

# Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority

## Pearson Edexcel

### International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examination – May/June 2025

#### Notes to Applicants

Please read and ensure that you have understood all instructions listed in the “Notes to Applicants” before submission of registration. The HKEAA will not be held responsible for any incorrect registration and no refund of the examination fees paid will be arranged to candidates.

#### 1. Important Information

- **Examination Period:**

Speaking Test for Language Subjects	Between late March and April 2025
Written Examination	8 May 2025 to 15 June 2025

- **HKEAA Online Registration System:** <https://online.hkeaa.edu.hk/Portal/home.xhtml>

- **Application deadline:**

Type of Application	Deadline
Normal Entry	6 December 2024 (by 5:30pm)
Late Entry	17 January 2025 (by 5:30pm)
Change / Addition of Subject	
Access Arrangement (including Modified Paper)	

- **Examination timetable**

Please be reminded that it is the candidates' responsibilities to check the examination timetable carefully and to decide whether the examination schedule fits their personal life plan before the submission of the registration. For details, please refer to Clause 7.

- **Change of Examination Syllabus for IGCSE English as a Second Language (4ES1)**

As announced by Pearson Edexcel, May/June 2025 will be the last examination series for the syllabus of 4ES1 - English as a Second Language (for first teaching in 2017). The syllabus will no longer be available from November 2025 onwards. For details, please refer to Clause 8(g).

- **Candidate Information Checklist:**

The electronic version of the candidate information checklist will be released to private candidates via the HKEAA Online Service Portal by late January 2025. For school candidates, it will be distributed by their schools directly. For details, please refer to Clause 9.

- **Admission form for speaking test (for language subjects only):**

The admission letter for speaking tests will be sent to private candidates by email / school candidates through their schools in mid-March 2025. Candidates **MUST** make themselves available for sitting the speaking test on the scheduled date printed on the admission letter. For details, please refer to Clause 10.

- **Admission form for written examination:**

The admission form for written examination will be sent to private candidates by post / school candidates through their schools in April 2025. For details, please refer to Clause 11.

- **Examination results:**

The examination results for May/June 2025 series will be available in late August 2025. For details, please refer to Clause 12.

- **Contact Us:**

Email Enquiry: [ie@hkeaa.edu.hk](mailto:ie@hkeaa.edu.hk)

Hotline: 3628 8787

## 2. Submission of Registration

Candidates are required to submit their registrations via the HKEAA Online Registration System within the registration window. They should upload the image of their valid Hong Kong Identity Cards or other identification documents\* for verification purpose at the time of registration. For candidates who would like to register as a “School Candidates”, they need to ask for a five-digits school code (i.e. GSXXX) through their schools and the school code must be entered during the online registration.

Candidates must complete the online registration and settle the examination fees by the application deadline. All registration submitted after the deadline will be served as “Late Entry” and a supplementary fee will be levied for each application. Candidates are advised to submit their entries as early as possible in order to avoid the rush in the last few days. For those candidates who have difficulties with online registration, please contact the HKEAA for further assistance. Please note that all examination documents (e.g. admission form, result statement and certificate) will only be posted within Hong Kong only. No postal service will be arranged for the address located outside Hong Kong.

Each candidate should only submit one registration for each examination series. Candidates who submitted more than one registration for the same examination series whether for entering the same or new paper will be counted as “Dual Entries”. For Dual Entries, the registered units in the second registration will be cancelled without prior notice and no refund of the examination fees will be made for the cancelled papers.

*\*For eligible Non-Chinese Students (NCS) who apply for the “subsidized examination fee” and “examination fee remission for Chinese examination, the registrations must be submitted via their schools. Please refer to the “Notes for School Candidates Entering for Chinese Examination” for further information.*

## 3. Registration Window

Normal Entry: 25 November 2024 (from 8:30am) - 6 December 2024 (by 5:30pm)

Late Entry\*: 9 December 2024 (from 8:30am) - 30 December 2024 (by 5:30pm) and  
1 January 2025 (from 8:30am) – 17 January 2025 (by 5:30pm)

*\*A supplementary fee of \$511 or \$525 (starting from 1 January 2025) in addition to the examination fee will be levied for each late entry application*

## 4. Access Arrangement for Examination

Candidates who request for access arrangement (including the request of modified paper) for the examinations should contact the HKEAA by email and an application link will be sent to candidates for completion. Valid supporting documents\* must be submitted to HKEAA along with the application before the specified deadline.

*\*Each application should be accompanied by an up-to-date medical/assessment report issued by the Hospital Authority, Department of Health, Education Bureau (EDB), a registered medical practitioner, or a professional (e.g. audiologist, speech therapist, psychologist). The medical/assessment report(s) submitted should support the special needs of the candidates and state the special examination arrangements required by the candidates. In cases where a candidate's application is not supported by documentary evidence or the information/justifications submitted do not sufficiently support the special needs of the candidate, the applications will NOT be processed.*

Type of Application	Deadline
Access Arrangement (including Modified Paper)	17 January 2025

No late application will be accepted after the application deadline. Please be reminded that candidate should list out all the subjects which access arrangement is required on the application form, including change or addition of subject(s).

If candidates have been approved for the access arrangement in the previous examination series and wish to have the same access arrangement in the forthcoming examination series, they must submit a fresh application again. Access arrangement would NOT be arranged for candidates in the forthcoming examination series automatically based on previous arrangement in the examination.

Please be reminded that the application of access arrangement is subject to Pearson Edexcel's approval and the availability of the examination centre. The HKEAA does not guarantee all access arrangements requests can be approved and arranged. For any enquiries about the access arrangement, candidates are advised to contact the HKEAA before submission of registration.

For candidates who request for special arrangement at the examination venue on the examination day (e.g. use of wheelchair, hearing-impairment), they should also inform the HKEAA before the examination so that the HKEAA can see if any arrangement can be made for candidates in advance.

## 5. Examination Fees

Subject	Exam Fee (per subject)
Accounting, Business, Commerce, Economics, History, Religious Studies, English Language (Specification A or B), English as a Second Language, English Literature, Further Pure Mathematics, Mathematics (Specification A or B), Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Physics, Arabic (First Language), Greek (First Language), Tamil	\$2,015
Chinese, French, German, Spanish (with speaking test)	\$3,725
Science (Double Award)	\$3,680

Examination fees paid by a candidate who subsequently withdraws his / her entry, or is absent from the examination, or the examination is cancelled in a later stage will NOT be refunded. Fees are NOT transferable to other examination centres, or from one examination to another / a later series or for other purposes.

In addition, the HKEAA will not offer the service of “Transferred Candidate” under any circumstance. Any supplementary fees paid during the registration will not be counted as a part of examination fees. The supplementary fee paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.

## 6. Change / Addition of Subject

If candidates would like to apply for Change / Addition of Subject after submission of registration, they are required to submit the online application by the specified deadline. A supplementary fee will be levied for each application. Please DO NOT submit a new registration via the HKEAA Online Registration System. Otherwise, the new registration will be counted as “Dual Entries”. For details, please refer to the information as follows:

Application Period:	25 November 2024 to 17 January 2025
Supplementary Fee:	\$331 (Between 25 November to 6 December 2025)
	\$511 (Between 9 - 30 December 2024)
	\$525 (Between 1 - 17 January 2025)
Online Form:	<a href="https://mip.hkeaa.edu.hk/mip/PE_IGCSE_ADDCHG_MAY">https://mip.hkeaa.edu.hk/mip/PE_IGCSE_ADDCHG_MAY</a>

Please note that a supplementary fee in addition to the examination fee / examination fee balance between papers will be levied for each application. No application will be accepted after the application deadline and it is the candidates' responsibility to ensure any addition / change of subjects will not result in timetable clash. The HKEAA will not be held any responsible for the incorrect application and no refund of the application fee paid will be arranged.

## 7. Examination Timetable

The examination timetable for Pearson Edexcel IGCSE examination can be found in the HKEAA website at [https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/ipe/gce\\_gcse\\_igcse\\_ial/PIGCSE/](https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/ipe/gce_gcse_igcse_ial/PIGCSE/) under the section of “Document Download”. The examination timetables are decided by Pearson Edexcel and no rescheduling of the examination schedule can be requested by candidates. Please be reminded that it is the candidates' responsibilities to check the examination timetable carefully and to decide whether the examination schedule fits their personal life plan before submission of registration. Candidates are also reminded to avoid entering those subjects which are scheduled in the same examination session or those subjects in prohibited combination. Normally, no special arrangement will be made for those subjects with timetable clash. Candidates are required to cancel either one subject and the examination fees paid are NOT refundable and transferable. Please contact the HKEAA for further advice before the submission of the registration if candidates want to sit more than one subject in the same sessions.

Candidates who want to sit more than one examination session on the same day must ensure that there is sufficient time between examination sessions for travelling and taking rest as these examinations may be held at different examination centres which will very likely require travelling. Please be reminded that the HKEAA does not guarantee all examination sessions on the same day can be allocated at the same examination centre or at the examination centre nearby. The HKEAA will not be held responsible for candidates who fail to arrive the examination centre on time. Candidates who arrive the assigned examination centre later than the examination start time will not be permitted any extra time.

## 8. Examination Syllabuses

The examination syllabuses for each subject can be downloaded from the Pearson Edexcel's website at <https://qualifications.pearson.com>. Past question papers are also available for sale from HKEAA Online Bookstore at

[https://online.hkeaa.edu.hk/Bookstore/faces/1\\_home.xhtml?slang=zh\\_TW](https://online.hkeaa.edu.hk/Bookstore/faces/1_home.xhtml?slang=zh_TW). Candidates must read the examination syllabuses carefully before the submission of the registration. The HKEAA will not be held responsible for incorrect registration and no refund of the examination fee will be made. Some of the important notes for IGCSE examination are listed as follows:

- (a) Candidates entering for 4SD0 Science (Double Award) are **NOT** allowed to enter for the 4BI1 Biology, 4CH1 Chemistry and 4PH1 Physics in the same examination series.
- (b) Candidates entering for 4EA1 English Language (Spec. A) are **NOT** allowed to enter for 4EB1 English Language (Spec. B) in the same examination series..
- (c) Candidates entering for 4MA1 Mathematics (Spec. A) are **NOT** allowed to enter for 4MB1 Mathematics (Spec. B) in the same examination series. For 4MA1 Mathematics (Spec. A), candidates should enter at either Foundation Tier or Higher Tier.
- (d) For 4CN1 Chinese, candidates are required to select the language option (i.e. Cantonese / Mandarin) for the speaking test and listening test.
- (e) Coursework and practical assessment of IGCSE subjects will not be offered to candidates
- (f) **As announced by Pearson Edexcel, May/June 2025 will be the last examination series for the syllabus of 4ES1 - English as a Second Language (for first teaching in 2017). The syllabus will no longer available from November 2025 onwards. For details, please refer to the Pearson Edexcel's website at <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-gcses/international-gcse-english-as-2nd-language-2017.html>**

## 9. Candidate Information Checklist

For private candidates, the electronic version of Candidate Information Checklist will be available to download from the HKEAA Online Service Portal in late January 2025. For school candidates, the candidate information checklist will be distributed by their schools directly. Candidates are required to check if the personal particulars on the checklist, which will be used for examination arrangements and certification of results, are correct. If amendments on personal particulars are required, candidates must inform the HKEAA by email. Candidates who have not received their Candidate Information Checklist in early February 2025 MUST contact their schools or the HKEAA for further assistance.

## 10. Admission Form for Speaking Test (for Language subjects only)

Admission forms for the speaking tests will be sent to private candidates by email or school candidates through schools in mid-March 2025. The speaking tests will be held between late March and April 2025 on weekdays, weekends or public holidays subject to the candidature, availability of examination venues and oral examiners. Candidates MUST reserve the above test period for sitting the speaking test before submission of registration. Candidates are required to follow the scheduled date and time printed on the admission form for sitting the speaking test. No rescheduling of the speaking test will be arranged under any circumstance. Candidates who have not received their admission forms by 21 March 2025 MUST contact their schools or the HKEAA for further assistance. Otherwise, the admission forms will be regarded as successfully received by the candidates.

## 11. Admission Form for Written Examination

Admission form will be sent to private candidates by post or school candidates through schools in April 2025 (i.e. two weeks before the first day of the examination series). Candidates who have not received their admission forms by 2 May 2025 MUST contact their schools or the HKEAA for further assistance. Otherwise, the admission forms will be regarded as successfully received by the candidates.

The examination venue, date and local examination starting time for each examination will be printed on the admission form. Candidates must check the examination information on the admission forms carefully as no one will be permitted to take an examination at a location other than the examination centre specified on the admission form. Candidates will be assigned to take the examinations at the examination centres located in Hong Kong Island / Kowloon / New Territories. Assignment of examination venues is based on the candidature of the papers, availability and capacity of the venues. Request for change of the examination venue due to personal reason will not be entertained. Besides, please note that the examinations with different subject / durations may be held in the same examination venue.

## 12. Results and Certificates

The examination results will be available in late August 2025. Candidate Statements of Provisional Results will be sent to private candidates by post and school candidates through their schools. Candidates who have not received their results in early September 2025 MUST contact their schools or the HKEAA. Otherwise, the results documents will be regarded as successfully received by the candidates / schools.

Candidates may apply for the Reviews of Marking and Moderation (RoMM) services in accordance with the procedures, fees and deadlines to be announced after the results day. The certificates will be available in November 2025 and they will be sent to private candidates by post or school candidates through their schools

Candidates who have not received their certificates should contact the HKEAA to track the delivery status within 5 months after mail; otherwise, the certificates will be regarded as successfully received by the candidates. Certificates unclaimed for 5 months after mail will be returned to the Examination Board without further notice. After that, request for lost or unclaimed certificates will have to be made directly with the Examination Board by the candidates as applications for replacement certificates. Fees will be charged by the Examination Board. Candidates should inform the HKEAA in writing of their new address and contact telephone number if their address has been changed. The HKEAA cannot accept the responsibility for any possible loss, delay or damage in mail causing the need of requesting for replacement certificates. The HKEAA cannot reproduce certificates in any form.

### **13. Personal Data**

Personal data of candidates are used by the HKEAA and the Examination Board for delivery of examination and assessment services. Whether you provide the requested personal data is voluntary. However, if you fail to provide all the data, or if any of the data are inaccurate or incomplete, the HKEAA may not be able to accept your entry or provide all or part of the examination and assessment services. The personal data submitted may also be used for:

- a) assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations in their admissions processes;
- b) assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations in respect of their requests for information in granting scholarships;
- c) assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations to confirm the candidates' eligibility for financial assistance or other forms of subsidization, in which case, the necessary personal data of the candidates may have to be disclosed to the concerned organizations for verification;
- d) certifying candidates' examination results in response to legitimate requests;
- e) processing any refund or payment in relation to the examination;
- f) conducting educational research and analysis in an anonymous format in which the identities of candidates are not traceable; and
- g) marketing the services and products of the Examination Board (including examination services, courses, events, publications, and other examination materials or resources) subject to the consent of the candidates.\*

The HKEAA may also transfer the personal data of candidates to third parties for use for the above purpose or other directly related purposes, including government / public organizations, schools and educational institutions, banks (for processing refund or payment), and service providers providing various administrative or technical services to facilitate the delivery of the examination and assessment services including but not limited to data punching, registration process, dispatch of examination documents, and the capture, disposal or other processing of data.

In compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, access to all personal data will be made available, on payment of a fee, to anyone who can establish his / her right to be informed of such data as are retained by the HKEAA. Please also note that candidates' personal data / correspondence / other information received by the HKEAA may be referred to the Examination Board concerned for delivery of examination and assessment services and for any of the abovementioned purposes or other directly related purposes. In general, upon completion of an examination or examination series and all the connecting examination services, the HKEAA will transfer all such data to the Examination Board who will then assume full control of such data. By then, candidates should approach the Examination Board direct for their personal data / information handling policies if necessary.

\*If you have given consent but wish to withdraw your consent for your personal data to be used for this purpose, please send a letter of request to the HKEAA.

### **14. Unforeseeable Circumstances**

Please note that neither the Examination Board nor the HKEAA will be responsible for any non-performance of duties where such non-performance has been caused by an act of God, labour strike, natural disaster, adverse weather, epidemic, government action or intervention, riot, or any cause not reasonably foreseeable and beyond the reasonable control of Examination Board or the HKEAA. Postponement/Rescheduling of examinations due to unforeseeable circumstances will not be accepted by the Examination Board, and instead, only special consideration may be granted as appropriate. Please note that the outcome of the special consideration is entirely subject to the terms and conditions of the related policies of the Examination Board. If candidates are considered as having missed a timetabled component / unit for acceptable reasons by the Examination Board, aegrotat marks (calculated marks based on the candidates' performance in other papers they have sat) may be issued to eligible candidates\*; otherwise, a "zero mark" will be given instead.

*Note: The HKEAA, including their contractors and subcontractors, shall not be liable to anyone claiming for any damage, which are caused by, arising from or otherwise related to the failure of staff members, examination personnel or the examination centres to comply with the examination regulations, policies or procedures.*