

Candidates interested in applying for A0, EOII, ATOII and TOII posts reminded to apply for Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test

The Government announced today (August 6) that the next round of recruitment exercises for the posts of Administrative Officer (A0), Executive Officer II (EOII), Assistant Trade Officer II (ATOII) and Transport Officer II (TOII) will begin in September.

As part of the entry requirements, applicants for these posts will need to have obtained:

- (a) Level 2 in the two language papers (Use of Chinese and Use of English) in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) or equivalent results; and
- (b) a Pass in the Aptitude Test paper in the CRE.

In addition, candidates' performance in the Basic Law Test (Degree/Professional Grades) (BLT) will be one of the considerations to assess their suitability.

The CRE and the BLT will be held in Hong Kong, and tentatively in Beijing and six overseas cities. The details are set out below:

Location	Application period (Hong Kong time)	Examination date (tentative)
Hong Kong	August 7 to 20 (5pm)	October 10 and 17 (or another date within October if necessary)
Beijing and six overseas cities (namely London, San Francisco, New York, Toronto, Vancouver and Sydney) (tentative)	To be announced later	December 5

In light of the evolving situation of COVID-19, the Civil Service Bureau will adjust arrangements of the examination if necessary. Examinations to be held outside Hong Kong are subject to regulations and prevailing measures in

that particular city and they may be deferred or cancelled in light of situation of COVID-19. Candidates who wish to take the coming CRE and BLT should refer to the website of Civil Service Bureau at www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html for any updates of the examination arrangements.

Details relating to the CRE and the BLT and an online application system will also be made available on the above website during the respective application periods, while details of the 2020-21 A0, EOII, ATOII and TOII recruitment exercises will be separately announced in September.

Candidates who submit an application for these posts later will not automatically be given places for the CRE. Therefore, candidates who wish to apply for these posts in the 2020-21 recruitment exercises but do not possess the requisite CRE results or equivalent results, as well as those who would like to take the BLT, must file a separate application to take the relevant CRE paper(s) and/or BLT during the relevant application periods. All CRE and/or BLT applicants may apply to take the examination in either Hong Kong or any one of the above-mentioned cities outside Hong Kong (i.e. Beijing and six overseas cities), but not both.