

# FSD adjusts entry requirements from December 1

The Fire Services Department (FSD) announced today (November 29) that the eyesight test and physical fitness test requirements for entry to four grades will be adjusted to attract more applicants with different backgrounds or abilities.

With effect from December 1, the entry requirements for Station Officer (Operational), Ambulance Officer, Fireman/Firewoman (Operational/Marine) and Ambulanceman/Ambulancewoman will be adjusted as follows:

- the eyesight test requirement will be revised to allow candidates to choose to wear spectacles during the test (only applicable to Station Officer (Operational) and Fireman/Firewoman (Operational/Marine));
- the passing mark for test items in the physical fitness test will be revised and the time limit for test items will be extended; and
- inclined chin-ups will be introduced as an optional test item for candidates in the physical fitness test.

A spokesperson for the FSD said, "The FSD has always upheld the principle of meritocracy and reviews its recruitment policy from time to time to ensure that it aligns with the times, with a view to selecting candidates of the highest calibre to join the department. Upon review, the department considers that there is room for adjusting the eyesight test and physical fitness test requirements for entry to help attract a greater number of capable applicants."

The spokesperson stated that successful candidates must undergo 26 weeks of rigorous foundation training and meet the physical fitness standards required by the department. These standards will remain unchanged. Hence, making such adjustments to the entry requirements will not affect rescue work in future.

The FSD will continue to organise various activities to step up publicity efforts for recruitment, such as career talks, recruitment workshops and exhibitions, as well as diversifying the FSD Recruitment Connect Campaign, including setting up the University Connect, the Mainland Connect, the Athlete Connect and the Ethnic Minority Connect, and publicise the adjusted eyesight test and physical fitness test requirements for entry.

Please visit the following website for details of the adjusted eyesight

test and physical fitness test requirements for entry:  
[www.hkfsd.gov.hk/eng/recruitment/recruit/](http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/eng/recruitment/recruit/).