

School Places Allocation Systems

Secondary Six Admission Procedure 2008

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Stage V (Central Allocation)

Q1 What is the Secondary Six Central Allocation?

A: The Secondary Six Central Allocation is the 5th Stage of the Secondary Six Admission Procedure. Through a computerized allocation process, the remaining S6 places from government, aided and caput schools after Stages I-IV will be allotted to students participating in the Central Allocation.

Q2 Who are eligible for participating in the Secondary Six Central Allocation?

A: To be eligible for the Central Allocation of Secondary Six places, an applicant must:

- (i) be a current year HKCEE candidate who has not obtained a Secondary 6 place;
- (ii) have attained, in the current year HKCEE, 4 points in at least 4 subjects other than Chinese and English, or 5 points or more in the best 3 subjects other than Chinese and English and each subject shall carry at least one point (Grades A to E are given the numerical values of 5 to 1 respectively for calculation of scores for subjects other than Chinese and English. A pass in a quality-assured Applied Learning (ApL) course will be counted as one point. The maximum number of points accumulated in respect of the ApL courses is two); and
- (iii) have taken the English Language examination in the HKCEE in the current year or previous year(s);
- (iv) have taken the Chinese Language examination in the HKCEE in current or previous year(s), unless he/she meets the specific conditions (such as having a late start in the learning of the Chinese Language or not having been given full opportunities to learn the local Chinese curriculum) and has taken a recognised alternative Chinese Language examination (i.e. GCSE/IGCSE/GCE O-level) with result pending for release in late August or has already obtained Grade D or above in the above-mentioned recognised alternative Chinese Language examination; and
- (v) be a HK permanent resident, or an immigrant holding a HK Identity Card with a right of access to school places in the public sector.

Notes:

- i) **If a student is using recognised alternative Chinese Language qualifications for S6 application, he/she should also sign a declaration when submitting the “Choice of Schools Form” to declare that he/she meets the specific conditions (such as having a late start in the learning of the Chinese Language or not having been given full opportunities to learn the local Chinese curriculum), and has taken a recognised alternative Chinese Language examination (i.e. GCSE/IGCSE/GCE O-level) with result pending for release in late August or has already obtained Grade D or above in the above-mentioned recognised alternative Chinese Language examination.**

- ii) If a student using recognised alternative Chinese Language qualifications for S6 application is allocated a S6 place, he/she should provide the allocated school before September with the documentary proof of having obtained a recognised alternative Chinese Language qualification (i.e obtained Grade D or above in the Chinese Language examination in GCSE/IGCSE/GCE O-level) as well as having met the specific conditions (such as having a late start in the learning of the Chinese Language or not having been given full opportunities to learn the local Chinese curriculum); otherwise the allocated school can decide as to whether to cancel his/her S6 place.

Q3 Where may students apply for the Secondary Six Central Allocation?

A: Eligible students for this stage may apply for Central Allocation at one of the following application centres from 9:00 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. on 7 August 2008 (Thursday):

Hong Kong Queen's College
120 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Kowloon Homantin Government Secondary School
8 Perth Street, Homantin, Kowloon

New Territories Sha Tin Government Secondary School
11-17 Man Lai Road, Shatin

NTHYK Yuen Long District Secondary School
123 Kau Yuk Road, Yuen Long

Liu Po Shan Memorial College
22-66 Wai Tsuen Road, Tsuen Wan

Q4 What documents must students bring when applying for the Secondary Six Central Allocation?

A: Students should bring along their Hong Kong Identity Card and their current year HKCEE Results Notice and documentary proof of having taken examination in English Language and Chinese Language in HKCEE in the current year/previous year(s).

Q5 What are the application procedures for the Secondary Six Central Allocation?

A: At the time of application, students will be provided with a list of schools with S6 vacancies, as well as a Choice of Schools Form. Students should indicate their choices clearly on the Choice of Schools Form.

Q6 What may students choose on the allocation form?

A: The application form is divided into two parts. In Part I, students may select the schools according to their own preferences while in Part II, they may indicate their Area and Stream preferences.

Students who meet specific conditions (such as having a late start in the learning of the Chinese Language or not having been given full opportunities to learn the local Chinese curriculum) and use recognised alternative Chinese Language qualifications for S6 application should only select schools indicating that they will consider these students.

Q7 Must applicants complete all the boxes on the Choices of Schools Form?

A: Applicants need not fill in all boxes. Instead, they should make appropriate choices according to their results, interests, as well as streams offered and subjects required by the schools. Applicants should also consider carefully before selecting schools or areas which are distant and inaccessible for them.

Q8 How does the computer perform central allocation?

A: Allocation will be carried out according to the HKCEE results of applicants and whether they meet the admission criteria laid down by the schools. Applicants with the same score will be assigned a random number by the computer to determine their priority in the whole allocation process. Students who meet specific conditions (such as having a late start in the learning of the Chinese Language or not having been given full opportunities to learn the local Chinese curriculum) and use recognised alternative Chinese Language qualifications for S6 application will not be allocated to the schools which have not indicated that they will consider these students.

Q9 Will students be allocated to the schools selected in Part I only?

A: No. In the case that all places of the schools elected by a student in Part I have been allocated to other students with better results, he/she might be allocated to a school according to his/her Area and Stream Preferences in Part II.

Q10 Will all students taking part in the Secondary Six Central Allocation be allocated an S6 place?

A: Not necessarily. Whether applicants are allocated an S6 place or not mainly depends on the supply and demand of S6 places in Stage V, applicants' HKCEE results and the admission criteria laid down by the schools.

Q11 Under what circumstances will the Secondary Six Central Allocation be cancelled?

A: In the event that **no** S6 vacancy is available, or S6 vacancies available in **only one school** after Stage IV, the Central Allocation will be cancelled, and the application centres will not be operated. In case there are vacancies in only one school, eligible current year HKCEE candidates should apply to that school direct. Details of the school and the time for application will be announced in the evening of 6 August 2008 (Wednesday).

Q12 When will the Central Allocation results be released?

A: Results of the Central Allocation will be announced on the Education Bureau Homepage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/s6ap>) at 6:00 p.m. on 11 August 2008 (Monday). Applicants may also enquire the allocation results at the Regional Education Offices from 9:00 a.m. the following day.

Q13 What are the registration procedures for a successful applicant?

A: The successful applicant should go in person to the allocated school for registration before 3:30 p.m. on 12 August 2008 (Tuesday), bringing along their Hong Kong Identity Card and their HKCEE Results Notice. Students using recognised alternative Chinese Language qualifications for S6 application should also bring along documentary proof of having taken examination of/obtained the recognised alternative Chinese Language qualification as well as having met the specific conditions (such as having a late start in the learning of the Chinese Language or not having been given full opportunities to learn the local Chinese curriculum). Students may make reference to Part VI of the ‘Notice to Applicants for Central Allocation (Stage V)’ regarding the “Release of Central Allocation Results” obtained in the application centres.

Q14 If a student is not successful in the Secondary Six Central Allocation, will he/she be able to secure an S6 place?

A: If a student is still unable to secure an S6 place after the completion of Stage V, he/she may be able to get a place at the beginning of the new school year because some successful students may decide not to take up their places. The S6 vacancy information in Hong Kong will be available on the Education Bureau Homepage and at all Regional Education Offices throughout September for reference of students. Applications should be made to these schools direct. Admission will be entirely at the discretion of the school authorities.