

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)

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HKDSE Certificate

At least one subject achieved:

Category A subject
Level 1 or above
(For CS: Attained)

Category B subject
Attained or above

Category C subject*
Stipulated proficiency level or above

**Starting from the 2025 HKDSE, candidates will be required to take the stipulated language examinations, i.e. French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Spanish & Urdu (from 2026 HKDSE) administered in Hong Kong by the official organisations which are the official providers of the language examinations concerned. Candidates' results obtained in these examinations at the stipulated proficiency level or above will be included as the HKDSE Category C results and reported on the HKDSE certificate.*

香港考試及評核局
HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
香港中學文憑考試
HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

茲證明
This is to certify that

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參加 2021 年香港中學文憑考試，成績如下：
sat the 2021 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination and achieved the following results:

科目 Subject	科目等級 Subject Level / Grade	分數等級 Component Level
中國語文 國語 英語 粵語(母語) CHINESE LANGUAGE Speaking Writing Listening and Integrated Skills	5*(A)	5*(A) 5*(A) 5*(A)
英國語文 國語 英語 粵語(母語) ENGLISH LANGUAGE Speaking Writing Listening and Integrated Skills Reading	3*(B)	3*(B) 3*(B) 3*(B) 3*(B)
數學 數學(非修讀) 數學(修讀) MATHEMATICS Compulsory Part & Extended Part: Calculus and Statistics	4*(not & 3)(B)	4*(not & 3)(B)
經濟教育 BUSINESS STUDIES	3*(B)	3*(B)
商業：會計與財務概論(會計) (ACCOUNTING)	5*(A)	5*(A)
乙類科目 Category B Subjects 服裝設計(修讀) FASHION DESIGN	3*(B)	3*(B)
丙類科目 Category C Subjects 日語 JAPANESE LANGUAGE Writing (Speaking)	1(B)	1(B)


科目數目
Total Number of Subjects : SEVEN

考生編號
Candidate No. : 21000008

解釋性附註
Explanatory Notes are printed overleaf

證書編號
Certificate No. : 21000001

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International Recognition of HKDSE

over 600

Overseas institutions have recognised the HKDSE

138

Mainland higher education institutions directly admit HKDSE holders

130

Institutions in Taiwan accept applications from students with HKDSE qualification



www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/recognition/hkdse_recognition/



The Reporting System - Category A Subjects

Candidates' performance in Category A subjects is reported in five levels*



Standards-referenced Reporting system:

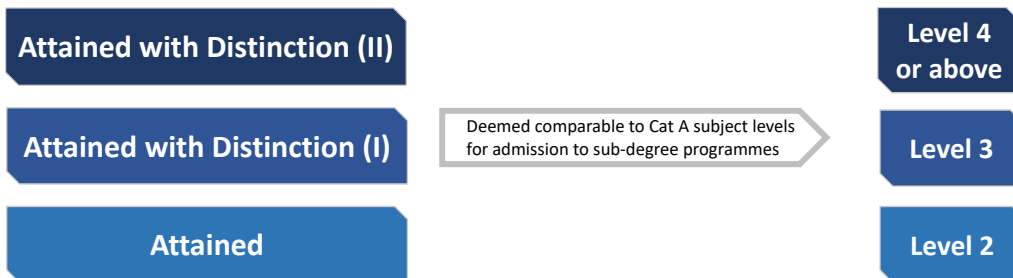
- Candidates' levels are reported with reference to a set of explicit and fixed standards of performance
- **Level Descriptors** and **exemplars** are provided to indicate standards required for each level
- Facilitate tertiary institutions and employers to set appropriate entrance/ job requirements

*The results of Citizenship and Social Development are reported in one level: **Attained**



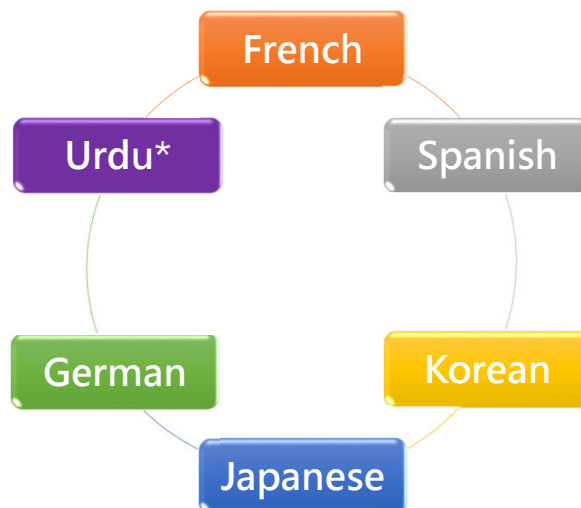
The Reporting System - Category B Subjects

Except for ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students), three levels of performance are reported:



Category C (Other Languages) Subjects New Exam Arrangements for 2025 HKDSE and Beyond

*Urdu Language exam will be offered from 2026 HKDSE



New Exam Arrangements

- Candidates have to take the **stipulated language examinations** administered in Hong Kong by the **official organisations**
- Candidates will have to **enroll directly** with the administrators of the stipulated language examinations and opt for the respective Category C subject during HKDSE registration
- Candidates' results obtained in these examinations **at the stipulated proficiency level or above** will be included in the HKDSE Category C results
- Candidates may take the language examinations **more than once within the two years preceding the HKDSE they sit** (for example, for the 2025 HKDSE, candidates may take the language examinations in 2023 and 2024, and should complete the examinations by the end of 2024)



Details of the Cat C Exams

Subject	French	German	Japanese	Korean	Spanish	Urdu
Exam	Diplôme d'Études de Langue Française (DELF) Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF)	Goethe-Zertifikat	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	Japan Foundation	National Institute for International Education (NIIED), Korea	Instituto Cervantes (Shanghái)	The Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (FBISE), Islamabad
Exam administrator	Alliance Française de Hong Kong (AFHK)	Goethe-Institut Hong Kong	Society of Japanese Language Education, Hong Kong (SJLEHK)	NIIED, Korea Implementing agency: Korean International School & HKEAA	University of Wollongong (UOW) College HK Spanish World HK & other DELE exam centres that may open in the future in HK	FBISE, Islamabad



Details of the Cat C Exams

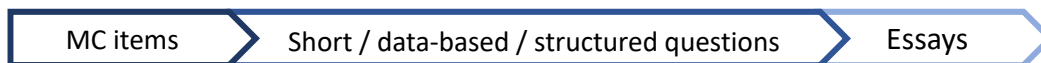
Subject	French	German	Japanese	Korean	Spanish	Urdu
Language proficiency level to be accepted into the HKDSE results	A2 or above	A2 or above	N3 or above	TOPIK II: Grade 3 or above	A2 or above	Grade E or above
Exam component	Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking	Language 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	July, December	April, July, October	May, November	April-May, September-October
Website	www.afhokong.org/en/exams/delf-dalif/	www.goethe.de/ins/cn/en/sta/hon/prf.html	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/hongkongpapers.php

Remark: Urdu (International) will be offered from 2026 HKDSE while the other language exams will be offered from 2025 HKDSE

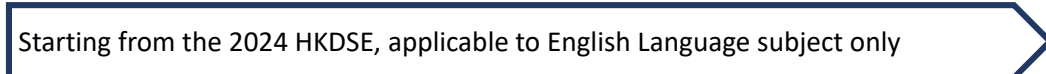


Category A – Public Examination

Written Exam



*Listening and Integrated Skills + Speaking Assessments



Details: HKDSE Assessment Frameworks of each year's examination.

www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/



Optimising Proposal for the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects (Starting from 2024 HKDSE)

Generate synergy, release lesson time and enhance curriculum flexibility for creating space for students

Release space to varying degrees in order to cater for students' diverse learning and development needs



Measures to Optimise the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects (Starting from 2024 HKDSE)

	Weighting of Written Examinations	Weighting of SBA
Chinese Language	85% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 (Reading) (40%) Paper 2 (Writing) (45%) 	15%
English Language	85% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 (Reading) (20%) Paper 2 (Writing) (25%) Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills) (30%) Paper 4 (Speaking) (10%) 	15%
Mathematics Compulsory Part	100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 (Conventional questions) (65%) Paper 2 (Multiple-choice questions) (35%) <p>A good mastery of Foundation Topics of the Compulsory Part is sufficient for candidates who perform well in the HKDSE Examination Mathematics Compulsory Part to attain up to Level 4 in the Examination</p>	No SBA required
Citizenship and Social Development	100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results reported will be either 'Attained' or 'Unattained' 	No IES required



Details: HKDSE Assessment Frameworks
www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/



Category A: School-based Assessment (SBA)

- Assessments administered in schools and marked by the students' own teachers
- SBA scores awarded will count towards students' public assessment results

Advantages

Helps students understand their strengths and weaknesses through quality feedback from teachers

Emphasises the assessment of a wide range of abilities and offers a comprehensive appraisal of students' performance

Reduces dependence on the results of public examinations and boosts students' confidence and motivation to learn



How will fairness be ensured in SBA?

Provide detailed guidelines, assessment criteria, exemplars and professional development training to help teachers become familiar with the SBA

Majority of the assessments are conducted under close supervision of teachers

Moderate SBA marks submitted by different schools to iron out possible differences among schools in marking standards

Review samples of students' work and assessment records, provide feedback to schools

Candidates may be liable to disqualification from the subject concerned or the whole of the exam, or suffer a mark or grade penalty for proven plagiarism



HKDSE Category A Subjects: School Based Assessment (SBA)

12 Subjects with an SBA Component

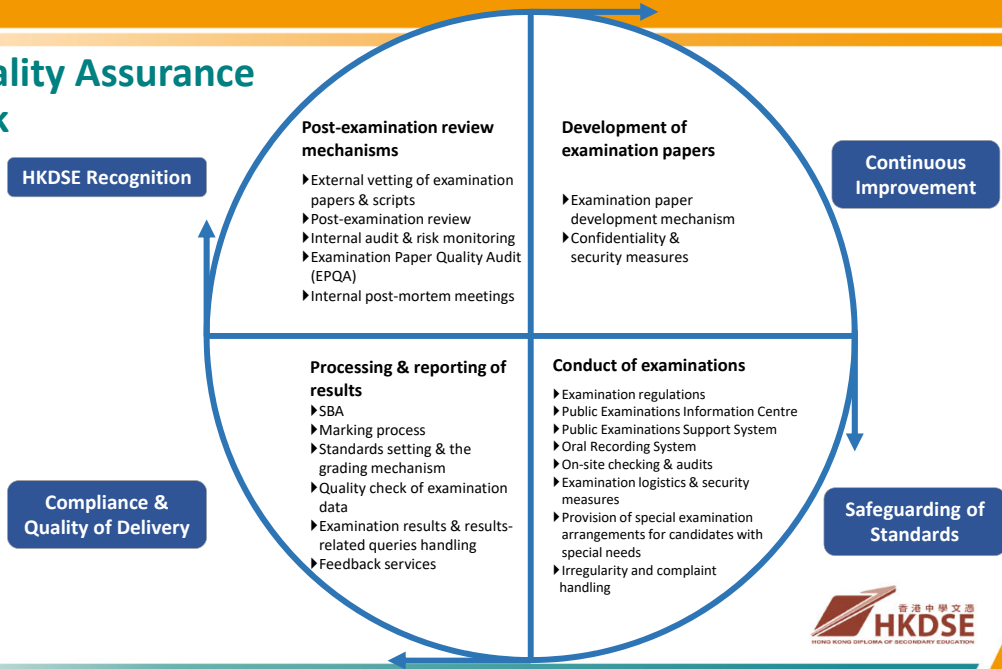
Chinese Language	Chinese Literature	English Language	Literature in English
Health Management and Social Care	Information & Communication Technology	Technology and Living	Design & Applied Technology
Biology	Physics	Chemistry	Visual Arts



<https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/introduction/>



HKDSE Quality Assurance Framework



Onscreen Marking (OSM)



Quality Assurance of OSM

	Paper-based Marking	OSM
Training	Sample scripts	Training, qualifying, control, reference & sample scripts
Checkmarking	1 st & 2 nd checkmarking	1 st , 2 nd & real-time checkmarking
Marking Statistics	Available after completion of marking	Real-time
Remarking	After completion of checkmarking	Real-time
Demote from Marking Retraining	N/A	✓

HKDSE Question Papers & HKDSE Examination Report

2023 HKDSE Question Papers

Provides a comprehensive report on 24 Category A subjects

Including question papers, marking schemes, and examiners' comments and suggestions on candidates' performance

HKDSE Examination Report published in December 2023

Provides information on the overview of the HKDSE Examination and examination statistics for reference of stakeholders



www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/exam_reports/



Exemplars of Candidates' Work

Category A Subjects: English Language Paper 2 –
2023 Samples of Candidates' Performance

Level 5 exemplar 1
Part A

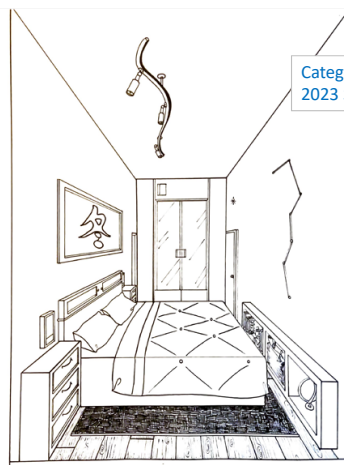
Pop-up Shop Application Form

Company Name: Planet Smart

A. Company Profile (introduce your company):

Planet Smart is an environmentally-friendly company that aims to produce high quality products that would not only increase the quality of life of the citizens, but also the planet itself. Our eco-friendly products are specifically made to aid global problems such as deforestation and plastic waste. By expanding our company in various areas, such as setting up a pop-up shop inside the shopping centre, will not only promote and increase public awareness on these devastating topics, but also allow the general public to learn how to incorporate simple eco-friendly products into their lives. In the coming years, 'A single step goes a long way.'

Category B Subjects: Interior Design –
2023 Samples of Student Performance



Cat A subjects: www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/

Cat B subjects: www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_b_subjects/



Thank you