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2024 HKDSE Examination Fee Adjustment

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (9 June 2023) that the examination fees for the 2024 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) will be adjusted upwards by 3%. The examination fees were published in the Government’s gazette today. Details are as follows:

Subject Fee
Language subjects  HK$718
Other subjects  HK$480

Initial Fee (applicable to private candidates only)  HK$550

With an increase of HK$21 to the examination fee for language subjects and HK$14 to that for other subjects, the total examination fee for a school candidate taking six subjects, including two language and four other subjects in the 2024 HKDSE will be HK$3,356. The Government will pay the examination fees for school candidates sitting the 2024 HKDSE as announced in late February this year.

As a financially independent statutory organisation without recurrent subvention from the Government, the HKEAA derives its income mainly from examination fees. The operation cost of the HKDSE has continued to rise in recent years as extra resources are required for the provision of special examination arrangements for candidates with special educational needs and the upgrading of various information technology systems for supporting public examination operations.

The HKEAA Council approved the 2024 HKDSE examination fees after taking into consideration various factors, including the Authority’s overall financial position, the operation costs of public examinations, the local economic situation, and the affordability of the examination fees for candidates and parents.

Registration for 2024 HKDSE Category C Other Language subjects will be accepted from later this month while registration for Categories A and B subjects will commence in September 2023. Details will be announced later.

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