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2024 HKDSE Initial Fee (Mainland Examination Centre) Announced

As announced earlier by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA), starting from 2024, examination centres for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) will be set up in designated locations in the Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) for pilot implementation.

Eligible school candidates studying Secondary 6 in the participating schools in the Mainland approved by the HKEAA and will sit the HKDSE at designated examination centres in the Mainland will each have to pay an additional HK\$1,980 Initial Fee (Mainland examination centre), on top of the subject examination fees. The fee has been approved by the Education Bureau and published in the Government's gazette today (March 1).

The Initial Fee (Mainland examination centre) will cover the additional costs incurred from setting up the Mainland examination centres, including human resources of the HKEAA, the delivery and storage of examination papers, answer scripts, examination-related materials and equipment, as well as the recruitment, training, transportation, food and accommodation of examination personnel.

The HKEAA is a financially independent and self-financing statutory organisation, with its income derived mainly from HKDSE examination fees and other examination and assessment services. The HKEAA determined the Initial Fee (Mainland examination centre) after taking into consideration various factors, including the Authority's overall financial situation, operating costs of running examination centres in Mainland cities of the GBA, the number of candidates concerned and the affordability of the Initial Fee.

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