

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

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST**

**A. General Entrance Requirements for Holders of HKDSE**

	<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 UCAS points required including (names of subjects).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The HKDSE is accepted for direct entry to the University with a grade profile ranging from 555 or better, to 444 in elective subjects.</li> <li>● Applicants should normally offer three elective subjects, however Mathematics (both Compulsory and Extended parts) may be offered in place of one of the elective subjects with the specified level obtained in both parts. Level 5 or better in both parts would normally be required where Mathematics is a specified subject for entry. Where Grade A in A level Mathematics is a course entry requirement, level 5* in both parts are required.</li> <li>● For entry to degree programmes which do not require A level Mathematics, the University may consider two electives at levels 5,5 plus levels 4 in English and Mathematics (Compulsory part), subject to meeting any subject-specific requirements.</li> <li>● For entry to Nursing and Midwifery, two elective subjects are acceptable, with levels 5,4 and a satisfactory level of performance in core subjects.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="437 1453 1107 2051"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>A Level Requirement</b></th> <th><b>HKDSE Requirement (3 electives)</b></th> <th><b>HKDSE Requirement (2 electives)</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AAA</td> <td>555/5*5*4</td> <td>Not acceptable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AAB</td> <td>555/5*54</td> <td>5,5 in two electives plus 5,5 in English and Core Maths</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABB</td> <td>554</td> <td>5,5 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBB</td> <td>554/5*44</td> <td>5,5 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths OR 5*,4 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBC</td> <td>544</td> <td>5,4 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BCC</td> <td>444</td> <td>5,4 in two electives plus 4,4 in English and Core Maths</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CCC</td> <td>54 (for Nursing and Midwifery)</td> <td>5,4 in two electives plus satisfactory performance in core modules</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>A Level Requirement</b>	<b>HKDSE Requirement (3 electives)</b>	<b>HKDSE Requirement (2 electives)</b>	AAA	555/5*5*4	Not acceptable	AAB	555/5*54	5,5 in two electives plus 5,5 in English and Core Maths	ABB	554	5,5 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths	BBB	554/5*44	5,5 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths OR 5*,4 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths	BBC	544	5,4 in two electives plus 5,4 in English and Core Maths	BCC	444	5,4 in two electives plus 4,4 in English and Core Maths	CCC	54 (for Nursing and Midwifery)	5,4 in two electives plus satisfactory performance in core modules	NA	NA
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2. Please provide the website address where applicants can access specific programme-level requirements.	<a href="http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/CourseFinder/">www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/CourseFinder/</a>	NA	NA

### **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 requirement under other qualifications that demonstrate the applicant's English standard.	<p>The University will normally accept HKDSE English Language level 4 overall (with not less than level 3 in any component) for entry to most degree programmes; however some programmes may require a higher result.</p> <p><u>NB.</u> HKDSE English Language is not accepted for entry to undergraduate Medicine and Dentistry. A list of other accepted qualifications can be found on our website at: <a href="http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs">http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs</a></p>	NA	NA
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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.)*

1. Does your Institution consider information provided in the SLP when processing applications for admission?	Yes
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### **D. Information needed before release of HKDSE results:**

1. What information, apart from SLP, needs to be provided by the applicant to support his/her application?	Some programmes have additional entry requirements such as submission of written work or design portfolio or previous study of a particular subject. Applicants should check the individual entry requirements for the degree programme(s) they are interested in before submitting an application.
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<p>2. What are the qualities of the applicant your Institution is looking for in schools' recommendation other than academic performance?</p>	<p>Academic referees should comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for academic success</li> <li>• Suitability for the chosen degree programme, and predicted grades</li> <li>• Personal qualities</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>It would be helpful to provide information about any gaps in the applicant's education and brief information about the school/college attended (type, number of pupils)</p>
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### E. Other Information

<p>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.</p>	<p>Information for Undergraduate Applicants:  <a href="http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/InternationalStudents/">www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/InternationalStudents/</a>  Scholarship Information:  <a href="http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/InternationalStudents/InternationalScholarships/">www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/InternationalStudents/InternationalScholarships/</a>  Information about Accommodation:  <a href="http://www.stayatqueens.com/">www.stayatqueens.com/</a></p>
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\*For example, Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND), Foundation Degrees, National Certificate (Scotland)

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

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