

# Applications for Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test in Hong Kong open from August 2

Prospective applicants for civil service posts at degree or professional level can apply from August 2 to sit the Common Recruitment Examination and Basic Law Test (CRE and BLT) scheduled to be held on October 5 and 12 in Hong Kong.

A spokesman for the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) today (July 31) said that valid CRE results are required of applicants for civil service posts at degree or professional level, unless applicants possess equivalent results in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination or other specified public examinations (the relevant details are available on the CSB webpage). Persons interested in applying for civil service posts at degree or professional level in the near future may wish to consider sitting the coming examination so as to be eligible to apply for these posts, which may become available before another CRE is held.

In addition, applicants for civil service posts will be assessed on their Basic Law knowledge. The result of the BLT will be one of the considerations to assess the suitability of a candidate.

Applicants for the coming CRE and BLT should be holders of a degree, or a qualification meeting the entry requirement on professional qualifications for civil service degree or professional posts, or university students who will have attained a degree in the 2019-20 academic year. Applicants may choose to take any of the CRE papers and/or the BLT paper in the coming examination.

Persons interested in taking the examination may apply from August 2 through the online application system on the CSB webpage at [www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html](http://www.csb.gov.hk/eng/cre.html); or by using the CRE and BLT application form (CSB31 (7/2019)), which can be downloaded from the CSB webpage or obtained from any Home Affairs Enquiry Centre of the Home Affairs Department or Job Centre of the Labour Department. Applications must be made before 5pm on August 15 (Hong Kong time).

For the convenience of those studying or residing outside Hong Kong, the CRE and BLT is also scheduled to be held on December 7, 2019, in seven other cities, namely Beijing, London, San Francisco, New York, Toronto, Vancouver and Sydney. Applications for taking the examination outside Hong Kong will be open from September 21 to October 4, 2019. Persons applying to sit the examination in Hong Kong will not be allowed to apply again for sitting the examination outside Hong Kong.

More details about the coming CRE and BLT to be held in Hong Kong will be available on the CSB webpage from August 2. General enquiries may be

directed to the Civil Service Examinations Unit by phone at 2537 6429 or by email to [csbcseu@csb.gov.hk](mailto:csbcseu@csb.gov.hk).