications should be submitted via the SEA Online Services from

**4 September to 25 September 2019.** Each application should be accompanied by supporting documents. Late applications without valid reasons will not be accepted.

- (2) Where a candidate has been exempted from part(s) of the requirements of an examination, his/her results for the affected part(s) will be assessed. The details of any such assessment will be listed on the candidate's certificate. However, the reason for granting the exemption and the SEAs made will not be recorded on the certificate.

**39. Candidates with Colour-Blindness/Colour Amblyopia Problems**

These candidates should apply to the HKEAA through the SEA Online Services and submit a medical/assessment report issued by an ophthalmologist/optometrist/Department of Health for consideration of SEAs. For question papers containing coloured diagrams/photographs, these candidates will be given a set of black-white photocopied question papers in addition to the normal question papers. For questions requiring colour differentiation, in case no indication of the colours is provided, special consideration and appropriate marking will be given by the markers in accordance with the assessment objectives and requirements of the questions. However, candidates entering for **Geography** should note that coloured maps will usually be included in the question papers and no special arrangements will be made in this respect.

40. The 'Application Guide for SEAs' can be downloaded from the HKEAA website on [www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/Candidates/special\\_needs\\_candidates/hkdse.html](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/Candidates/special_needs_candidates/hkdse.html).

**N. Handbook for Candidates' and Admission Forms**

41. Hardcopies of the 'Handbook for Candidates' will not be provided to candidates. Candidates should view the electronic version of the Handbook which will be available on the HKEAA website in mid-December 2019 while a few hardcopies will be provided to schools. The admission forms will be issued to school candidates in mid-February 2020 through their schools.

**Note:** School candidates who have entered for the Physical Education and/or Music examination will receive the Admission Form for Practical Examinations in late January 2020 through their schools. Candidates entering for the Physical Education examination will also receive the 'Instructions to Candidates' (for Paper 3) at the same time.

**O. Regulation on Use of Calculators in Examination**

42. The use of calculators in the examination is permitted (except language subjects), but the calculator must have been pad-printed with the 'H.K.E.A.A. APPROVED' or 'H.K.E.A. APPROVED' label. Calculators with the required label are available for sale at bookshops and shops selling audio-visual products. If your calculator does not have the label and if you want to have it pad-printed, you should refer to the pad-printing schedule in the 'Handbook for Candidates' which will be uploaded to the HKEAA website in mid-December 2019.

**P. Publications**

43. Hardcopies of the '2020 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination Regulations and Assessment Frameworks' are no longer available for sale. Candidates are advised to view the electronic version available on the HKEAA website.

**Q. Important Dates**

44. A summary of the important dates pertaining to the 2020 HKDSE is given below for ease of reference:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>September – October 2019</b>	
Registration for Categories A & B subjects	11 September – 8 October 2019
Payment of examination fee	Not applicable
Late payment of examination fee	Not applicable
<b>November – December 2019</b>	
Applications for Late Entry/Subject Amendment	15 November – 5 December 2019 (tentative)
Deadline of payment of supplementary fee	By 11:59 pm on 11 December 2019
Deadline for withdrawal from the 2020 HKDSE	30 November 2019
Uploading of 'Handbook for Candidates' on the HKEAA website	Mid-December 2019



<b>January – February 2020</b>	
Release of examination results for Category C (November 2019 series) subjects	Late January 2020 (tentative)
Issue of Admission Forms: - For practical examinations for Physical Education and Music - For Category A subject examinations	Late January 2020 Mid-February 2020
<b>March – May 2020</b>	
Examination periods: - Chinese Language Speaking examinations - Written examinations (Category A subjects) - English Language Speaking examinations - Chinese Language and English Language Speaking examinations (SEN sessions)	11 March – 19 March 2020 (tentative) 27 March – 2 May 2020 4 May – 12 May 2020 (tentative) 14 May – 21 May 2020 (tentative)
<b>July 2020</b>	
Release of examination results for Categories A & B subjects	8 July 2020 (tentative)

#### **R. Useful Contact Information of the HKEAA**

45. Enquiry Hotlines : 3628 8860 (general enquiries)  
3628 8917 (enquiries on special examination arrangements)
- Address : 12/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.
- Office Hours : Monday to Friday: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Closed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.
- HKEAA website : [www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk)
- Email : [dse@hkeaa.edu.hk](mailto:dse@hkeaa.edu.hk)

**Please keep this document for your future reference.**

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**2020 年香港中學文憑考試**  
**HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2020**  
 考試時間表  
**TIMETABLE**

日期 Date	時間 Time	Subject / Paper	科目/試卷
三月二十七日 (星期五) Friday, 27th March	8:30 - 12:30	Visual Arts 1,2	視覺藝術 (一) 及 (二)
三月二十八日 (星期六) Saturday, 28th March	8:30 - 10:30	Integrated Science 1	綜合科學 (一)
	11:15 - 12:45	Integrated Science 2	綜合科學 (二)
	8:30 - 11:00	Chemistry 1	化學 (一)
	11:45 - 12:45	Chemistry 2	化學 (二)
	8:30 - 10:10	Combined Science (Chemistry)	組合科學 (化學)
三月三十日 (星期一) Monday, 30th March	8:30 - 10:00	Chinese Language 1	中國語文 (一)
	10:45 - 12:15	Chinese Language 2	中國語文 (二)
三月三十一日 (星期二) Tuesday, 31st March	# 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)
四月二日 (星期四) Thursday, 2nd April	8:30 - 10:00	English Language 1	英國語文 (一)
	11:00 - 13:00	English Language 2	英國語文 (二)
四月三日 (星期五) Friday, 3rd 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)
四月六日 (星期一) Monday, 6th April	8:30 - 10:30	Liberal Studies 1	通識教育 (一)
	11:15 - 12:30	Liberal Studies 2	通識教育 (二)
四月七日 (星期二) Tuesday, 7th April	8:30 - 10:45	Mathematics Compulsory Part 1	數學 必修部分 (一)
	11:30 - 12:45	Mathematics Compulsory Part 2	數學 必修部分 (二)
四月九日 (星期四) Thursday, 9th April	8:30 - 11:30	Literature in English 1	英語文學 (一)
	13:30 - 15:30	Literature in English 2	英語文學 (二)
	8:30 - 10:30	Design and Applied Technology 1 (Note 2)	設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2)
	11:15 - 13:15	Design and Applied Technology 2	設計與應用科技 (二)
四月十四日 (星期二) Tuesday, 14th April	8:30 - 10:30	History 1	歷史 (一)
	11:15 - 12:45	History 2	歷史 (二)
四月十五日 (星期三) Wednesday, 15th April	8:30 - 10:30	Health Management & Social Care 1	健康管理與社會關懷 (一)
	11:15 - 13:00	Health Management & Social Care 2	健康管理與社會關懷 (二)
四月十六日 (星期四) Thursday, 16th April	8:30 - 11:00	Physics 1	物理 (一)
	11:45 - 12:45	Physics 2	物理 (二)
	8:30 - 10:10	Combined Science (Physics)	組合科學 (物理)
四月十七日 (星期五) Friday, 17th April	8:30 - 10:30	Chinese Literature 1	中國文學 (一)
	11:15 - 13:15	Chinese Literature 2	中國文學 (二)
四月十八日 (星期六) Saturday, 18th April	8:30 - 10:30	Information & Communication Technology 1	資訊及通訊科技 (一)
	11:15 - 12:45	Information & Communication Technology 2	資訊及通訊科技 (二)
四月二十日 (星期一) Monday, 20th April	8:30 - 11:00	Biology 1	生物 (一)
	11:45 - 12:45	Biology 2	生物 (二)
	8:30 - 10:10	Combined Science (Biology)	組合科學 (生物)
四月二十一日 (星期二) Tuesday, 21st April	8:30 - 10:15	Ethics & Religious Studies 1	倫理與宗教 (一)
	11:00 - 12:45	Ethics & Religious Studies 2	倫理與宗教 (二)
四月二十二日 (星期三) Wednesday, 22nd April	8:30 - 9:45	Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 1	企業、會計與財務概論 (一)
	10:30 - 12:45	Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 2	企業、會計與財務概論 (二)
四月二十三日 (星期四) Thursday, 23rd April	8:30 - 10:00	Technology & Living 1 (Note 2)	科技與生活 (一) (註 2)
	10:45 - 12:45	Technology & Living 2	科技與生活 (二)
	8:30 - 10:00	Music 1A (Note 2)	音樂 1A (註 2)
	10:45 - 12:15	Music 1B	音樂 1B
	8:30 - 10:30	Design and Applied Technology 1 (Note 2)	設計與應用科技 (一) (註 2)
	11:15 - 13:15	Design and Applied Technology 2	設計與應用科技 (二)
四月二十四日 (星期五) Friday, 24th April	8:30 - 11:15	Geography 1	地理 (一)
	12:00 - 13:15	Geography 2	地理 (二)
四月二十五日 (星期六) Saturday, 25th April	8:30 - 11:00	Mathematics Extended Part Modules 1,2	數學 延伸部分 單元 (一) 及 (二)
四月二十七日 (星期一) Monday, 27th April	8:30 - 10:45	Chinese History 1	中國歷史 (一)
	11:30 - 12:50	Chinese History 2	中國歷史 (二)
四月二十八日 (星期二) Tuesday, 28th April	8:30 - 10:45	Physical Education 1	體育 (一)
	11:30 - 12:45	Physical Education 2	體育 (二)
	8:30 - 10:00	Music 1A (Note 2)	音樂 1A (註 2)
	10:45 - 12:15	Music 1B	音樂 1B
	8:30 - 10:00	Technology & Living 1 (Note 2)	科技與生活 (一) (註 2)
	10:45 - 12:45	Technology & Living 2	科技與生活 (二)
四月二十九日 (星期三) Wednesday, 29th April	8:30 - 9:30	Economics 1	經濟 (一)
	10:15 - 12:45	Economics 2	經濟 (二)
五月二日 (星期六) Saturday, 2nd May	8:30 - 10:00	Tourism & Hospitality Studies 1	旅遊與款待 (一)
	10:45 - 12:30	Tourism & Hospitality Studies 2	旅遊與款待 (二)
五月四日 (星期一) Monday, 4th May		Reserve	後備
五月五日 (星期二) Tuesday, 5th 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:
- 2020 年 4 月 4 日(清明節假期)；2020 年 4 月 10 至 13 日(復活節假期)；2020 年 4 月 30 日(佛誕)；2020 年 5 月 1 日(勞動節)  
 4 April 2020 (Ching Ming Festival); 10 - 13 April 2020 (Easter Holidays); 30 April 2020 (Buddha's Birthday); 1 May 2020 (Labour Day)
  - 設計與應用科技、科技與生活及音樂科的考試日期，將會在 2019 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 2019 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
2020 年 2 月中旬至 3 月下旬 mid February - late March 2020	8:00 - 17:30	Physical Education 3 (Practical) 體育 卷三 (實習考試)
2020 年 2 月下旬至 4 月中旬 late February - mid April 2020	9:00 - 18:00	Music 2, 4B (Practical) 音樂 卷二、四乙 (實習考試)
2020 年 3 月 11 至 19 日 (星期一至星期五) (暫定) 11 March - 19 March 2020 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)	17:00 - 20:30	Chinese Language 4 (Speaking) 中國語文 卷四 (口試)
2020 年 5 月 4 至 12 日 (星期一至星期五) (暫定) 4 May - 12 May 2020 (Monday to Friday) (tentative)	17:00 - 20:30	English Language 4 (Speaking) 英國語文 卷四 (口試)
2020 年 5 月 18 至 19 日 (星期一至星期二) (暫定) 18 May - 19 May 2020 (Monday to Tuesday) (tentative)	17:00 - 20:30	Chinese Language 4 (Speaking) (SEN Sessions) 中國語文 卷四 (口試) (特殊需要考生)
2020 年 5 月 14 至 15 日 (星期四至星期五) (暫定) 14 May - 15 May 2020 (Thursday to Friday) (tentative)	17:00 - 20:30	English Language 4 (Speaking) (SEN Sessions) 英國語文 卷四 (口試) (特殊需要考生)

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