

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

**ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY**

<b>A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
	<b>Bachelor Degree Programmes</b>	<b>International Foundation Programmes (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>Example:</p> <p><i>Level ____ in (number) subjects, including (names of subjects) or</i></p> <p><i>UCAS points required including (names of subjects)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award of HKDSE</li> <li>• English Language at Level 4</li> <li>• Two HKDSE subjects at Level 4 and/or Level 5</li> <li>• Where there is a subject prerequisite at A Level then a minimum of Level 5 must be achieved in a relevant HKDSE subject (e.g. Mathematics. Where there is a subject requirement for the core and the extended component)</li> <li>• Where relevant, Applied Learning subjects must be at the level 'Attained with Distinction'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award of HKDSE</li> <li>• English Language at Level 3</li> </ul>	N/A
<p>2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/international/countries/welcome-hongkongsar/">http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/international/countries/welcome-hongkongsar/</a></p>	N/A	N/A
<b>B. Language Requirements for Holders of HKDSE</b>			
<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>HKDSE-Level 4</p> <p>OR</p> <p>IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent)</p>	<p>HKDSE-Level 3</p> <p>OR</p> <p>IELTS 5 (or equivalent)</p>	N/A

\* For example, Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND), Foundation Degrees, National Certificate (Scotland)

### 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.)

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| 1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing applications for admission? | Yes. We look holistically at all applicants and take into account their personal statement, School or College reference and SLP if provided. |
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### D. Information needed before release of HKDSE results:

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| 1. What information, apart from SLP, needs to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?                             | With UCAS or RPA applicants (in the case of clearing applicants who have not made an original UCAS application) we expect a full and appropriate Personal Statement and School or College Reference                                      |
| 2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance? | We look for applicants who are able to demonstrate passion for their chosen subject, who look beyond the curriculum, who shown an aptitude for learning and who show a genuine interest in engaging with their peers and teaching staff. |

### E. Other Information

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| 1. 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. | International Scholarships will be awarded to students of HKDSE (whose applications have been received by June of their year of entry and who have made Aberystwyth University their first choice) who achieve level 5 or above in all elements of the Diploma. For more information:<br><a href="http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/scholarships/international/">http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/scholarships/international/</a> |
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*\*Normally, students who have completed secondary education in Hong Kong holding the HKDSE should have reached the age of 18.*

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