

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION 2022**Registration for Category A and Category B subjects****Instructions to Applicants (Private Candidates)****A. Examination Regulations**

1. All candidates must comply with the examination regulations as stipulated in the ‘2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination Regulations and Assessment Frameworks’ and ‘Handbook for Candidates’, including the disclaimer in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Examination Regulations regarding the Authority’s discretion in making changes to the HKDSE examination timetable, cancellation of the Examination and restricting participation in the Examination due to special circumstances. Candidates should also ensure that they can comply with necessary statutory requirements for sitting the HKDSE in Hong Kong, such as applicable visa or stay conditions, quarantine requirements, etc. before the examinations. Candidates in breach of any examination regulations or requirements are subject to penalty.

B. Entry Qualifications

2. A person may enter for the 2022 HKDSE (‘the Examination’) as a private candidate provided he/she satisfies one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Sat the previous HKDSE or an equivalent examination, or
 - (2) Reached the age of 19 by 1 January 2022, or
 - (3) Completed or is pursuing a non-HKDSE curriculum equivalent to Secondary 6 (S6) as determined by the HKEAA in 2021/2022.
3. The Authority may consider applications from persons possessing other qualifications or pleading special circumstances. Persons who have sat other public examinations are expected to demonstrate a suitable level of competence in the same subject(s) entered for the Examination and may be required to provide supporting documents from their schools (if applicable). Persons who are currently pursuing an HKDSE curriculum will not normally be considered for special entry to the Examination. Exceptional cases may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applications under this regulation must be made in writing to the Secretary General of the HKEAA **on or before 7 October 2021**.
4. A candidate may only enter for the 2022 HKDSE either as a school candidate or as a private candidate but not both in the 2022 HKDSE. He/she may not submit more than one entry for the 2022 HKDSE, whether for the same or different subjects.

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, private candidates are not required to complete the SBA component of the subjects entered (except Visual Arts). Their subject marks will be based entirely on their public examination results.

For Visual Arts in which the SBA component carries a weighting of 50%, private candidates will be required to submit a portfolio in lieu of the SBA. They are also required to complete a statement of authenticity of their portfolios and to certify the authenticity of their work. If dishonesty is evidenced, the candidate will be subject to subject downgrade or even disqualification from the examination and a record will be kept. You may download the ‘2022 Portfolio Submission for Private Candidates’ at the HKEAA website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk → HKDSE → Assessment Information → School-based Assessment (SBA) → Subject Information on SBA → Elective Subjects → Visual Arts → Other resources) for more details.

- (3) Private candidates may enter for any practical subjects which require laboratory/workshop facilities (i.e. Biology/Chemistry/Physics/Combined Science/Integrated Science/Technology and Living) only if they can produce evidence of having sat the subject in a previous HKDSE or in an equivalent public examination, or having completed or is currently pursuing the study of the subject up to a level equivalent to the HKDSE in the year preceding the Examination. Notwithstanding this provision, the HKEAA will not accept entries from private candidates for the subject Design and Applied Technology.
- (4) As a private candidate, 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, Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills) examination will be conducted in Cantonese. If you choose to take Chinese Language in Putonghua, Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills) examination 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)

Note: Please also read *Paragraph 6(3)* above for the entry requirements of private candidates entering for Category A practical subjects which require laboratory/workshop facilities.

Music – You are required to provide the supplementary information such as the musical instrument(s) to be used for the elective part (Paper 4A/Paper 4B/Paper 4C) in the relevant form when registering online via 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 and upload them to the Registration System. As various Music international examinations have been postponed due to COVID-19, **the deadline for updating the qualifications for exemption from Music Paper 4B/Paper 4C will be extended to 31 January 2022**. This arrangement is only applicable to candidates who have applied for exemption on or before 6 December 2021. You are also required to submit the **original** of the supporting document(s) to the HKEAA Southern Centre office for verification **on or before 31 January 2022**. You may download the ‘Exemption Information for Paper 4B and Paper 4C’ at the HKEAA website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk → HKDSE → Assessment Information → Subject Information → Category A: Senior Secondary Subjects (Elective Subjects) → Music → Assessment Framework) for more details. 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 instruments other than 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) Candidates must inform the Authority in writing 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 in the letter 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 choose **ONE** of the nine physical activities for Paper 3 (Practical Examination) via online registration and upload a duly signed Health Declaration Form at the time of registration. Applications for amendments to the physical activity for Physical Education Paper 3 (Practical Examination) will not be accepted after 6 December 2021.

Business, Accounting and Financial Studies / 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 2022 HKDSE Examination Regulations and Assessment Frameworks which is accessible from the HKEAA website at www.hkeaa.edu.hk → HKDSE → Assessment Information → Subject Information.

Design and Applied Technology, Technology and Living and Music – The examinations of these three subjects are tentatively scheduled for 4 May (Design and Applied Technology/Technology and Living), 6 May (Music), 11 May (Design and Applied Technology/Technology and Living) or 19 May 2022 (Music/Technology and Living). The exact examination dates will be finalised around early 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.

Note: Any subsequent request for a change of paper/module/language version/musical instruments (for Music)/physical activities (for Physical Education) after submission of your entry to the HKEAA via the Registration System will be regarded as a change of subject (see **Section J** for more details).

7. Registration for Category B (Applied Learning) subjects

- (1) There are 41 Applied Learning (ApL) subjects under Category B which are approved by the Education Bureau and developed by course providers. **They are open to school candidates only.**
- (2) Special approval may be given to candidates entering for ApL subjects of the 2022 HKDSE as private candidates under the following circumstances:
 - (a) Students who had left schools at the end of Year 1 of an ApL subject in the school year 2020/2021 but will complete Year 2 in the school year 2021/2022 with the support of course providers.
 - (b) Students who have entered for the HKDSE as school candidates but left schools before the completion of Secondary 4, Secondary 5 or Secondary 6 in the school year 2021/2022. These students, irrespective of whether they meet the entry requirements for private candidates, may seek special approval from the HKEAA to enter for ApL subjects of the 2022 HKDSE with the support of course providers if they can complete Year 2 in the school year 2021/2022.

The students concerned are required to apply for special approval from the HKEAA in writing **on or before 6 December 2021**.

8. The number of subjects entered for the 2022 HKDSE in the June and September 2021 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 (for school candidates only)
 - (3) Other language subjects in Category C
9. The results for Categories A & B subjects of the 2022 HKDSE are tentatively scheduled to be released on 20 July 2022. Please visit the JUPAS website at <http://www.jupas.edu.hk> for further information about JUPAS procedures.
10. The timetable for the 2022 HKDSE (tentative) is printed on page 11 to 12.
11. The speaking examination of English Language in Category A will be video-recorded for the purposes of remarking and/or handling examination irregularity.

D. Registration Period and Method

12. Registration for Category A subjects will be accepted from **13 September to 7 October 2021**. Private candidates are required to register online via the Registration System at the HKDSE Examination Online Services (<https://www.hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk>). Incomplete entry or unpaid entry will not be accepted. Also, hardcopies of entry forms will **not** be accepted.

E. Instructions on Completing Registration Entries

13. Private candidates are required to read carefully the 2022 HKDSE Examination Regulations and Assessment Frameworks and the information below before completing their registration entry on the Registration System. The 'User Manual for Registration of Private Candidates' is available for download from the homepage of the HKDSE Examination Online Services. You are advised to read carefully the documents before submitting the applications.
14. Before accessing to the Registration System, you are required to register for a user account at the HKDSE Examination Online Services (<https://www.hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk> → Create Account (Private Candidate)). After submitting your personal information (including Name in English, Name in Chinese, Password and Email Address), you will be given an User ID and you can set your password through an activation email.
15. You may log into the HKDSE Examination Online Services by using your **User ID** and **password**. In case you forget your password, you may click 'Forgot Login Password' on the homepage of the HKDSE Examination Online Services and follow the steps to reset your password.
16. After logging into the HKDSE Examination Online Services, you may click 'HKDSE Examination Registration System' on the 'Registration of Private Candidates' page and complete the registration online. While completing your registration entry, you may save the completed part by clicking the 'Save' button so that you can continue with the registration the next time you log into the System.
17. While entering your registration data into the System, you should note the following about your personal particulars:
 - (1) Your full name in English, name in Chinese (if any), identification document number and date of birth must be identical with the information on your HKID card/valid identification document (**Note:** The names that you enter into the System will be printed on your HKDSE certificate.) Candidates should use the same identification document number for the HKDSE registration and JUPAS/tertiary institution application (if applicable). To enable the HKEAA to verify your identity, you are required to upload an image file of your HKID card/identification document (File format: 100 dpi in black and white JPEG is recommended). The image file will be deleted upon completion of the examination.
 - (2) You are required to provide a correspondence address and a daytime contact phone number in Hong Kong.
 - (3) **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 email address (mandatory) and SMS phone number (optional).** Following the arrangement for the 2021 HKDSE, candidates providing SMS phone number will receive their examination results and rechecking/remarking results (if applicable) via SMS.
(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. [@hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk](mailto:hkdse.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.)
18. If you have not reached the age of 19 by 1 January 2022 or if you have completed or will be pursuing a non-HKDSE curriculum equivalent to Secondary 6 in 2021/2022, you are required to note the following when providing information about your previous qualification(s):
 - (1) Candidates should enter the examination year(s) of previous local public examination(s) taken.
 - (2) Candidates using GCE A-level or AS-level/IAL/other qualification examination results to enter for the 2022 HKDSE should provide the examination year(s) of the qualification already acquired

and upload the photocopy of the examination certificate(s) concerned to the Registration System for verification by the HKEAA. Candidates will be required to produce a letter of approval from the HKEAA, and the original examination certificate(s) concerned for inspection **after the closing of the registration period.**

19. Upon completing your registration data into the Registration System, you should download your 'Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)' and the 'Information Sheet for Checking of Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)' from the Registration System. Check your CEIC carefully to make sure that there are no errors in your entry.
20. You are required to read the 'Instructions to Applicants (Private Candidates)' carefully, in particular **Section F** concerning the collection of personal data, and refer to this document and the 'Information Sheet for Checking of Candidate Entry Information Checklist (CEIC)' when checking your CEIC.
21. 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/identification document as the names will be printed on the HKDSE certificate. Extra attention should be paid to the subject(s) for which you have entered and your selection of paper(s)/module musical instruments (for Music)/physical activity (for Physical Education) for the relevant subjects and the language version of the subjects entered.
22. If you discover any errors in your CEIC, you should make the amendments via your own account on the Registration System before the closing date of 7 October 2021. You are advised to check your CEIC again carefully after amendments have been made.
23. Supplementary fee will be charged on amendments of subject entries made after submitting the entry in the Registration System (see more details in **Section J**). In this connection, you should make sure that there is no error in your registration entry and read the 'Declaration' carefully before confirming the submission of your registration entry to the HKEAA.
24. If you **have not reached the age of 18 by 1 January 2022**, you are required to submit one recent photograph (3 cm x 4 cm) showing your head and shoulders to the HKEAA Southorn Centre office. Candidates who have entered for Music and/or Physical Education examination should submit to the HKEAA an additional photograph (also 3 cm x 4 cm) for affixing on the Admission Form for Practical Examinations which will be issued in late January/early February 2022. The Registration System will ask you to choose a date and a time slot to submit your photograph(s). Upon successful payment of examination fee, you will receive a payment confirmation email notification attached with your photograph submission appointment. You should submit your photograph(s) according to the instructions in the email notification.
25. You will be required to select the payment method of the examination fee while registering online. If you choose to pay online by Visa/Master Card, the System will connect you to the Credit Card system instantly. If you choose to pay via PPS, internet banking or at any 7-Eleven/Circle K convenience stores in Hong Kong, you will be required to download a Demand Note and settle the payment **by 11:59 pm on 15 October 2021** (more details in **Section H**).

F. Your Personal Data and Answer Scripts

26. Personal data of candidates are used for the purpose of conducting the examination and the subsequent assessment of their performance. The entry data shall be supplied by private candidates submitting their own entries. 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 and examiners.
27. 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) certifying candidates' examination results in response to legitimate requests;
 - (4) conducting educational research and/or analysis in an anonymous format in which the identities of candidates are not traceable; and

- (5) processing of any refund or payment in relation to the examination by the Authority's designated banks (or their appointees).
28. 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.
29. 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.

G. Choice of Examination Centre District

30. 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 examination, 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 13 or at the HKEAA website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk → HKDSE → Examination Administration → Exam Registration & Fees → Exam Registration → Private Candidates).

H. Examination Fees

31. The subject fee for language subjects (i.e. Chinese Language, English Language and Six Other Languages) of the 2022 HKDSE is \$683 per subject while the subject fee for other subjects is \$457 per subject.
32. Private candidates are required to pay an initial fee of \$524 in addition to the subject fees when entering for the 2022 HKDSE.
33. If you choose to pay the examination fee online by credit card, the Registration System will connect you to the Credit Card system instantly. You should provide your choice of Visa or Master Card, your card number and the expiry date.
34. If you choose to make payment via PPS or via internet banking or pay at any 7-Eleven or Circle K convenience stores in Hong Kong, you should download your Demand Note from the Registration System and settle the payment **by 11:59 pm on 15 October 2021**. Candidates who fail to settle the examination fees by the above payment deadline will be required to pay a supplementary fee of \$273 in addition to the examination fees. An email enclosing the late payment demand note will be sent to the candidates concerned on **19 October 2021**. Candidates should pay the examination fee plus supplementary fee of \$273 at any 7-Eleven or Circle-K Convenience Stores in Hong Kong **before 11:59 pm on 22 October 2021**. A copy of the demand note must be produced at the time of payment. Payment after 22 October 2021 will not be accepted and the registration entry of the candidate concerned for the Examination will be cancelled. For more details about the payment methods, please download the 'Instructions for Payment of Examination Fees (Private Candidates)' from the Registration System or the HKEAA website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk → HKDSE → Examination Administration → Exam Registration & Fees → Examination Fees).

Note: The Authority will not accept personal cheques from candidates/parents.

35. As stated in Regulation 5.10 in the 2022 HKDSE Examination Regulations that entries of candidates will not be regarded as having been accepted until the fees payable have been received in full by the

HKEAA. If a candidate does not settle the examination fee before 11:59 pm on 22 October 2021, his/her registration entry will be cancelled.

36. Examination fees are not transferable from the June registration to the September registration, from one examination to another, nor from one candidate to another.
37. Examination fees will not be refunded to the following circumstances:
- (1) Candidates who are disqualified or absent; or
 - (2) Candidates who have entered for other examinations which result in a timetable clash.

Note: Candidates are advised that no special arrangements will be made in the event of a timetable clash with other examinations.

I. Examination Fee Remission / Payment of Examination Fees by the Government

38. Private candidates are not eligible to apply for examination fee remission and are not covered by the payment of examination fees by the Government for the 2022 HKDSE.

J. Late Entry and Amendment of Subject Entries

39. Candidates should note that applications for late entry/change of subject entry information after the submission of their entry to the HKEAA are subject to the approval of the HKEAA and payment of supplementary fees. The HKEAA may at its discretion:
- (1) allow late entry or the addition/substitution of subject(s) to a candidate's entries after they have been submitted to the HKEAA and have been accepted, on payment of a supplementary fee of \$422 per candidate for late entry and \$273 per application (irrespective of the number of subjects) for amendment of subject entries. For candidates who apply for late entry/addition of subject(s), they are required to pay the subject fee(s) as well;
 - (2) allow changes in a candidate's choice of paper/module/language version/musical instruments (for Music)/physical activities (for Physical Education) in a subject on payment of a supplementary fee of \$273 per application (irrespective of the number of subjects).
40. If you wish to apply for addition/substitution of subjects after submission of your entry to the HKEAA, you should submit your application via the Registration System by using the User ID and password that you have registered during the September registration before the deadline (tentatively scheduled **from 15 November to 6 December 2021**).

Notes:

- (1) ***Applications for amendments to the supplementary information for the subject of Music cannot be accepted via the Registration System. Candidates who have entered for Music and wish to amend the supplementary information, including changes to the musical instrument and other details for Music Paper 4B or information about exemption for Paper 4B/Paper 4C, should complete an application form (available for download from the Registration System from 15 November 2021). The candidate should 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 6 December 2021. The candidate concerned should settle the payment of the supplementary fee by credit card / EPS / Octopus (the ceiling of each transaction is HK\$3,000) 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 on or after 7 December 2021. As various Music international examinations have been postponed due to COVID-19, the deadline for updating the qualifications for exemption from Music Paper 4B/Paper 4C will be extended to 31 January 2022. This arrangement is a one-off measure which is only applicable to candidates who have applied for exemption on or before 6 December 2021.***
- (3) ***Applications will normally not be accepted after 6 December 2021. Requests made thereafter will be exceptionally considered by the Secretary General 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 6 April 2022 (i.e. 10 working days before the start of the first written examination on 22 April 2022). In addition, the HKEAA will not provide faxed copies of question papers to wrong-centre or wrong-version candidates.***

- (4) For more details about the supplementary fees, please download the ‘List of Examination Fees and Supplementary Fees’ from the Registration System or the HKEAA website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk → HKDSE → Examination Administration → Exam Registration & Fees → Examination Fees)

41. For application for late entry, candidates are required to create a new user account and log into the Registration System for completing the application during the above period. Upon submission, you should print the demand note for payment of supplementary fees and subject fees **by 11:59 pm on 10 December 2021**. The ‘User Manual for the HKDSE Late Entry (Private Candidates)’ will be available for download from the Registration System from 15 November 2021. You are advised to read carefully the document before submitting the applications.

K. Amendment of Personal Particulars and Contact Information

42. If you need 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 together with supporting documents, such as HKID card, birth certificate or statutory declaration for verification on or before 15 January 2022. (Please refer to **Section S** for the contact information of the HKEAA.) 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.
43. In case of amendments of your contact information (such as contact phone number, SMS phone number, email address and correspondence address), you may update the information via your own account on the Registration System.

L. Amendment of Choice of Examination Centre District

44. You are allowed to change your choice of examination centre district **on or before 6 December 2021 without the payment of a supplementary fee**. You may update your choice of district on the Registration System directly before the above deadline. Candidates who request such amendment **between 7 December and 14 December 2021** will be required to apply in person or via an authorised representative at the HKEAA Southorn Centre office and pay a supplementary fee of \$422 at the time of application. Applications after 14 December 2021 will normally **not be accepted**.

M. Withdrawal from the Examination

45. A candidate who wishes to withdraw from the 2022 HKDSE should make an application to the Secretary General of the HKEAA **on or before 30 November 2021**.
46. Candidates should apply in person or via an authorised representative at the HKEAA Southorn Centre office. Alternatively, they may send the completed application form (downloadable from the Registration System) together with a copy of their CEIC to the HKEAA by post. For applications by post, the candidate will receive an acknowledgement letter from the HKEAA within a week after receipt of the application by the HKEAA. In case the candidate has not received the acknowledgement after one week, he/she should contact the HKEAA (Tel. No. 3628 8860) immediately. The Authority is not responsible for any delay in postal delivery. Applications with a post-mark dated after 30 November 2021 will not be accepted. The candidate may receive a partial refund of the fees paid (namely any amount left after the deduction of an administration fee of \$479) provided that the Secretary General of the HKEAA is notified in writing of the withdrawal **on or before 30 November 2021**. Refund of the examination fees paid will **not** be made for requests received after 30 November 2021.
47. No refund is payable if a subject is deleted at the candidate’s request.
48. An order cheque for the refund of the examination fees will be sent 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 with the application for withdrawal.

N. Candidates with Special Needs

49. Candidates with disabilities

- (1) Private candidates with special needs (such as candidates with disabilities/chronic illness) may apply for special examination arrangements (SEAs) (e.g. sitting examinations at special centres, extra time allowance, supervised breaks, Braille/enlarged question papers, etc.) or exemption from component(s)/part(s) of an examination. Applications should be submitted via the SEA Online Services from **6 September to 27 September 2021**. 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 component(s)/part(s) of an examination, his/her results for the affected component(s)/part(s) will be assessed by the HKEAA based on his/her performance in the other component(s)/part(s) of the examination sat. The component(s) exempted will be indicated on the candidate's certificate. However, the reason for granting the exemption and the SEAs made will not be recorded.

50. 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/the Department of Health for special consideration of SEAs in the arrangement of question papers. 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.

51. The 'Application Guide for SEAs' can be downloaded from the HKEAA website on http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/Candidates/special_needs_candidates/hkdse.html.

O. 'Handbook for Candidates' and Admission Form

52. 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 2021. The admission forms will be issued to private candidates in early March 2022 by post.

Note: Private candidates who have entered for the Physical Education and/or Music examination will receive their Admission Form for Practical Examinations in late January 2022/early February by post. Candidates entering for the Physical Education examination will also receive the 'Instructions to Candidates' (for Paper 3) at the same time.

P. Regulation on Use of Calculators in Examination

53. 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. If your calculator does not have the label, you are advised to purchase a calculator already pad-printed with the required label since the HKEAA will cease to provide pad-printing service for calculators starting from the 2022 HKDSE.

Q. Publications

54. Hardcopies of the '2022 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.

R. Important dates

55. A summary of the important dates pertaining to the 2022 HKDSE is given below for ease of reference:

Event	Date
September – October 2021	
Registration for private candidates for Category A subjects	13 September – 7 October 2021
Payment of examination fees	By 11:59 pm on 15 October 2021
Late payment of examination fees	Between 16 October 2021 and 11:59 pm on 22 October 2021 Note: Candidates will receive an email with the late payment demand note attached on 19 October 2021. Entries will be accepted on payment of a supplementary fee of \$273 per candidate in addition to the subject fees. (See Section H)
November – December 2021	
Applications for Late Entry/Subject Amendment	15 November – 6 December 2021 (tentative)
Payment of supplementary fees & subject fees (if applicable)	By 11:59 pm on 10 December 2021
Deadline for withdrawal from the 2022 HKDSE	30 November 2021
Uploading of ‘Handbook for Candidates’ on the HKEAA website	Mid-December 2021
January – May 2022	
Release of examination results for Category C (November 2021 series) subjects	Late January 2022 (tentative)
Issue of Admission Forms: - For practical examinations for Physical Education and Music - For Category A subject examinations	Late January/early February 2022 Early March 2022
March – May 2022	
Examination periods (tentative) - Practical examinations of Physical Education and Music - English Language Speaking examination - English Language Speaking examination (SEN sessions) - Written examinations (Category A subjects)	Mid-February to Mid-April 2022 30 March – 8 April 2022 (tentative) 12 – 13 April 2022 (tentative) 22 April – 21 May 2022
July 2022	
Release of examination results for Categories A & B subjects	20 July 2022 (tentative)

S. Useful contact information of the HKEAA

56. Enquiry Hotlines : 3628 8860 (general enquiries)
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Closed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.
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考試時間表 (2021 年 8 月 11 日修訂版)
TIMETABLE (Revised on 11 August 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

註：

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 4 月 12 日及 13 日（星期二及星期三）（暫定） 12 April and 13 April 2022 (Tuesday and Wednesday) (tentative)	17:00 - 20:30	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。

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試場地區選擇 CHOICE OF EXAMINATION CENTRE DISTRICT										
香港 HONG KONG	中西區 Central and Western District		灣仔區 Wan Chai District		東區 Eastern District		南區 Southern District			
	半山區	Mid-levels	灣仔	Wan Chai	小西灣	Siu Sai Wan	香港仔	Aberdeen		
	中區	Central	跑馬地	Happy Valley	柴灣	Chai Wan	鴨脷洲	Ap Lei Chau		
	上環	Sheung Wan	銅鑼灣	Causeway Bay	筲箕灣	Shau Kei Wan	薄扶林	Pok Fu Lam		
	西營盤	Sai Ying Pun	大坑	Tai Hang	西灣河	Sai Wan Ho	置富	Chi Fu		
	堅尼地城	Kennedy Town			鯪魚涌	Quarry Bay	華富	Wah Fu		
					北角	North Point				
九龍 KOWLOON	油尖旺區 Yau Tsim Mong District		深水埗區 Sham Shui Po District		九龍城區 Kowloon City District		黃大仙區 Wong Tai Sin District		觀塘區 Kwun Tong District	將軍澳區 Tseung Kwan O District
	尖沙咀	Tsim Sha Tsui	深水埗	Sham Shui Po	九龍城	Kowloon City	黃大仙	Wong Tai Sin	觀塘	Kwun Tong
	油麻地	Yau Ma Tei	蘇屋	So Uk	馬頭圍	Ma Tau Wai	橫頭磡	Wang Tau Hom	秀茂坪	Sau Mau Ping
	旺角	Mong Kok	石硤尾	Shek Kip Mei	紅磡	Hung Hom	新蒲崗	San Po Kong	藍田	Lam Tin
	大角咀	Tai Kok Tsui	又一村	Yau Yat Chuen	何文田	Homantin	慈雲山	Tsz Wan Shan	牛頭角	Ngau Tau Kok
			長沙灣	Cheung Sha Wan	九龍塘	Kowloon Tong	彩虹	Choi Hung		
		荔枝角	Lai Chi Kok	太子	Prince Edward	牛池灣	Ngau Chi Wan			
新界 NEW TERRITORIES	葵青區 Kwai Tsing District		荃灣區 Tsuen Wan District		沙田區 Sha Tin District		馬鞍山區 Ma On Shan District		大埔區 Tai Po District	北區 North District
	葵涌	Kwai Chung	荃灣	Tsuen Wan	沙田	Sha Tin	馬鞍山	Ma On Shan	大埔	Tai Po
	青衣	Tsing Yi			大圍	Tai Wai				
	屯門區 Tuen Mun District		元朗區 Yuen Long District		東涌區 Tung Chung District		離島區 Islands			
	屯門	Tuen Mun	元朗	Yuen Long	東涌	Tung Chung	長洲	Cheung Chau		
			天水圍	Tin Shui Wai						