

## PRESS RELEASE

### 2013 HKDSE and HKAL Examinations Timetables and Dates for Release of Results

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (16 May 2012) that the written examinations of 2013 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination will be held from April to early May and the last Hong Kong Advanced Level (HKAL) Examination will begin in late March for private candidates.

The release of results of the HKDSE Examination is tentatively scheduled for 15 July 2013 (Monday) while the results of HKAL Examination will be released on 30 July 2013 (Tuesday).

The timetables of 2013 HKDSE and HKAL examinations have been endorsed by the Public Examinations Board of the HKEAA and participating schools will be informed of the arrangement today.

The written examinations of the HKDSE core subjects (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies) will be held after the Easter holidays, from 8 to 15 April 2013. Meanwhile, the HKDSE Chinese Language speaking test will be advanced to the second week of March to late March 2013 with the English Language speaking test to be held in early to mid May 2013. In order to shorten the examination period, Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education, Literature in English and Music examinations may be scheduled on the same days when there is no overlap of candidate entries.

When drawing up the 2013 examination timetables, the HKEAA has taken into consideration the needs of different stakeholders, including (i) schools and students, who need as much teaching and learning time as possible; (ii) examination personnel, who must ensure the smooth implementation of the examinations, including examination administration, marking and grading and results processing and (iii) other users of examinations results, including universities, which need the results in time for their admission process. The Authority has also reviewed the examination procedures and plans to recruit more markers to shorten the marking period and enhance its processing operations. Putting the interests of candidates high on the list of priorities, the timetables were set with the aim of meeting the demands of various parties.

The successful administration of public examinations relies on substantial support from the school sector, which provides school premises as exam venues and teachers to assist in examination administration. The HKEAA will continue to work closely with all participating schools for the administrative arrangements of the 2013 public examinations.

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Date: 16 May 2012

*Annex: Composite Examination Timetable for 2013 Public Examinations*

## Composite Examination Timetable for 2013

Date & Time	HKALE		HKDSE
	A-level	AS-level	
Mar. 25 Mon AM PM		Use of English B & C Use of English E	
Mar. 26 Tue AM		Use of English A (LT)	
Mar. 27 Wed AM PM	Pure Math 1 Pure Math 2		
Mar. 28 Thur AM PM	Visual Arts 2 Visual Arts 3	Visual Arts 2 Visual Arts 3	
Apr. 2 Tue AM PM	Visual Arts 4 Visual Arts 5	Visual Arts 4 Visual Arts 5	Technology & Living 1,2
Apr. 3 Wed AM  PM	Economics 1  Economics 2	Economics	Literature in English 2 / Design & Applied Technology 1,2 / Physical Education 1,2 / Music 1 ( <i>Note 2</i> )  Literature in English 1
Apr. 5 Fri AM PM		Liberal Studies- China Today Liberal Studies- The Modern World	Tourism & Hospitality Studies 1,2
Apr. 6 Sat AM	Visual Arts 1	Visual Arts 1	Visual Arts 1,2
Apr. 8 Mon AM PM	Chemistry 1 Chemistry 2	Chemistry 1 Chemistry 2	Chinese Language 1,2
Apr. 9 Tue AM PM	Chinese History 1 Chinese History 2	Chinese History	Chinese Language 3 (LT),5
Apr. 10 Wed AM PM	Principles of Accounts 1 Principles of Accounts 2		Liberal Studies 1,2
Apr. 11 Thur AM PM	Biology 1 Biology 2		
Apr. 12 Fri AM PM	History 1 History 2	History Syllabus A History Syllabus B	English Language 1,2
Apr. 13 Sat AM		Ethics & Religious Studies	English Language 3 (LT)
Apr. 15 Mon AM PM	Physics 1 Physics 2	Physics 1 Physics 2	Mathematics (Compulsory Part) 1,2
Apr. 16 Tue AM PM		Chinese Lang & Culture 1A,1B Chinese Lang & Culture 2	Health Management & Social Care 1,2
Apr. 17 Wed AM		Chinese Lang & Culture 3 (LT)	Economics 1,2
Apr. 18 Thur AM PM	Geography 1 Geography 2		Information & Communication Technology 1,2
Apr. 19 Fri AM PM	Business Studies 1 Business Studies 2		Chemistry 1,2 / Combined Science (Chemistry)
Apr. 20 Sat AM			Chinese History 1,2
Apr. 22 Mon AM  PM		Liberal Studies - Hong Kong Studies  Liberal Studies - Science, Technology & Society	Integrated Science 1,2 / Physics 1,2 / Combined Science (Physics)
Apr. 23 Tue AM PM	Applied Mathematics 1 Applied Mathematics 2	Mathematics & Statistics Applied Mathematics	History 1,2
Apr. 24 Wed AM PM		Liberal Studies - Human Relationships Liberal Studies - Environmental Studies	Biology 1,2 / Combined Science (Biology)
Apr. 25 Thur AM  PM	Govt & Public Affairs 1  Govt & Public Affairs 2	Govt & Public Affairs	Design & Applied Technology 1,2 / Physical Education 1,2 / Music 1 ( <i>Note 2</i> )
Apr. 26 Fri AM PM	Psychology 1 Psychology 2	Psychology	Mathematics (Extended Part) Modules 1,2

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Date & Time	HKALE		HKDSE
	A-level	AS-level	
Apr. 27 Sat AM		Computer Applications 1	Ethics & Religious Studies
Apr. 29 Mon AM PM	Chinese Literature 1 Chinese Literature 2		Business, Accounting & Financial Studies 1,2
Apr. 30 Tue AM PM	Reserve Reserve		Geography 1,2
May 2 Thur AM PM	Reserve Reserve		Chinese Literature 1 Chinese Literature 2
May 3 Fri AM PM			Reserve Reserve
May 4 Sat AM PM			Reserve Reserve

Note:

- (1) 29 March - 1 April 2013 (Easter Holidays); 4 April 2013 (Ching Ming Festival); 1 May 2013 (Labour Day) ; 17 May 2013 (Buddha's Birthday)  
*[Remarks: School holidays tentatively from 27 March to 5 April 2013]*
- (2) The examination dates for Design & Applied Technology, Physical Education and Music will be finalised after the closing date of registration and two or more subjects will be scheduled on the same day only if there is no overlap of candidates.

#### Practical/Oral Examination

#### Period

HKDSE	Physical Education – Practical	:	mid February – late March 2013
	Music – Practical	:	late February – mid April 2013
	Chinese Language – Speaking Test	:	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of March to late March 2013 (Monday to Friday)
	English Language – Speaking Test	:	early to mid May 2013 (Monday to Friday)
AS-level	Use of English – Oral	:	late May – early June 2013 (Monday to Friday)
	Chinese Language & Culture – Oral	:	late May – early June 2013 (Monday to Friday)
A/AS-level	Physics – Practical	:	mid May 2013
A-level	Biology – Practical	:	mid May 2013
	Chemistry – Practical	:	mid May 2013