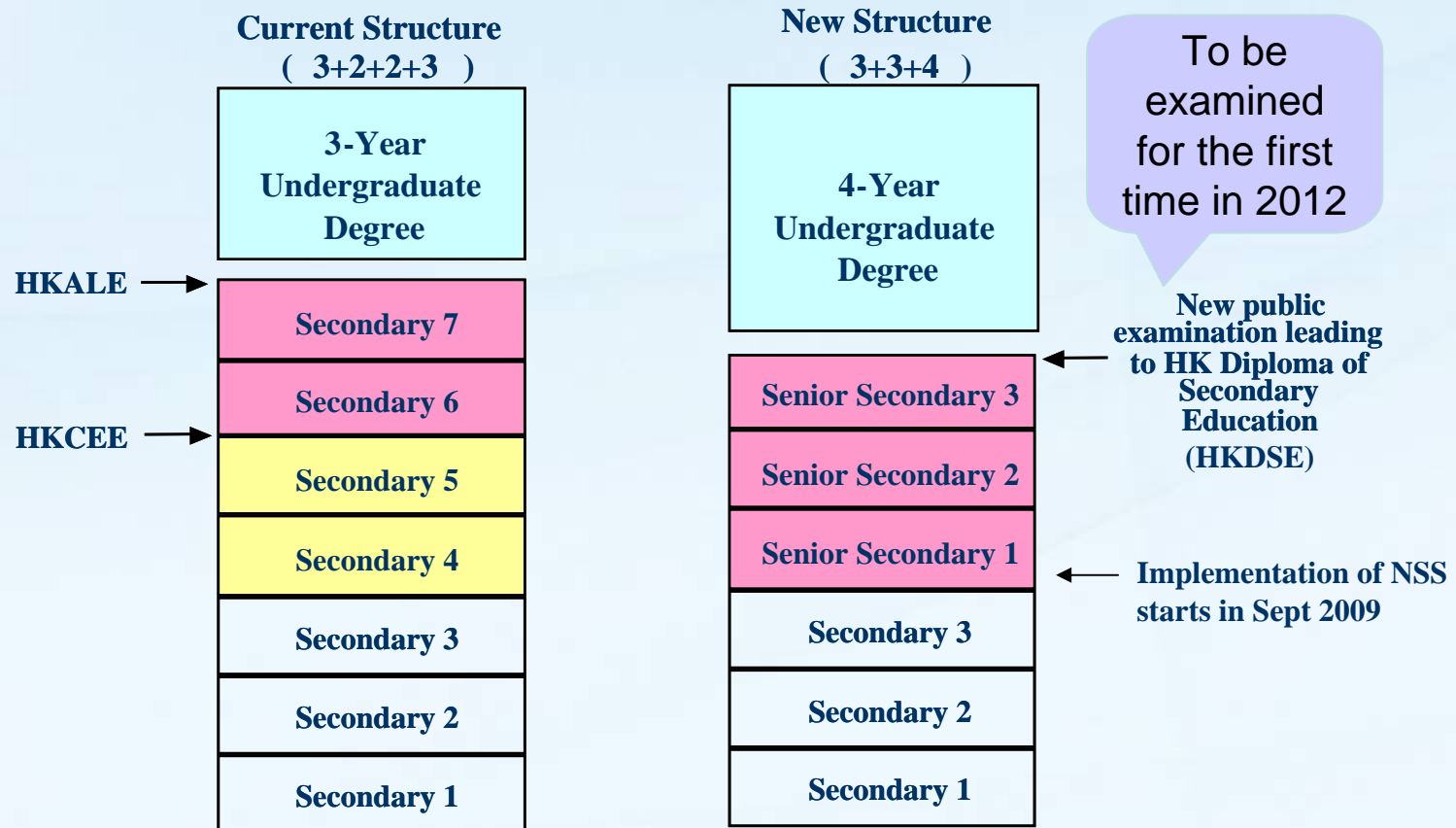


# **Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education International Recognition**

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# International Recognition of HKCEE and HKALE

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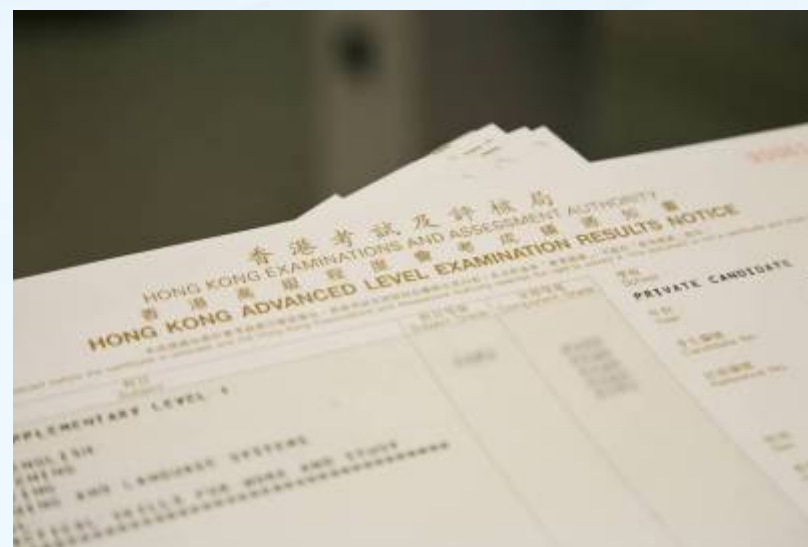
**Examination papers and scripts of HKCEE and HKALE are sent to CIE for international peer review.**



# International Recognition of HKCEE and HKALE

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The standards of the HKCEE and HKALE are comparable to the standards of GCE O-Level and GCE "A / AS" Level



# International Recognition of HKCEE and HKALE

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Grade C or above in CE =  
a pass in GCE O-Level



Grade E or above in AL =  
a pass in GCE “A/AS” Level



# Admission Requirements of Overseas Universities

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Middlesex University	United Kingdom
Queen Mary, University of London	United Kingdom



# International Recognition of HKDSE

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- The HKEAA has been working closely with renowned international agencies to conduct benchmark studies of the standard of the HKDSE
  - Cambridge International Examinations
  - National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC)
  - Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)
  - Australian Education International (AEI)
  - Overseas universities

[http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/ir/progress\\_HKDSE\\_promotion/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/ir/progress_HKDSE_promotion/)



# Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE  
International Examinations

- Sample papers for the major subjects were sent to CIE for review
- Three rounds of review were completed in mid 2009
- Positive comments were received
- The CIE examiners found the papers making cognitive demands up to the UK A Level papers



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



- UCAS Tariff is a point system for providing information for the reference of tertiary institutions in the UK
- Currently, UCAS Tariff recognises 40 different qualification types
- Most universities and tertiary institutions formulate their admission policies with reference to UCAS Tariff points
- Important reference for other universities for formulating their admission policies



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



- Expert group: experts from UCAS, representatives from universities and tertiary institutions, HKEAA's representatives
- Compare the standards of the HKDSE with the GCE A Level



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



- Scope of the study
  - \*Objectives and aims of the curriculum
  - \*Learning time
  - \*Curriculum content
  - \*Learning outcomes
  - \*Assessment methodology



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



## GCE Advanced & AS Levels (2010)

A Level	UCAS Tariff	AS Level	UCAS Tariff
A*	140	-	-
A	120	A	60
B	100	B	50
C	80	C	40
D	60	D	30
E	40	E	20



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



## Advanced Placement Programme (US & Canada)

Level	UCAS Tariff
5	120
4	90
3	60



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



## International Baccalaureate Certificate (Higher Level)

Level	UCAS Tariff
7	130
6	110
5	80
4	50
3	20



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



- UCAS Tariff are awarded to 24 HKDSE subjects
- An overall subject point score is recommended for 23 HKDSE subjects, except for Mathematics
- Since Mathematics carries a unique structure with a compulsory part and an extended part, Tariff points are awarded separately to the two parts of the subject.
- All students need to study the compulsory part while the extended part is for students who intend to pursue further studies in Mathematics/ Science or related disciplines



# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



## UCAS Tariff points allocated to 23 HKDSE subjects, except Mathematics

Level	Tariff	Remarks
5**	NA	To be allocated after the first administration of the HKDSE Examinations in 2012.
5*	130	Between grades A and A* in the 2010 GCE A Level examination
5	120	Comparable to grade A in the 2010 GCE A Level examination
4	80	Comparable to grade C in the 2010 GCE A Level examination
3	40	Comparable to grade E in the 2010 GCE A Level examination

# Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS)



## UCAS Tariff points allocated to Mathematics

Level	Compulsory Part	Extended Part	Remarks
5**	NA	NA	To be allocated with further evidence after the first administration of the HKDSE examinations in 2012.
5*	60	70	1.130 points (60+ 70) for 5* in both compulsory and extended parts – between grades A and A* in the 2010 GCE A Level examination 2.120 points (60+60) for 5* in the compulsory part and 5 in the extended part- comparable to grade A in the 2010 GCE A Level examination
5	45	60	
4	35	50	
3	25	40	

# Promotion of HKDSE

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- HKDSE has secured recognition from overseas universities, admission organisations and government
- Australian Government has recognised that the level of HKDSE is comparable to that of the High School Certificate in Australia
- HKEAA will continue to communicate with overseas universities, including those in the USA, Canada and Australia, in order to promote the HKDSE
- HKEAA will conduct surveys to obtain admission requirements of overseas universities
- More information can be found on the HKEAA website  
<http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/>



# HKDSE SRR Information Packages

- Published and distributed to schools in April – June 2009



# Contents of the Information Packages

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- Assessment Framework
- Level Descriptors
- Sample Papers and Suggested Answers / Marking Guidelines
- Exemplars of typical candidate performance in a CD
- A listening test CD (for language subjects only)



# Uses of SRR packages

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- Can help students:
  - set clear goals and motivate them to learn
  - assess their understanding and skills and monitor their own learning progress
  - understand the assessment requirement, the approach and skills of answering questions, and the depth and breadth of attempting different topics



## Available for sale at the following outlets:

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- HKEAA online bookstore <https://online.hkeaa.edu.hk>
- HKEAA Publications Unit (G/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon) and Wan Chai Office (12/F Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong)
- Major bookshops
- Bulk purchase option available for schools and other organizations. For more details:
  - Website : <http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/resources/publications/schorders/>



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