

JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Under the existing policy, all Secondary Three (S3) students in publicly-funded schools who have the ability and wish to continue their study will be provided with subsidized Secondary Four (S4) places or training places.
- The Junior Secondary Education Assessment (JSEA) System is a system of allocation of subsidized S4 places or Post Secondary Three (PS3) craft course places to S3 leavers.

Admission to S4 or PS3 Craft Courses

- **Admission to S4**
 - S3 students are promoted as far as possible to S4 in their own schools according to their academic performance.
 - Students who cannot gain promotion to S4 in their own schools will have to participate in the Central Allocation for subsidized S4 places or PS3 craft course places.
 - Senior Secondary (SS) schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme will recruit S4 students on their own before end of May 2006. S3 students may apply to the SS schools direct for admission. Besides, S3 students may also apply for the remaining S4 places of SS schools through the Central Allocation mechanism under the JSEA System.
- **Admission to PS3 craft courses**
 - Students may also apply for the full-time PS3 craft courses offered by the Vocational Training Council, Construction Industry Training Authority and Clothing Industry Training Authority through interview or the Central Allocation mechanism. Students who wish to apply for these courses through interviews should complete an application form and return it through their school to the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) for processing around March 2006.
- Students who have been admitted to any of the SS schools or PS3 craft courses will not be allocated other subsidized S4 places or craft course places.

THE SECONDARY FOUR PLACES ALLOCATION METHOD

- To enhance impartiality and to ensure that each subsidized S4 class is filled to the maximum permitted capacity, the allocation of subsidized S4 places is carried out on a territory-wide basis.
- Under the Secondary Four Places Allocation Method, EMB will base on the Eligibility Rate (ER) and Eligibility Quota (EQ) of individual schools to determine the priority of S3 students for allocation of subsidized S4 places.
- EMB will inform schools of their ER and EQ in April and June 2006 respectively. The calculation of ER takes into account the academic performance of the current S3 students, the total number of S4 places available and the ER of each school in the previous year. The calculation of EQ is based on the ER of each school, the number of S3 students as at entry, the number of dropouts, the number of students offered PS3 craft courses and those admitted to Direct Subsidy Scheme schools.
- The calculation of ER and the priority of S3 students to be allocated subsidized S4 places depend largely on the S3 students' performance in the school internal assessment. In this connection, participating schools are annually required to submit to EMB those students' half-yearly and yearly order of merit.
- For schools with sufficient S4 places to accommodate their own S3 students, all their students within the EQ will be promoted to S4 in their own schools. The rest of the students will have to participate in the Central Allocation.
- For schools with insufficient S4 places to accommodate their own S3 students, the students of the highest order of merit within the EQ will be selected to fill the S4 places of their own schools. The rest of the students will have to participate in the Central Allocation.
- In the case of participating schools without S4 classes, all students will participate in the Central Allocation.

CENTRAL ALLOCATION

- In June 2006, EMB will distribute to each student participating in the Central Allocation a Parents' Guidebook for Choice of Schools and a Secondary Four / Craft Courses Choice Form. Parents can make their choices of schools, school districts and PS3 craft courses in order of preference in the Choice Form.
- S4 and PS3 craft course places are allocated to all participating students through a computerized procedure, based on parental choice and order of merit scaled by the Secondary School Places Allocation Standard Scores.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

- Allocation results will be released in August 2006. Students allocated subsidized S4 places in schools other than their own or PS3 craft courses will each be given a Registration Form. These students should report to the school/institute/training centre to which they are allocated on the date specified.
- Registration forms will not be issued to students who have been offered S4 places in their own schools. Schools will register these students in the same way as those students admitted to other levels.

ENQUIRIES

Parents seeking further information should contact the School Places Allocation Section of EMB.

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