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### 2022 HKDSE Examination Fees Adjustment

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (25 June) that the examination fees for the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) will be adjusted upwards by 2%, following a freeze of the examination fees for the 2021 HKDSE. The examination fees for the 2022 HKDSE were published in the government's gazette today. Details are as follows:

#### Subject Fee

Language subjects	HK\$683
Other subjects	HK\$457

Initial Fee (applicable to private candidates only)    HK\$524

With an increase of HK\$13 to the examination fee for language subjects and HK\$9 to other subjects, the total examination fee for a school candidate taking six subjects, including two language and four other subjects, will be HK\$3,194 in the 2022 HKDSE. The government will pay the examination fees for school candidates sitting for the 2022 HKDSE as announced earlier.

The HKEAA Council approved the 2022 HKDSE examination fees after taking into consideration factors such as the Authority's overall financial position, the operation costs of public examinations, the local economic situation, the affordability of the examination fees for candidates and parents, etc.

As a financially independent statutory organisation without recurrent subvention from the government, the HKEAA derives its income mainly from examination fees. The income related to the HKDSE has been affected by the continuous drop in candidature in recent years. Moreover, extra resources have to be allocated for the implementation of precautionary measures at the examination centres in recent years, as well as the provision of special examination arrangements for candidates with special educational needs and the upgrading of various information technology systems for supporting public examination operations. It is projected that a deficit will be recorded for the HKDSE even after the fee increment in 2022.

The registration for 2022 HKDSE Category C Other Language subjects will be accepted from late June while the registration for Categories A and B subjects will commence in September 2021.

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