

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

Cardiff University

<b>A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
	<b>Bachelor Degree/ Undergraduate Programme</b>	<b>International Foundation/ Diploma/ UG Diploma programme (if applicable)</b>	<b>Other Higher Education Programmes (if applicable)</b>
1. Please state the general entrance requirements for holders of HKDSE applying for admission to your Institution.  Example:  <i>Level (1 – 5/ 5*5**) in (number) subjects, including (names of subjects) or UCAS points required (if applicable)</i>	Cardiff University welcomes applications from students holding or studying for the HKDSE.  Entry requirements for individual programmes will vary, however students will be expected to achieve 5*55 - 554 in three subjects (including at least two electives), depending on the chosen programme of study.	443 from three relevant electives on completion of the HKDSE	N/A
2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access to the specific programme-level requirements.	On each of our course pages you can find more specific subject requirements.  <a href="http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses">http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses</a>	<a href="http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/english-foundation-courses/international-foundation-programme/how-to-apply/entry-requirements.html">http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/english-foundation-courses/international-foundation-programme/how-to-apply/entry-requirements.html</a>	N/A
<b>B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
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'	Cardiff University would be looking for a minimum of 4 in HKDSE in English.  If not we would be looking for a 6.5 IELTS minimum, however this may vary from course to course. For example, Pharmacy courses would need at 7.0 IELTS overall with a 6.5 in all sub scores.  Alternatively, GCSE/ IGCSE Grade C or above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Entry- IELTS 5.5 (Minimum scores: 4.0 in all areas)</li> <li>• Entry for Health and Life Sciences with future application for Medicine (IELTS 6.0 (Minimum score 5.5 in all areas)</li> </ul>	N/A

English standard for admission to your institution.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry for Health and Life Sciences with future application for Optometry, Psychology or Pharmacy Courses-IELTS 6. (Minimum Score:4.0 in all areas)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>C. Student Learning Profile (SLP)</b></p> <p><i>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.)</i></p>			
<p>1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing application for admission?</p>	<p>Yes we do consider the Personal Statement when processing applications.</p> <p>A strong personal statement will help a student to get the edge over the other applicants it is their opportunity to tell the University about themselves, say why they want to study the course and provide details of any work experience.</p> <p>Show Focus, commitment and enthusiasm towards the subject area.</p> <p>Any work or voluntary experience or extra circular engagements. This is important when applying for healthcare related courses.</p> <p>Their ability of English encourages someone to proof read their personal statement.</p> <p>Here is a link to a guide on what we are looking for and a useful planner:</p> <p><a href="http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/152886/Cardiff-University-Personal-Statement-leaflet-E-06.15-PRINT.pdf">http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/152886/Cardiff-University-Personal-Statement-leaflet-E-06.15-PRINT.pdf</a></p>		
<p><b>D. Other Information</b></p>			
<p>1. What is the information, apart from SLP, needed to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?</p>	<p>We would be considering the UCAS form, Qualifications, Personal Statement and the Academic reference.</p>		
<p>2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?</p>	<p>This would be dependent on the subjects of interest, try to think about the student's ability generally or specifically relating to their chosen area of study.</p> <p>Written by someone who knows the student and can testify to the students' academic journey over a number of years this could be pre HKDSE to post HKDSE.</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>We have a specific home page for international students with information on Scholarships, Fees and Funding, How to apply and Coming to Cardiff etc.</p> <p>That should give students an informative range of information, however if they would like to ask any additional questions or clarify anything please ask them to email us at <a href="mailto:international@cardiff.ac.uk">international@cardiff.ac.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International Home page: <a href="http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international.html">http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international.html</a></li> <li>- Undergraduate home page: <a href="http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate">http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate</a></li> <li>- Cardiff University home page: <a href="http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/">http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/</a></li> </ul>
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*\*Normally, students who have completed secondary education in Hong Kong holding the HKDSE should have reached the age of 18.*