



## PRESS RELEASE

### Streamlining Arrangements for 2023 HKDSE Chinese Language and Liberal Studies

In view of the impact on teaching and learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (27 October 2021) that the Public Examinations Board has approved the streamlined assessment requirements for the 2023 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), including the cancellation of the speaking examination (Paper 4) of Chinese Language and the School-based Assessment (Independent Enquiry Study) of Liberal Studies. The streamlining arrangements aim to free up more learning time and provide more flexibility of teaching and learning for teachers and students.

The weighting of the papers/components of the two subjects will be adjusted accordingly as a result of the above streamlining arrangements. Details are as follows:

Subject	Assessment Framework	Original Weighting	Weighting after Streamlining
<b>Chinese Language</b>	Paper 1: Reading	24%	<b>28%</b>
	Paper 2: Writing	24%	<b>28%</b>
	Paper 3: Listening & Integrated Skills	18%	<b>20%</b>
	Paper 4: Speaking	14%	<b>(Cancelled)</b>
	School-based Assessment (SBA)	20%	<b>24%</b>
<b>Liberal Studies</b>	Paper 1: Data-response questions	50%	<b>62%</b>
	Paper 2: Extended-response questions	30%	<b>38%</b>
	SBA (Independent Enquiry Study)	20%	<b>(Cancelled)</b>

The HKEAA will continue to monitor the development of the COVID-19 pandemic. If further changes to the 2023 HKDSE public examinations and/or SBA are deemed necessary, the HKEAA will announce such changes as soon as possible.

Please refer to the [school circular concerned](#) and the [revised Assessment Frameworks](#) for details of the 2023 HKDSE streamlining arrangements.

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