

PRESS RELEASE

Streamlining of School-based Assessment for 2022 HKDSE

In view of the extended class suspension due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (9 February 2021) that the Public Examinations Board has approved the streamlined School-based Assessment (SBA) requirements for the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE).

This one-off arrangement is only applicable to current Secondary 5 students. Its aim is to free up learning time and reduce those assessment tasks which require face-to-face contact, which need to be completed at school or which require intensive individual teacher guidance.

In the 2022 HKDSE, the SBA of ten subjects will be cancelled and four subjects will be streamlined. Details are as follows:

Streamlined Arrangement	Subject / Details
Cancellation of SBA (10 subjects)	Liberal Studies; Chinese Literature; Literature in English; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Science (Combined/Integrated Science); Technology and Living; Information and Communication Technology; Health Management and Social Care
Streamlined SBA (4 subjects)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="421 1240 1449 1361">1. Chinese Language [weighting is reduced from 20% to 10% of the subject total] Only the compulsory part (Reading Activity) will be assessed with the weighting increased from 6% to 10%. The elective part will be cancelled. <li data-bbox="421 1541 1449 1751">2. English Language [weighting remains at 15% of the subject total] Candidates are only required to complete 1 speaking task (originally 2 speaking tasks in total were required). <li data-bbox="421 1796 1449 2040">3. Design and Applied Technology [weighting is reduced from 40% to 20% of the subject total] Candidates are only required to submit Part 1 of the SBA project. Part 2 will be cancelled.

	<p>4. Visual Arts [weighting remains at 50% of the subject total]</p> <p>Apart from submitting a research workbook, the number of artwork/critical studies required will be reduced from 4 to 2 pieces.</p>
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The weighting of the papers/components of the subjects concerned will be adjusted according to the above streamlining arrangements. Details of the changes are available in the [school circular](#) and the [revised Assessment Frameworks](#). The HKEAA will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 pandemic. If further changes to the 2022 HKDSE Assessment Frameworks are deemed necessary, the HKEAA will announce the details of such changes as soon as possible.

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