

## Certification Course for Kindergarten<sup>1</sup> Principals

### Preamble

1. Information of a Certification Course for Kindergarten Principals has been uploaded to the Approved Course List for Course Fee Reimbursement on the Education Bureau Webpage. Serving principals/teachers who had completed the Principal-ship Training Course for Kindergarten Principals and Child Care Centre Supervisors conducted by the University of Hong Kong (HKU) from the 2001/02 to 2002/03 school years and that by the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) from the 2003/04 to 2005/06 school years are considered as having completed the Certification Course for Kindergarten Principals. It is hence recommended that they do not need to attend the Certification Course.

### Background

2. The policy targets for professional upgrading of kindergarten principals and teachers as stipulated in the Education Bureau Circular No. 1/2007 on new Initiatives in Pre-primary Education require all new principals from the 2009/10 school year to have a degree in early childhood education, and one-year post-qualification experience. **Furthermore, all new principals from the 2009/10 school year should also have completed a Certification Course before, or exceptionally within the first year of, their appointment.**
3. Except for those principals/teachers who had completed the Principal-ship Training Course for Kindergarten Principals and Child Care Centre Supervisors conducted by HKU and HIKEd between 2001/02 to 2002/03 and 2003/04 to 2005/06 school years respectively, all other serving principals are expected to complete the Certification Course by the end of the 2011/12 school year.

### Details

4. The course framework for the Certification Course for Kindergarten Principals is at Annex 1. [http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/en/Content\\_5828/cert\\_course\\_framework\\_e.pdf](http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/en/Content_5828/cert_course_framework_e.pdf)  
Names of local tertiary institutions which will offer courses according to the course framework have been uploaded to the Approved Course List for Course Fee Reimbursement on the Education Bureau's Webpage.  
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<sup>1</sup> Kindergartens (KGs) include kindergarten-cum-child care centres subsequent to harmonization of pre-primary services as of 1 September 2005.

5. Principals/aspiring principals may apply for reimbursement of the tuition fee upon their satisfactory completion of the Course in accordance with the prevailing arrangements of course fee reimbursement for different types of kindergartens under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme. Aspiring principals must be holding or pursuing a Bachelor degree in early childhood education in order to apply for course fee reimbursement.

**Application**

6. It is expected that Tertiary Institutions concerned will announce details of the Course and accept applications in late December, 2007. Kindergarten principals and aspiring principals should apply to the Institutions direct.
7. For admission details, please refer to the following webpages of respective Institutions:  
CUHK : <http://www.fed.cuhk.edu.hk/~hkier>  
HKBU: <http://www.sce.hkbu.edu.hk/info/ckgp>  
HKIED: <http://www.ied.edu.hk/ece>

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