

LCQ10: Joint University Programmes Admissions System

Following is a question by the Hon Gary Zhang and a written reply by the Secretary for Education, Dr Choi Yuk-lin, in the Legislative Council today (May 21):

Question:

It is learnt that applicants who wish to apply for admission to the programmes under the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) should submit their applications by the deadline in December of the year preceding the intended school year of admission. Applicants who have missed the deadline may typically submit late applications from December of the same year to May of the following year. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether it knows the number of applications processed under JUPAS in each of the past five years and this year to date, and the number of late applications among them (with a tabulated breakdown by the type of documents held by the applicants (i.e. LS1 to LS9))?

Reply:

President,

The Joint University Programmes Admission System (JUPAS) is the main application route to assist local students with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results (past and/or current) in applying for admission to post-secondary programmes. These programmes include the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded full-time bachelor's degree programmes, Hong Kong Metropolitan University's self-financing full-time bachelor's degree programmes, and the Education University of Hong Kong's UGC-funded full-time higher diploma programme.

After consultation with the JUPAS Office, our reply to the Hon Gary Zhang's question is as follows –

The JUPAS Office has published historical application statistics, including the total number of applicants, on the JUPAS statistics webpage. Over the past five JUPAS admissions exercises (2020-2024), the numbers of applicants (as at the Day of Announcement of Main Round Offer Results) were 41 664, 40 658, 39 523, 39 948 and 39 634 respectively. Details are on the relevant website at www.jupas.edu.hk/en/statistics/main-round-offer.

In the aforementioned admissions exercises, late applications on average accounted for about 2 per cent of the overall applications, which has maintained at a relatively stable level. The majority of these late applications were from the LS1 category (i.e. Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card holders), representing an average of about 96 per cent of the late

applications. The percentage also remained consistently stable. There were only few late applicants in other categories.