

Results of Primary One discretionary places to be released on Monday

The results of Primary One discretionary places for September 2024 will be released on Monday (November 20) by all government and aided primary schools.

A spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) said today (November 17), "There are 42 277 children applying for discretionary places in government and aided primary schools this year, of whom 21 086 will be offered a place in these schools. Among them a total of 11 138 children are applicants with sibling(s) studying or with parent(s) working in the schools that they have applied to, whereas the remaining 9 948 are selected according to the Points System."

Parents are reminded to bring the parent's copy of the paper Application Form for Primary One Admission (POA) and check the results of their discretionary place application between 9am and 5pm on Monday at the school to which they have applied. Parents who have already activated their POA e-platform (ePOA) account can check the results via the ePOA from 10am on that day.

Parents whose children have been offered a discretionary place are advised to note carefully the registration arrangements of the schools concerned and the documents required for registration, such as the parent's copy of the paper Application Form for POA or the electronic application record in the ePOA, as well as the specified number of photographs of their children. They should register their children on Wednesday (November 22) or Thursday (November 23) at the school to which they have applied during school hours.

"Parents who cannot register within the specified period should notify the person-in-charge of the school in advance to make alternative arrangements. Otherwise, they will be deemed to have given up their discretionary place," the spokesman said.

Under the POA System, each government or aided primary school may make use of about 50 per cent of its total Primary One places as discretionary places. The approximate 50 per cent of places remaining will be reserved for Central Allocation at a later stage.

"Parents of applicant children who have failed to secure a discretionary place or who have opted for Central Allocation only will be invited by the EDB via letter in mid-January 2024 to submit the Choice of Schools Form via ePOA from January 22 to 28 or to make choices of schools for Central Allocation at a designated Central Allocation Centre on January 27 or 28. We encourage parents to register with 'iAM Smart+' (www.iamsmart.gov.hk/en/reg.html) as early as possible and activate their

ePOA account using 'iAM Smart+' for more convenient and faster electronic services.

"For applications for participation in POA 2024 made after January 28, parents are required to approach the School Places Allocation Section of the EDB to complete the necessary procedures. The EDB will separately arrange a Primary One place for the applicant children in June 2024," the spokesman said.

"Parents should note that once their children have been allocated a Primary One place, they cannot take part in the POA System again in the future," he added.