

Second School Allocation Exercise 2018 invites applications for two new special school premises

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (September 14) that two new special school premises under planning at Renfrew Road in Kowloon Tong are open for application in the Second School Allocation Exercise (SAE) 2018 by eligible applicant bodies for (1) operation of a new special school for children with mild intellectual disability (MiID) at Site A, and (2) operation of a new special school for children with MiID and moderate intellectual disability (MoID) with boarding facilities for children with MoID at Site B. Details of the two new special school premises under planning are set out in the Annex.

"Allocation of the school premises will be conducted on a competitive basis. Quality of education will be the prime consideration in assessing the applications submitted by applicant bodies. Factors to be considered include the operation track record of the applicant bodies and the quality of the proposed school plan in running the new special school (for allocation of the new school premises with boarding facilities at Site B, the plan should also cover boarding services). In the event that the overall assessments of more than one applicant are comparable, preference would be given to the applicant(s) with proven track record in running special schools in Hong Kong, especially schools for children with intellectual disability," an EDB spokesman said.

All applications will be considered by the School Allocation Committee, comprising official and non-official members. Applicant bodies are required to complete the appropriate application form and submit it together with the required supporting documents, a proposed school plan (of not more than 10 pages for Site A and 15 pages for Site B including all annexes, plus a two-page executive summary), and a list of operating schools, if any. The proposed school plan should cover the vision and mission, management and organisation, learning and teaching, school ethos and support for students, students' performance targets and self-evaluation indicators, etc. The applicant body may also make reference to the school(s) that it is operating and their respective performance to substantiate its case.

In line with the EDB's established policy for school allocation, when submitting the application, the applicant body should be exempt from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and be:

(1) incorporated under the Companies Ordinance (the successful applicant body would be required to ensure that its articles of association contain all the standard clauses and articles required for allocation of a school premises);
or

(2) incorporated under other ordinances, with its constitution satisfying the Permanent Secretary for Education as being fit to be considered for allocation of a school premises.

Applicant bodies not possessing the incorporation status and non-profit-making status under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance are not eligible for application and their applications will not be processed.

The application form for the Second SAE 2018 and other reference materials can be downloaded from the EDB homepage (www.edb.gov.hk/en/sch-admin/sch-premises-info/allocation-of-sch/index.html). More information on this SAE can also be found on the homepage.

The duly completed application form and supporting documents, together with 22 copies of the proposed school plan with the executive summary (for allocation of the new school premises with boarding facilities at Site B, the plan should cover both the school and boarding facilities) and list of operating schools, if any, should reach the Infrastructure and Research Support Division of the EDB (6/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong) by 5pm on October 15. Late or incomplete applications, as well as applications via email, will not be processed.

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