

EDB announces arrangements for Basic Law and National Security Law Test in 2023/24 school year

The Education Bureau (EDB) issued a circular memorandum to all schools in Hong Kong today (September 6), announcing arrangements for the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) in the 2023/24 school year.

The EDB will conduct a total of five rounds of the BLNST for degree holders and non-degree holders respectively in this school year.

The first round of the BLNST is scheduled for October 28. The target participants are persons without a bachelor's degree and planning to join or change schools to take up teaching posts at secondary and primary schools as well as kindergartens. Applications can be made through the EDB's online application system (www.edb.gov.hk/en/blnst) from 9am on September 8 to 5pm on September 21. Limited places for the test will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that a pass result in the test at a non-degree level is only applicable for applying for non-graduate teaching posts. Those who have already obtained a pass result in the BLNST organised by the EDB, the Civil Service Bureau or recruiting departments/grades will not be accepted to sit for the test again.

Starting from this school year, all newly appointed teachers in public sector schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and kindergartens joining the kindergarten education scheme (including newly joined teachers and teachers changing schools) are required to pass the BLNST in order to be considered for appointment. The requirement applies to all ranks of the teacher grade including principals.

Details about the BLNST are available on the EDB webpage (www.edb.gov.hk/en/blnst). The second to fifth rounds of the test will be held in December 2023 and April, June and July 2024 respectively. Relevant arrangements will be announced in due course.