

# New round of applications for Common Recruitment Examination opens tomorrow

A new round of the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) will open for application from tomorrow (March 29). Prospective applicants for civil service posts at the degree or professional level should apply through the online application system on the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) webpage before the deadline of 11.59pm on April 11, 2025.

A spokesman for the CSB reminded persons planning to apply for civil service posts at the degree or professional level in the near future that they are required to have valid CRE results and should make use of the opportunity to take part in this round of examination, tentatively scheduled to be held on June 7, 2025.

The pool of eligible candidates for civil service jobs requiring an undergraduate degree has been expanded to students in their third year of undergraduate studies (in a four-year curriculum). Therefore, this round of examination will be open to holders of a degree, or a professional qualification meeting the entry requirement of the posts, or undergraduate students graduating in the academic year of 2024/25 or 2025/26.

The CRE consists of three papers, namely the Use of Chinese (UC), the Use of English (UE) and the Aptitude Test (AT). Results in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSEE) or other specified public examinations are accepted as equivalents to different levels of results for the UC and UE. Therefore, applicants who have attained the specified results in the language subjects concerned in the HKDSEE or other specified public examinations will not be arranged to take the UC and/or UE paper(s). Please visit the CSB webpage ([www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html](http://www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html)) for the specified results and the language subjects concerned. Applicants should note that different civil service posts have different Chinese and English language proficiency requirements. No public examination results are accepted as being equivalent to the AT. Applicants for some civil service posts at the degree or professional level are required to obtain a pass result in the AT paper in order to be eligible for applying for the posts concerned.

Applicants may choose to take any of the CRE papers in the coming examination.

The CSB will soon launch a digitalised Basic Law and National Security Law Test (Degree/Professional Grades) (BLNST) providing a digitalised examination service at a fixed test centre so that candidates can take the test throughout the year rather than on designated test dates. In view of the coming launch of the digitalised BLNST, with effect from June 2025, the CSB will no longer organise the paper-based BLNST on the same day of the CRE in Hong Kong. Details of the implementation of the digitalised BLNST will be announced in the second quarter of 2025.

The application details for the new round of the CRE will be uploaded to the CSB webpage ([www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html](http://www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html)) tomorrow. Applicants must apply through an online application system on the CSB's website. Applications submitted by post, fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

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