

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

Trinity College Dublin

A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE			
	Bachelor Degree/ Undergraduate Programme	International Foundation/ Diploma/ UG Diploma Programme (if applicable)	Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable, please specify)
<p>1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.</p>	<p>Minimum Entry Requirements: Six subjects to include English, Mathematics and a language *other than English. A minimum of three core subjects at level 4 or above and two elective subjects at level 4. (Level 4 in another language subjects can be accepted in lieu of Core Chinese to satisfy minimum entry requirements or minimum Grade C or above in Category C subjects on the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level)</p> <p>Specific Course Requirements: Grade C at A Level/ H4 at Higher Level, HKDSE level 4 will be required. (Except for Mathematics where level 5 will be required for courses such as Engineering).</p> <p>Conditional Offers: Based on core and elective subjects (excluding Liberal Studies and Chinese). The levels required will depend on the competitiveness of the course being applied for.</p> <p>Notes: Mathematics: Compulsory Mathematics satisfies minimum entry and/or specific course requirements where GCSE level Mathematics and A Level Mathematics is required e.g. Engineering, applicants will need to present level 5 in both compulsory and extended mathematics.</p> <p>The following electives are NOT acceptable: Health Management and Social Care; Physical Education; Tourism and Hospitality Studies. Where course requirements specify physics, chemistry or biology – these would NOT be satisfied by combined science or integrated science.</p>	<p>Trinity International Foundation Programme</p> <p>HKDSE - 5 subjects, with at least two at level 4 (not including Chinese) and remainder at level 3 or above</p> <p>https://www.tcd.ie/study/international/foundation-programme/index.php</p>	<p>/</p>
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access to the specific programme-level requirement</p>	<p>https://www.tcd.ie/study/international/</p>	<p>/</p>	<p>/</p>

B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE

1. Please indicate the requirement in English Language in terms of level attained under the HKDSE, and/or alternative language qualifications that demonstrate the applicants' English standard for admission to your institution.

HKDSE English Language:

- Degree programmes in Clinical Speech and Language Studies and Dental Science require level 5.
- All other programmes require level 4.

Or

TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language):

- Internet based 90 with a written score of 21

Or

University of Cambridge:

- 180+ on Cambridge English scale with no less than 175 in each skill and use of English i.e.
 - Proficiency Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
 - Advanced Certificate, Grade C or better (CEFR Level C1 or C2)
 - First Certificate, Grade A (CEFR Level C1)

Or

IELTS Academic Version:

- Overall score of 6.5 with no individual band below 6. For Dental courses: IELTS (academic version) 7 (no individual band below 7).
For Clinical speech and language studies: IELTS (academic version) 7 (no individual band below 7)

Or

Pearson Test of English, Academic (PTE Academic):

- A minimum score of 63 (with no section score below 59)

Scores valid for two years for all of the above.

Students who do not meet the minimum English language requirement can apply for the [International Foundation Programme](#) before progressing on to selected courses

C. Student Learning Profile (SLP)

Information provided in the SLP includes academic performance in the school, achievements in extracurricular activities, other learning experiences and a student's reflection on his/her learning experience as well as goals set for further studies.

1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the student learning profile (SLP) when processing application for admission?

Yes

D. Other Information

1. What is the information, apart from SLP, needed to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?

Fulfilled Application Form;
A copy of Personal Statement;
Two letters of reference;
Academic transcripts;
A second level/high school qualification; and
A copy of CV preferred.

<p>2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?</p>	<p>Applicants are assessed by academic merit only. However, within the personal statement it is recommended that the student outlines the reason for their interest in the course, and any related activities which they have undertaken which they believe support their preparedness for the particular course of study.</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>For further information regarding undergraduate studies at Trinity College Dublin such as Scholarships, Study Abroad& Erasmus programmes, Accommodation etc, please check the website: https://www.tcd.ie/study/international/ or contact the Academic Registry for specific enquiries on admission qualification: academic.registry@tcd.ie</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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