



PRESS RELEASE

Streamlining of Public Examinations for the 2022 HKDSE

In view of the extended suspension of face-to-face classes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (30 June 2021) that the Public Examinations Board (PEB) has approved the streamlined assessment requirements for the public examinations of 12 Category A subjects in the 2022 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE). The streamlining arrangements aim to release lesson time and enhance flexibility of teaching and learning for teachers and students. The arrangements are only applicable to 2022 HKDSE candidates. The HKEAA has informed schools about the arrangements and updated the 2022 HKDSE timetable.

The HKEAA had announced in early February this year that for the 2022 HKDSE, the School-based Assessment (SBA) of ten subjects would be cancelled and that of four subjects would be streamlined. In light of the streamlining of the public examinations, the Assessment Frameworks of Category A subjects will be further revised in the 2022 HKDSE, including cancellation of the speaking examination of Chinese Language and streamlining of the requirements for written and practical examinations. Details are as follows:

Streamlined Arrangements	Subjects and Details
Cancellation of Speaking Examination	1. Chinese Language [Paper 4: Speaking]: Cancelled
Streamlining of Written Examinations	2. Business, Accounting and Financial Studies [Paper 2] <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. 3. Chinese History [Paper 1] <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.

4. Design and Applied Technology [Paper 2]

- 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.

5. Economics [Paper 2]

- 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 (Managing River Environment);
- 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.

Streamlining of Practical Examinations	<p>11. Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● [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. <p>12. Physical Education [Paper 3: Practical Examination]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physical Activity - merging Physical Activity 1 (PA1) with Physical Activity 2 (PA2). Candidates only choose 1 activity from either PA1 or PA2; ● 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 weighting of the papers/components of the subjects concerned will be adjusted according to the above streamlining arrangements. Please refer to the [school circular concerned](#) and the [revised Assessment Frameworks](#) for details. For the streamlining arrangements for the SBA in the 2022 HKDSE, please refer to the [press release](#) issued earlier.

The written examinations of the 2022 HKDSE Category A subjects will be held from 22 April to 21 May 2022, and the speaking examinations of English Language are tentatively scheduled between late March/early April and mid-April 2022. The release of results is tentatively scheduled for 20 July 2022. For details, please refer to the [examination timetable](#).

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