

School Places Allocation Systems

Secondary Six Admission Procedure 2009

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

Q1 What is the Secondary Six Central Allocation?

A: The Secondary Six Central Allocation is Stage V 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 points 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 regarding the ApL courses is two); and
- (iii) have taken the English Language examination in the HKCEE in current 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 (i.e. he/she has learned Chinese Language for less than six years while receiving primary and secondary education or has learned Chinese Language for six years or more in schools, but has been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in the local schools) and has taken an 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 alternative Chinese Language examination; and
- (v) be an HK permanent resident, or an immigrant holding an HK Identity Card with a right of access to school places in the public sector.

Notes:

- i) **If a student is using 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 (i.e. he/she has learned Chinese Language for less than six years while receiving primary and secondary education or has learned Chinese Language for six years or more in schools, but has been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in the local schools), and has taken an 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 alternative Chinese Language examination.

- ii) If a student using alternative Chinese Language qualifications for S6 application is allocated an S6 place, he/she should provide the allocated school before September with the documentary proof of having obtained an 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 (i.e. he/she has learned Chinese Language for less than six years while receiving primary and secondary education or has learned Chinese Language for six years or more in schools, but has been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in the local schools); 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 8 August 2009 (Saturday):

Hong Kong	Queen's College 120 Causeway Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Kowloon	Kowloon Technical School 332-334 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo, 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

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

A: Students should bring along their Hong Kong Identity Cards and their current year HKCEE Results Notices 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.

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 point will be assigned random numbers by the computer to determine their priority in the whole allocation process.

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

A: No. In the case that all places of the schools selected 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: No. 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 are available in **only one school** after Stage IV, the Central Allocation will be cancelled, and the application centres will not operate. 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 7 August 2009 (Friday).

Q12 When will the Central Allocation results be released?

A: Results of the Central Allocation will be announced on the Education Bureau S6AP webpage (http://www.edb.gov.hk/s6ap_e) at 6:00 p.m. on 12 August 2009 (Wednesday). 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 13 August 2009 (Thursday), bringing along his/her Hong Kong Identity Card and his/her HKCEE Results Notice. Student using alternative Chinese Language qualifications for S6 application should also bring along documentary proof of having taken examination/obtained the alternative Chinese Language qualification as well as having met the specific conditions (i.e. he/she has learned Chinese Language for less than six years while receiving primary and secondary education or has learned Chinese Language for six years or more in schools, but has been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in the local schools). 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. Information on schools with S6 vacancies will be available on the Education Bureau S6AP webpage 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.