

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKDSE)

University of Newcastle, Australia

## A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE

	<b>Bachelor Degree/ Undergraduate Programme</b>	<b>International Foundation/ Diploma/ UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)</b>	<b>Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable, please specify)</b>
<p>1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.</p> <p><i>Level (1 – 5/5*/5**) in (number) subjects, including (names of subjects)</i></p>	<p>Requirements for HKDSE will range from 13 to 23 points depending on programs applied.</p> <p>Assessment is calculated as an aggregate of best 5 subjects from Category A only.</p> <p>For all subjects except Mathematics, grading is calculated as: Level 1 = 1 point; Level 2 = 2 points Level 3 = 3 points; Level 4 = 4 points Level 5 = 5 points; Level 5* &amp; 5** = 6 points</p> <p>Mathematics is counted as 1 subject regardless of whether Extension is taken or not.</p> <p>Grading for Compulsory Mathematics is as follows: Level 1 = 0.5 point; Level 2 = 1 point Level 3 = 1.5 points; Level 4 = 2 points Level 5 = 2.5 points; Level 5* &amp; 5** = 3 points</p> <p>Grading for Extension Mathematics is as follows: Level 1 = 1.5 point; Level 2 = 2 point Level 3 = 2.5 points; Level 4 = 3 points Level 5 = 3.5 points; Level 5* &amp; 5** = 4 points</p> <p>Some programs may require additional selection criteria.</p>	<p>Foundation and Diploma programs are delivered by our partner institution, Newcastle International College</p> <p>For admission to the Tertiary Preparation Program (Standard and Fast Track) (pre-university program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion of Form 5 with acceptable pass grades across all academic subjects.</li> <li>- Completion of HKDSE with acceptable grades.</li> </ul> <p>Diploma (Fast Track, Standard &amp; Provisional Entry Program) (equivalent to Year 1 of the bachelor degree):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HKDSE total score of 8 in best 4 Academic subjects across Category A and Category C subjects. (Minimum Level 2 in each subject)</li> </ul> <p>For all subjects (including Mathematics), grading is calculated as: Level 1 = 1 point; Level 2 = 2 points; Level 3 = 3 points; Level 4 = 4 points; Level 5 = 5 points; Level 5* &amp; 5** = 6 points</p>	NA
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access to the specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees">www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.nic.nsw.edu.au/admissions-requirements">www.nic.nsw.edu.au/admissions-requirements</a></p>	NA

## B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE

<p>1. Please indicate the requirement in English Language in terms of level attained under the HKDSE, and/or requirement under other qualifications that demonstrate the applicant's English standard.</p>	<p>IELTS 6.0 or HKDSE Level 4 in English Language/ Literature in English</p> <p>IELTS 6.5 or HKDSE Level 5 in English Language/ Literature in English</p> <p>IELTS 7.0 or HKDSE Level 5* in English Language/ Literature in English</p> <p>IELTS 7.5 or HKDSE Level 5** In English Language/ Literature in English</p> <p>Different program may require different level of English Proficiency.  <u>University of Newcastle English Proficiency Policy</u></p>	<p>HKDSE English Level 2 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certificate IV Tertiary Preparation Program (with minimum Level 2 in each skill area)</li> <li>- Diploma + Provisional Entry Program (with minimum Level 2 in each skill area)</li> </ul> <p>HKDSE English Level 3 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diploma (Standard and Fast Track) (with minimum Level 3 in each skill area)</li> </ul> <p>Special requirements for TPP leading to Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IELTS 6.0 (with no band less than 5.5)</li> <li>Or HKDSE Level 3 (with minimum Level 3 in each skill area)</li> </ul> <p>More information at:  <a href="http://www.nic.nsw.edu.au/admissions-requirements">www.nic.nsw.edu.au/admissions-requirements</a></p>	
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## C. Student Learning Profile (SLP)

*Information provided in the SLP includes student's other learning experiences, awards/achievements gained outside school, academic performance in school as well as his/her "self-account" (for example, impressive learning experiences, career goal setting, etc.)*

<p>1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing application for admission?</p>	<p>UON only considers academic achievements for admissions.</p> <p>NIC requires students to provide copies of their academic transcripts, along with other relevant documentation that supports their application and provides an explanation for any study gap periods (such as post-secondary studies, work certificates, etc)</p>
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<b>D. Other Information</b>	
<p>1. What is the information, apart from SLP, needed to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?</p>	<p>We require all students to provide a copy of the following when submitting their application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Passport</li> <li>-Academic transcripts</li> <li>-Graduation certificate</li> <li>-English language test results (such as IELTS or equivalent)</li> <li>-Explanation for study gap period (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p>*For mature aged students, we also require the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A personal statement explaining why they have chosen to study at NIC and University of Newcastle, how this will improve their studies and how they plan to support themselves whilst living and studying in Newcastle</li> <li>-A resume</li> </ul> <p>The above information assists us in assessing the eligibility of the applicant and allows us to suggest suitable study plan options.</p>
<p>2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?</p>	<p>We assess a student's eligibility based on academic and English proficiency requirements</p>
<p>3. Please provide further information (if any) regarding undergraduate studies at your Institution (such as scholarship etc.) for prospective students who hold the HKDSE, or the website address for accessing the relevant information.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students">www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students</a>  <a href="http://www.nic.nsw.edu.au">www.nic.nsw.edu.au</a>  <a href="http://www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships">www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships</a>  <a href="http://www.nic.nsw.edu.au/scholarships">www.nic.nsw.edu.au/scholarships</a></p>

*\*Normally, students who have completed secondary education in Hong Kong holding the HKDSE should have reached the age of 18.*

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