

Application arrangements for Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions for 2020

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (February 25) reminded that the online application period for the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme) will begin on March 1.

According to the arrangements for the Admission Scheme for 2020 announced by the Ministry of Education (MoE), 122 Mainland higher education institutions (listed in the Annex) will consider admission applications of Hong Kong students based on their results in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination, thus exempting them from taking the Joint Entrance Examination for Universities on the Mainland. Candidates sitting for the HKDSE Examination in 2020 are eligible to apply for the Admission Scheme. The MoE has commissioned the Co-Office of the Mainland Chinese Universities and Colleges of the People's Republic of China for the Joint Examinations and Enrolment of the Students from Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Overseas Chinese-Resident Areas and Countries (the Joint Enrolment Office) to accept online applications and conduct admission screenings, and has entrusted the China Education Exchange (Hong Kong) Centre (HKCEEC) on matters such as eligibility vetting and publicity.

Adjustments have been made to the application arrangements for the Admission Scheme for 2020 in view of the latest situation of the COVID-19 outbreak. Unlike the situation in previous years, applicants who have filed their applications online need not attend on-site confirmation this year. Instead, they should submit application materials by mail for eligibility vetting. The online application deadline has been extended to March 31 to assist students in making applications.

Candidates should file their online applications from March 1 to 31 at the website of the Joint Enrolment Office (www.eea.gd.gov.cn) by clicking on "Admission of Hong Kong Students Taking the HKDSE Examination" under the menu of "Application and Examination" and print out the completed application forms. Candidates who have done the online pre-application are required to submit the application materials listed below to the HKCEEC by registered mail or courier before April 30 (based on the postmark date) for eligibility vetting in order to complete the application confirmation process:

- (1) A printed copy of the completed online application form personally signed by the candidate;
- (2) A photocopy of the candidate's Hong Kong identity card and valid Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macau Residents or Residence Permit for Hong

Kong and Macau Residents, personally signed by the candidate;

(3) A crossed cheque for HK\$460 (payable to China Education Exchange (Hong Kong) Centre Limited) as the application fee. The Chinese name and application number of the candidate should be written on the back of the cheque; and

(4) One colour passport photo (in case the candidate is unable to upload a digital photo to the online application system).

Admission Scheme applicants must complete the application confirmation process before proceeding to the admission stage. In addition, candidates may upload their Student Learning Profiles via the online application system during the period from March 1 to June 30 while schools may upload relevant documents for the School Principal Nomination Scheme via the same system from June 1 to 30.

According to the admission procedure for 2020, institutions may arrange interviews/practical exams based on the application information submitted by candidates. Applicants should look out for the institutions' arrangements and announcements. Institutions will announce the admission results after the release of the HKDSE Examination results, and arrange online supplementary enrolment (i.e. offer of surplus admission quotas) based on the enrolment situation. Details of the admission arrangement and enrolment notice will be announced in due course.

A handbook (Chinese version only) jointly published by the EDB, the HKCEEC and Hok Yau Club provides comprehensive information on the Scheme and pursuing studies on the Mainland, including information on all institutions participating in the Scheme, the programmes offered, strategy on programme choices, and accounts of experiences by graduates of Mainland universities. The handbook was distributed to all Secondary 6 students in Hong Kong earlier, and the e-version of the handbook and other details of the Admission Scheme have been uploaded to the EDB's website (www.edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme20).

Furthermore, eligible Hong Kong students enrolled in undergraduate programmes of designated Mainland institutions can apply for means-tested subsidies or non-means-tested subsidies under the Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme (MUSSS). Application details for the MUSSS for the 2020/21 academic year will be announced in mid-2020.