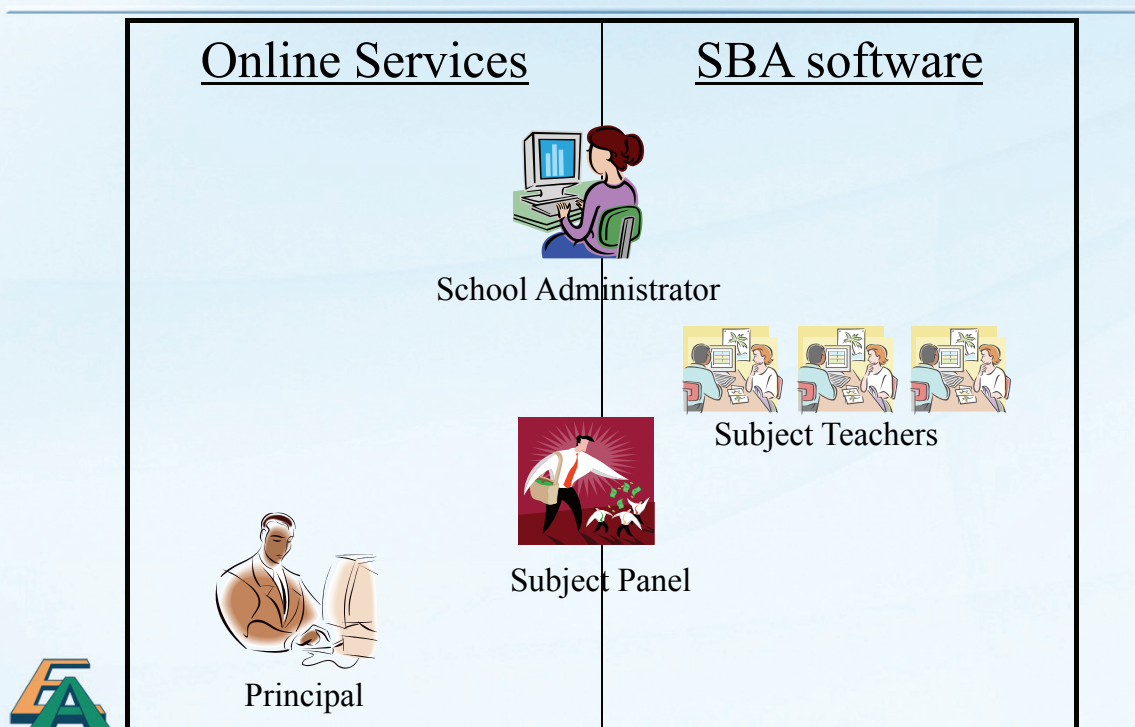


# Updates on Arrangements of Public Examinations for HKDSE Biology

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## School-based System (SBAS) for HKDSE



## Arrangement for S5 Mark Submission

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### **Biology:**

- Number of marks to be submitted in S5:  
**At least 1 mark on each of Ability Areas A and B**
- Submission period :  
**16 May – 20 June 2011**

### **Combined Science (Biology):**

- No submission of mark in S5



## Arrangement for S6 Mark Submission

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- SBAS will be used for:
  1. submitting SBA marks for S5 and S6
  2. supporting collection of samples of students' work in S6 (if applicable)
- Further details about the S6 operations will be given at the beginning of 2011-12 academic year



## Points to Note for SBA Mark Submission

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Schools / subject panels should

- decide the number of teaching groups for individual subjects and assign teachers to input marks for respective teaching groups
- tidy up the S5 SBA marks and records
- check carefully to ensure the accuracy of the marks entered on the SBAS
- submit SBA marks on time
- keep the SBA software and mark files in safe custody



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## Support Measures for SBAS

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- Online Demonstration Kit
- User manuals
- Hands-on Training Workshops
  - 26/4 – 20/5 at Wan Chai Assessment Centre
  - Phone at 3628 8333 three working days in advance for registration
- Enquiry hotlines
  - 3628 8070 or 3628 8064 for logistic arrangements
  - 3628 8333 for technical difficulties



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## Some FAQs on Bio SBA

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- Need to assess a minimum of 8 practical related tasks?
  - No, these are for experience only, not necessarily for SBA assessments
  - Hand in a task list for each class / teaching group with **date** and **title of experiments done**



## Some FAQs on Bio SBA

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- Can the assessments done in S4 be submitted in S5 or can the assessment done in S5 summer be submitted in S6?
  - The mark submission date as the cut off
  - In S5, you can submit marks for assessments done before the submission date, including those in S4 if any.
  - In S6, you can submit marks for assessments done after the S5 submission date, including those in S5 summer if any.



## Some FAQs on Bio SBA

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- No suitable tasks for topics taught in S6?
  - Teachers may consider conducting SBA tasks on topics taught in S4 and S5 as a revision / consolidation of those topics



## Some FAQs on Bio SBA

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- Do I need to choose the best mark for each student?
  - No
  - Enter all the marks if u have assessed students more than once for each area, the SBA software will select the best mark automatically



## Practice Paper

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- Practice paper for Biology and Combined Science (Biology) will be delivered to schools on  
**16 January, 2012**



## Dates for Examination in 2012

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- AL Bio Exam:  
**11 April (Wed)**
- DSE Bio & CS (Bio) Exam:  
**25 April (Wed)**

