

Arrangements for change in result reporting systems of HKDSE Category C Other Languages subjects announced

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (May 21) the arrangements for the change in result reporting systems of Category C Other Languages (OL) subjects with effect from the 2025 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination. The results attaining specific examination grades/language proficiency levels of the OL subjects will continue to be accepted as meeting the entry requirements of relevant civil service grades.

According to the new arrangements for Category C OL subjects (French, German, Japanese, Korean and Spanish) announced by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) in 2022 for the 2025 HKDSE Examination and onwards, candidates should take the stipulated language examinations administered by the respective official organisations in Hong Kong. Their results obtained at the stipulated examination grades/language proficiency levels or above will be included in the HKDSE Examination Category C results and reported on the HKDSE certificates. For details, please refer to the HKEAA website

(www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/HKDSE/assessment/subject_information/category_c_subjects/).

In response to the change in the result reporting systems of the OL subjects, the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) accepts, from the 2025 HKDSE Examination results release day (i.e. July 16) onwards, the specific examination grades/language proficiency levels attained in the OL examinations (Note) as meeting the requirements of "Level 2/Level 3 in one of the five subjects in the HKDSE Examination" for civil service non-degree grade appointment purpose. Regarding the OL results obtained in the 2024 HKDSE Examination or before, the existing acceptance arrangement will remain unchanged. For information about the recruitment of civil service jobs, please visit the CSB website (www.csb.gov.hk/english/recruit/7.html).

An EDB spokesman said the Government has long been offering the OL subjects as elective subjects at the senior secondary level to enable students to fully develop their potential and nurture a new generation with global vision and multilingual abilities, thereby further strengthening Hong Kong's distinctive advantage of having strong support from the motherland and maintaining close connections to the world.

Note:

Specific examination grades/language proficiency levels of HKDSE Category C OL subjects refer to:

- A2 or above (i.e. A2, B1, B2, C1 & C2 (highest)) in French/German/Spanish;
- N3 or above (i.e. N3, N2 & N1 (highest)) in Japanese; and
- TOPIK II Grade 3 or above (i.e. TOPIK II Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 (highest))

in Korean.