

## PRESS RELEASE

### Registration for Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) 2021

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announces that registration for the 2021 HKDSE will be accepted from 28 September to 19 October 2020 for both school and private candidates.

School candidates should register for the HKDSE through their schools and private candidates have to register online via the HKDSE Registration System at the HKDSE Examination Online Services (<https://www.hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk>).

Prospective private candidates should note the following registration details:

#### 1. Entry Qualifications

A person may enter for the 2021 HKDSE as a private candidate provided he/she satisfies one of the following requirements:

- (a) Sat the previous HKDSE or an equivalent examination, or
- (b) Reached the age of 19 by 1 January 2021, or
- (c) Completed or is currently pursuing a non-HKDSE curriculum equivalent to Secondary 6 in 2020/2021.

All candidates should ensure that they can comply with necessary statutory requirements for sitting the HKDSE in Hong Kong, such as applicable visa or stay conditions, quarantine requirements, etc. before the examinations. For details, please refer to Section 5.2 of the HKDSE Examination Regulations:

[www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Exam\\_Regulations/2021\\_HKDSE\\_Regulations\\_revised\\_in\\_Sep\\_2020\\_E.pdf](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Exam_Regulations/2021_HKDSE_Regulations_revised_in_Sep_2020_E.pdf)

## 2. Subjects Offered

The following categories of subjects will be offered in the September registration:

- **Category A** - 24 Senior Secondary subjects
- **Category B** - 39 Applied Learning subjects approved by the Education Bureau, which are offered to school candidates only

The registration for the Category C November 2020 series was already closed.

Each candidate may enter for a maximum of eight subjects, including any Categories A, B and C subjects.

## 3. Examination Fees

Initial fee (for private candidates only)	\$514
Subject fee for language subjects in Categories A and C (i.e. English Language, Chinese Language and Other Languages)	\$670 per subject
Subject fee for other subjects in Categories A and B	\$448 per subject

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved a financial commitment for the Government to pay the examination fees for eligible school candidates sitting the 2021 HKDSE. This scheme is not applicable to private candidates.

Prospective candidates should carefully read the 'Instructions to Applicants', which will be available on the HKEAA website ([www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk)) and the HKDSE Examination Online Services (<https://www.hkdse.hkeaa.edu.hk>) from 28 September 2020.

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