

Results of the Benchmarking Study between IELTS and HKDSE English Language Examination

We are glad to update you that the results of a benchmarking study aiming at establishing the equivalence of standards between the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) English Language Examination have been released recently.

Based on the study, candidates attaining level 2 in the HKDSE English Language Examination achieved an overall IELTS band score of 4.79 to 5.07 while level 5** candidates achieved 7.51 to 7.77. Candidates with level 3 in HKDSE English Language, which is the minimum English Language requirement for admission to local universities, achieved an overall IELTS band score of 5.48 to 5.68, indicating that their standards are between those of Modest Users and Competent Users on the IELTS scale. The results of this study will facilitate end users in their evaluation of HKDSE candidates' English proficiency.

For details, please refer to the press release of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority through the following link:

http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/MainNews/press_20130430_eng.pdf

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