



PRESS RELEASE

Inclusion of Hindi Language in Category C Other Languages Subjects for 2028 HKDSE and Beyond

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) announced today (1 December 2025) that an agreement has been signed between the HKEAA, the Central Hindi Directorate of the Ministry of Education in India (CHD), and the Consulate General of India, Hong Kong and Macau SARs (CGIHK) for the inclusion of the 'Advance Diploma in Hindi Examination' as the stipulated Hindi Language examination under the Category C Other Languages subjects, starting with the 2028 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE).

Prof Wei Xiang-dong, Secretary General of the HKEAA, stated, 'The HKEAA is grateful to the CGIHK for facilitating this examination arrangement, which addresses the needs of the Indian community in Hong Kong, as well as the schools and students involved. Since the implementation of the new examination arrangement for Category C Other Languages subjects in 2025, the arrangement has received support and recognition from schools, candidates, and official examination bodies. We will continue to provide a broad, balanced, flexible and diversified suite of examinations to meet the varied needs and interests of our candidates.'

According to the new examination arrangement for Category C Other Languages subjects, candidates should take the stipulated language examinations administered in Hong Kong, and their results at the stipulated minimum proficiency level or above will be included in the HKDSE Category C subject results. Six subjects are offered in the 2026 HKDSE, including French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Urdu Languages.

The 'Advance Diploma in Hindi Examination' is administered by the CHD, and the CGIHK will be responsible for conducting the examination in Hong Kong. The first examination is scheduled for May 2026. Its results are reported across four levels, from the lowest: 'Pass', 'Second Division', 'First Division', and 'Pass with Distinction'. Please refer to the CHD webpage (www.chdpublication.education.gov.in/english/advance-diploma.php) for details.

Starting with the 2028 HKDSE, the number of Category C Other Languages subjects will increase from six to seven, enabling candidates to choose Hindi Language as one of these subjects. Candidates should submit their registration forms along with necessary documents to the CGIHK for the 'Advance Diploma in Hindi Examination' according to its examination schedule. They should complete the examination within two years preceding the HKDSE they sit (for example, for the 2028 HKDSE, candidates may take the examination between 2026 and 2027). Candidates attaining a Pass or above in the examination will have their results included in the HKDSE Category C subject results. The 2028 HKDSE

examination regulations have been revised to reflect the corresponding changes. Further details about the examination are listed in the [Annex](#).

The HKEAA has also actively promoted the HKDSE qualification to the Indian higher education sector, supporting students learning Hindi in pursuing further studies in India and broadening their pathways. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU), which represents over 1,000 higher education institutions in India, has recently confirmed that the HKDSE qualification is considered equivalent to India's high school graduation qualification (Grade 12), allowing candidates to apply directly to Indian higher education institutions and universities with their HKDSE results. Relevant information has been published on the [HKEAA website](#).

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Annex

Category C Other Languages subjects in 2028 HKDSE and beyond

Subject	French	German	Hindi	Japanese	Korean	Spanish	Urdu
Exam	(i) Diplôme d'Études de Langue Française (DELF) (ii) Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF)	Goethe-Zertifikat	Advance Diploma in Hindi Examination	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK)	Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE)	Urdu (International)
Exam provider (official organisation)	Alliance Française de Hong Kong (AFHK)	Goethe-Institut Hong Kong	Central Hindi Directorate	Japan Foundation	National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Republic of Korea	Instituto Cervantes (Shanghái)	Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad
Exam administrator	Alliance Française de Hong Kong (AFHK)	Goethe-Institut Hong Kong	Central Hindi Directorate & Consulate General of India, Hong Kong and Macau SARs	Society of Japanese Language Education, Hong Kong (SJLEHK)	National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Republic of Korea Implementing agency: Korean International School; & HKEAA	University of Wollongong (UOW) College HK Spanish World HK and other DELE exam centres that may open in the future in HK	Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad
Language proficiency level to be accepted into the HKDSE results	A2 or above	A2 or above	Pass or above	N3 or above	TOPIK II: Grade 3 or above	A2 or above	Grade E or above

Subject	French	German	Hindi	Japanese	Korean	Spanish	Urdu
Exam component	Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	Hindi Language and Sentence Structure, Comprehension and Functional Hindi, Internal Assessment	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary / Grammar), Reading, Listening	Listening, Reading, Writing	Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	Reading and Writing, Essay Writing
Time of exam*	March/April, November	April to June	May	July, December	April, July, October	May, November	April-May, September-October
Website	www.afhongkong.org/en/exams/delf-dalf/	www.goethe.de/ins/hon/en/spr/exams/dse.html	www.chdpublication.education.gov.in/english/advance-diploma.php	www.japanese-edu.org.hk/zh/jlpt/jlpta.html	www.topik-hk.org/chi/index.asp	www.uowchk.edu.hk/study-at-uowchk/find-programmes/international-language-proficiency-tests/diplomas-de-espaol-como-lengua-extranjera-dele/	www.fbise.edu.pk/hongkong_papers.php

* Time of exam will be confirmed each year by the relevant exam provider/administrator

Remark: Hindi will be offered from the 2028 HKDSE onwards while the other subjects are available in the 2026 HKDSE and beyond.