## Candidates interested in applying for AO, EOII, ATOII and TOII reminded to take part in Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law and National Security Law Test

The Government announced today (July 26) that the next round of recruitment exercises for the posts of Administrative Officer (A0), Executive Officer II (E0II), Assistant Trade Officer II (AT0II) and Transport Officer II (T0II) will begin in September 2024.

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

- (a) Level 2 in the two language papers (Use of Chinese and Use of English) in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) or other results which are accepted as equivalent (details are set out on the Civil Service Bureau (CSB)'s website at <a href="https://www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html">www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html</a>);
- (b) a Pass result in the Aptitude Test paper in the CRE; and
- (c) a Pass result in the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) (degree/professional grades).

Candidates who wish to apply for the posts mentioned above but do not attain the requisite results should apply through an online application system on the CSB's website to take the relevant paper(s) in this round of the CRE and the BLNST in order to be considered for appointment. The CRE and the BLNST will be held in Hong Kong, and tentatively in Beijing, Shanghai and five overseas cities, with details as follows:

Location	Application period	Tentative examination date
Hong Kong	July 27 to August 9 (5pm)	October 5
Beijing, Shanghai, London, New York, Toronto, Vancouver and Sydney (tentative)	To be announced later	December 7

In addition, students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree or equivalent, and graduating in the years of 2025 or 2026 are also eligible to apply for the posts and/or apply to take the CRE and the BLNST.

Details relating to the CRE and the BLNST and the online application system will be made available on the CSB's website during the respective application periods. Details of the 2024-25 AO, EOII, ATOII and TOII

recruitment exercises will be separately announced in September.

The CSB may adjust the arrangements for the CRE and the BLNST as appropriate. Please refer to the CSB's website at <a href="www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html">www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html</a> for any updates on the examination arrangements.