



PRESS RELEASE

Contingency Measures for the 2022 HKDSE

In response to the latest development of the COVID-19 epidemic, after consultation with the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (28 January) the following contingency measures for the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE):

- **Cancellation of the English Language Speaking Examinations:** The English Language speaking examinations scheduled for late March to mid April will be cancelled. The weighting of the paper concerned will be re-allocated to other papers of the subject. Refer to the [revised Assessment Framework](#) for details.
- **Postponement of Practical Examinations of Physical Education and Music:** Practical examinations of Physical Education and Music, originally scheduled for March, will be postponed to start from late May/early June.

The written examinations of 24 HKDSE Category A subjects are scheduled for April 22, with the results to be released tentatively on 20 July. But given the serious situation of the pandemic, the HKEAA will discuss back-up plans for the examinations with the school sector.

The HKEAA will continue to implement a series of precautionary measures at examination centres to safeguard the health of candidates and examination personnel. In view of the serious epidemic situation, schools are advised to make use of classrooms, activity rooms and school hall on different floors as examination centres, so as to allow more space between seats of candidates and minimise the number of candidates attending the examination in the same room, and the placement of candidates in different rooms on different floors. Separate entrance/exit routes should also be arranged to reduce the risk of cross infections among candidates as a whole.

The HKEAA will closely monitor the development of the pandemic, and with consultation with the EDB, the CHP of DH and school sector, make announcement as soon as possible if further contingency arrangements are required.

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