



PRESS RELEASE

2023 HKDSE Streamlining Arrangements for Public Examinations & School-based Assessment

In view of the impact on learning and teaching due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (10 December 2021) that the Public Examinations Board (PEB) has approved the further streamlined assessment requirements for the public examinations and School-based Assessment (SBA) of the 2023 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE). The streamlining arrangements aim to release lesson time and enhance flexibility of learning and teaching for teachers and students.

Following the announcement of the cancellation of the speaking examination (Paper 4) of Chinese Language and the SBA (Independent Enquiry Study) of Liberal Studies in late October this year, further streamlined assessment requirements will be introduced to the 2023 HKDSE. The overall streamlining arrangements will be the same as the arrangements of the 2022 HKDSE, including cancellation of the SBA of ten subjects and that of four subjects will be streamlined, and streamlining of the requirements for written and practical examinations. Details are as follows:

Streamlining Arrangements	Subjects and Details
Streamlining / Cancellation of SBA	<p>Cancellation of SBA (10 subjects):</p> <p>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</p> <p>Streamlined SBA (4 subjects):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.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).

	<p>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> <p>4. Visual Arts [weighting remains at 50% of the subject total] Apart from submitting a research workbook, the number of artwork/critical studies required will be reduced from 4 to 2 pieces.</p>
<p>Streamlining of Public Examinations</p> <p>(Oral/ Written/ Practical examinations)</p>	<p>1. Chinese Language [Paper 4]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaking examination: Cancelled* <p>2. Business, Accounting and Financial Studies [Paper 2]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2A Accounting Module – Section B: Turning compulsory questions optional, i.e. choose to answer 2 out of 3 questions. ● 2B Business Management Module – Section B: Turning compulsory questions optional, i.e. choose to answer 1 out of 2 questions. <p>3. Chinese History [Paper 1]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Section 1: Dividing the compulsory question into two optional questions, i.e. choose to answer 1 out of 2 questions; ● Section 2: Candidates are required to answer 2 out of 6 questions from Parts A & B, instead of choosing 1 question from each part. <p>4. Design and Applied Technology [Paper 2]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Candidates are required to answer only one elective module, instead of two, from the five modules. In the chosen module, candidates are still required to answer 2 out of 3 questions (i.e. the total number of questions to be attempted will be reduced from 4 to 2); ● The examination time is reduced by 45 minutes. The revised examination time is 1 hour 15 minutes. <p>5. Economics [Paper 2]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Section C Structured/essay-type questions: Cancelled

6. Ethics and Religious Studies [Paper 1]

- Part A: Turning compulsory questions optional, i.e. choose to answer 3 out of 4 questions.

7. Geography [Paper 1]

- Combining Section B fieldwork-based question (FBQ) and Section C data-based questions (DBQs). Candidates are required to answer 2 out of 5 questions from both sections, instead of answering 1 compulsory FBQ in Section B and 2 out of 4 DBQs in Section C;
- Trimming the coverage of the FBQ from three designated modules to one module (Disappearing Green Canopy for the 2023 HKDSE);
- The examination time is reduced by 15 minutes. The revised examination time is 2 hours 30 minutes.

8. History [Paper 1]

- Turning compulsory questions optional, i.e. choose to answer 3 out of 4 questions;
- The examination time is reduced by 15 minutes. The revised examination time is 1 hour 45 minutes.

9. Information and Communication Technology [Paper 2]

- Turning compulsory questions optional, i.e. choose to answer 3 out of 4 questions.

10. Tourism and Hospitality Studies [Paper 2]

- Candidates are required to answer 2 out of 5 questions, instead of answering 3 out of 5 questions;
- The examination time is reduced by 30 minutes. The revised examination time is 1 hour 15 minutes.

11. Music

- **[Paper 2: Performing I]** Cancelled
- **[Paper 3: Creating I]** Trimming the total duration of the composition works from 6-15 minutes to 4-12 minutes.

12. Physical Education [Paper 3: Practical Examination]

- Physical Activity - merging Physical Activity 1 (PA1) with Physical Activity 2 (PA2). Candidates only choose 1 activity from either PA1 or PA2;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● PA1 - cancelled game assessment, and PA2 - assess only on 1 event instead of 2 events;● Physical Fitness – cancelled 1609m run.
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**The streamlined assessment requirements were announced in late October 2021. For details, please refer to the [press release](#) issued earlier.*

Except for Mathematics, the Assessment Frameworks of the remaining 23 Category A subjects will be revised, and the weighting of the papers/components of the subjects concerned will be adjusted. Please refer to the [school circular](#) and the [revised Assessment Frameworks](#) for details.

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