

## Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 116/2010

From: Permanent Secretary for Education To: Supervisors / Heads of all aided,  
Ref.: EDB(CD/C&S)/F&A/65/1/1(3) government and caput secondary  
Date: 2 July 2010 schools, secondary schools under the  
Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) and  
special schools with senior  
secondary classes

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### Extended Application Deadline for Diversity Learning Grant and Applied Learning Courses

(Note: This circular memorandum should be read by heads and teachers of all secondary schools – for necessary action.)

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this circular memorandum (CM) is to inform schools of the extended application deadline for -

- Diversity Learning Grant (DLG) for Other Languages (OL) and Other Programmes (OP) for the second cohort of New Senior Secondary (NSS) students (2010/11-2012/13 school years) ; and
- Applied Learning (ApL) courses (2010-12 cohort) for the first cohort of NSS students. (2009/10-2011/12 school years).

#### DETAILS

##### *Extended Deadline for Application for DLG (2010/11-2012/13 school years)*

2. To facilitate schools to have more time to search for their network partners and/or explore the qualified course providers for OL courses, the deadline for DLG application is extended to **12 August 2010 (Thursday)**. Schools that have submitted their applications **do not** need to re-submit them unless changes on their applications occurred. If so, please indicate '**Amendment**' on top of the application form for our easy reference. Please refer to Education Bureau (EDB) CM No. 13/2010 for details of application procedure for OL and OP.

3. Please note that application after **12 August 2010 (Thursday)** will NOT be accepted. The DLG provision will be disbursed by the end of August. Schools are reminded to keep separate ledger accounts for each category of DLG for each cohort of students and to record all the income and expenditure chargeable to OL, OP and ApL respectively.

### ***Extended Deadline for Application for NSS ApL courses (2010-12 Cohort)***

4. In response to recent requests from schools and students for submitting applications for the first NSS cohort of ApL courses (2010-12 cohort) after the original deadline scheduled on 9 April 2010, in particular for the last cohort of Secondary 5 graduates who switch to the NSS curriculum at Secondary 5 in the 2010/11 school year, special arrangements have been made for schools to submit applications for students who missed the original deadline or those who have not been given any offers in the first round application<sup>Note</sup>.

5. All schools with students currently studying at Secondary 4 or potential 2010 Secondary 5 graduates who wish to study the new senior secondary curriculum and take ApL courses as elective subjects in the 2010/11-2011/12 school years may submit applications to the EDB on or before **12 August 2010 (Thursday)** to facilitate the arrangement of selection interviews by course providers. Application beyond this extended deadline will thus NOT be accepted. Schools may submit applications through ONE of the following ways -

- electronically via the 'ApL Module' in Web-based School Administration and Management System (WebSAMS); or
- completing and submitting the 'Application Form' by Fax (no.: 2714 2456) — available at the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/apl>) (for non-WebSAMS users only).

6. For details, please refer to EDB CM No. 144/2009 issued on 30 September 2009. For further references on NSS ApL courses (including course synopsis, course fees, list of ApL courses available for selection by students, etc.), please refer to the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/apl>).

### **ENQUIRY**

7. For enquiries on OL and OP, please contact Miss Diana TANG at 2892 6433. For enquiries on ApL, please contact the ApL Section at 3698 3186.

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<sup>Note</sup> Students who have not been given any offers in the first round application may consider applying for other ApL courses that are available for selection.