

LCQ12: Pursuing studies at local universities

Following is a question by the Hon Gary Zhang and a written reply by the Acting Secretary for Education, Dr Sze Chun-fai, in the Legislative Council today (November 27):

Question:

On pursuing studies at local universities, will the Government inform this Council:

(1) of the respective numbers of persons admitted to the bachelor's degree programmes of local universities through the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) and the Non-Joint University Programmes Admissions System (Non-JUPAS) on the basis of their Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) results in each of the past three years, and set out in Table 1 a breakdown by their HKDSE results;

Table 1

Total grade points in the best five subjects	2022		2023		2024	
	JUPAS	Non-JUPAS	JUPAS	Non-JUPAS	JUPAS	Non-JUPAS
15 points or less						
16 to 18 points						
.....						
31 to 33 points						
34 to 35 points						

(2) of the respective numbers of persons sitting for the HKDSE in 2022 to 2025 as private candidates, and set out in Table 2 a breakdown by (i) Hong Kong permanent residents, (ii) Hong Kong residents not being permanent residents and (iii) non-Hong Kong residents;

Table 2

Year	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
2022			
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2025			
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(3) of the distribution of results of candidates sitting for the HKDSE as private candidates in the past three years, and set out in Table 3 a breakdown by (i) Hong Kong permanent residents, (ii) Hong Kong residents not being permanent residents and (iii) non-Hong Kong residents; and Table 3

Total grade points in the best five subjects	2022			2023			2024		
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
15 points or less									
16 to 18 points									
.....									
31 to 33 points									
34 to 35 points									

(4) among the students admitted to the bachelor's degree programmes of local universities through JUPAS over the past three years, of the number of private candidates holding dependent visas (i.e. document category LS5)?

Reply:

President,

(1) The numbers of students admitted to first-year first-degree programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) through the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) and non-JUPAS with the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) results in the past three years are set out below:

Academic year	With HKDSE results		Total
	Admitted via JUPAS	Admitted via non-JUPAS	
2021/22	12 225	81	12 306
2022/23	12 178	19	12 197
2023/24	12 590	21	12 611

The admission results of new students of individual institutions participating in JUPAS can be found on the JUPAS website at www.jupas.edu.hk.

(2) There are no restrictions on the nationalities of candidates sitting for the HKDSE, nor is there any requirement for applicants to use a specified

type of identity document. Individual students may, depending on their circumstances, provide valid identity documents other than Hong Kong Identity Cards (HKID cards) when registering for the HKDSE. Therefore, the nationality of a candidate and whether the candidate is a permanent resident of Hong Kong cannot be confirmed solely on the basis of the type of identity document concerned. The numbers of students who registered for the HKDSE as private candidates in the last four cohorts (from 2022 to 2025) and, among them, the numbers of those who registered with documents other than HKID cards are set out in the table below:

Year	No. of private candidates registered	Among which, the no. of those who registered with documents other than HKID cards
2022	6 959	295
2023	7 637	238
2024	7 431	549
2025 (As at October 28, 2024)	9 410	1 027

(3) The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority does not keep individual statistics on the results of private candidates, and the statistics do not include personal data such as the nationalities of the candidates and whether they are permanent residents of Hong Kong.

(4) The Education Bureau does not collect data on whether students admitted to UGC-funded programmes through JUPAS are holders of dependant visas or whether they are HKDSE private candidates.