

Application arrangements for Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions for 2025/26 academic year

The Education Bureau (EDB) reminded 2025 DSE candidates who wish to pursue further studies on the Mainland that the online application for the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions (Admission Scheme) is open for application today (December 1).

According to the Admission Scheme arrangements for the 2025/26 academic year announced by the Ministry of Education (MoE), a total of 145 Mainland higher education institutions (listed in the Annex) will consider admission applications of Hong Kong students taking part in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination 2025 based on their HKDSE results, thus exempting them from taking the Joint Entrance Examination for Universities on the Mainland. 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 (HK) Centre (HKCEEC) on matters such as eligibility vetting and publicity.

The application and related procedures for the Admission Scheme are conducted online. Applicants should access the website of the Education Examinations Authority of Guangdong Province (eea.gd.gov.cn) from December 1 to 31 this year and click on "Admission of Hong Kong Students Taking the HKDSE Examination" under the menu of "Application and Examination" to submit their applications and upload the following:

1. a scanned copy of one's Hong Kong identity card;
2. a scanned copy of a valid Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents or a Residence Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents; and
3. a digital passport photo.

Applicants can log on to the online application system to confirm application verification results before January 10, 2025. As for cases in which applicants provided supplementary information as requested by the system, they can log on and check the latest verification results before January 23, 2025. Applicants passing the application verification should settle fees and complete the application confirmation process according to the instructions provided in the online application system before January 31, 2025. Applicants will be assigned a candidate number for identification purposes and can log on to the online application system to check the candidate number before February 14, 2025.

Applicants must complete the application confirmation process before proceeding to the admission stage. In addition, applicants may upload their Student Learning Profiles via the online application system before June 14, 2025. Schools may upload relevant information for the School Principal Nomination Scheme via the same system from February 15 to June 14, 2025.

Institutions may arrange interviews/practical exams based on the application information submitted by applicants. 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 an online supplementary enrolment (i.e. offer of surplus admission quotas) based on the enrolment situation. Details of the admission arrangements and enrolment notice will be announced in due course.

A handbook (Chinese version only) jointly published by the EDB, HKCEEC and Hok Yau Club provides comprehensive information on the Admission Scheme and pursuing studies on the Mainland, including information on all institutions participating in the Admission Scheme, programmes offered, strategy on programme choices, and accounts of experiences by graduates of the Mainland universities. The handbook is now being distributed free of charge at the Mainland Higher Education Expo 2025/26 held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre while stocks last. The e-version of the handbook as well as other details of the Admission Scheme have also been uploaded onto the EDB's website (www.edb.gov.hk/admissionscheme).

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 2025/26 academic year will be announced in mid-2025.