

School Places Allocation

Primary One Admission (POA) System 2018 Choice of Schools Exercise for Central Allocation Frequently Asked Questions

- Question (1) Who are eligible for participation in POA 2018?
- Answer (1) To be eligible for participation in POA 2018, a child must
- (a) reach the age of 5 years 8 months when he/she is enrolled in P1 in September 2018 (i.e. **born on or before 31 December 2012**);
 - (b) be a Hong Kong resident;
 - (c) not be attending any primary schools; and
 - (d) have never been allocated a P1 place.
- Question (2) If parents have already submitted an application form during the “Discretionary Places Admission” stage but their children have not been offered a discretionary place, should they submit another application form again for Central Allocation?
- Answer (2) A fresh application for Central Allocation is NOT necessary. Parents will be invited by letter by the Education Bureau (EDB) in late January 2018 to go to a designated Central Allocation Centre in their home net on 3 or 4 February 2018 to make choices of schools for Central Allocation. If parents have not received the letter by 30 January 2018, they should contact the School Places Allocation Section (Hong Kong Island & Islands 2832 7610, Kowloon 2832 7620, NT West 2832 7635, NT East 2832 7659).
- Question (3) What should parents bring along when they go to the Central Allocation Centre to make choices of schools?
- Answer (3) Parents should bring along the following documents:
- (a) Hong Kong Identity Card / Identity document(s); and
 - (b) the letter inviting parents to make choices of schools or the parent’s copy of the ‘Application Form for Admission to Primary One’.
- Question (4) What should parents do if they are unable to go to the designated Central Allocation Centre on 3 February or 4 February to make choices of schools?
- Answer (4) If parents are unable to go to the designated Central Allocation Centre on the specified dates, they should authorize in writing a representative to complete the ‘Choice of Schools’ form on their behalf. Parents may use or make reference to the sample letters of authorization available on the Homepage of the Education Bureau.

- Question (5) How can parents obtain the school lists of all school nets / the 'Choice of Schools List for Central Allocation' for applicant children residing in the Mainland?
- Answer (5) Parents will receive a letter inviting them to make choices of schools together with a 'Choice of Schools List for Central Allocation' of their home net / 'Choice of Schools List for Central Allocation (For Applicant Children Residing in the Mainland)' in late January 2018. The Choice of School Lists for Central Allocation of all school nets are available for parents' reference at the kindergarten or the kindergarten-cum-child care centre their child is attending. Besides, the 'Choice of Schools List for Central Allocation' of individual school nets can also be obtained from the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>) and the 24-hour Automatic Telephone Enquiry System at 2891 0088 (facsimile services).
- Question (6) How is the Central Allocation processed?
- Answer (6) The computer-programmed Central Allocation will first process Part A ('Unrestricted School Choices') and then Part B [choices of 'Choice of Schools List for Central Allocation' of their home net / 'Choice of Schools List for Central Allocation (For Applicant Children Residing in the Mainland)']. During the process of Central Allocation, the computer will first assign a 'Random Number' to each applicant child. The allocation of places will be based on parental choices and 'Random Numbers' of the applicant children to ensure fairness.
- Question (7) What should parents do if they have more than one child participating in the Central Allocation and wish to have them allocated to the same school?
- Answer (7) If a parent with more than one child participating in the Central Allocation wishes to have his/her children allocated to the same school, he/she is advised to make identical choices on the 'Choice of Schools Forms' of his/her children. In such cases, his/her children would be put under one 'Random Number' during the school place allocation process.
- Question (8) When will the results of Central Allocation be released?
- Answer (8) The results of Central Allocation will be released on 2 and 3 June 2018.
- Question (9) What should parents do if they apply for POA 2018 for their children after 4 February 2018 but wish to arrange their children to attend Primary 1 in September 2018?
- Answer (9) For applications for participation in POA 2018 after 4 February 2018, parents need to complete the necessary procedures with the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau (Address: Office 2, 2/F, Manulife Financial Centre, 223 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon). The Education Bureau will separately arrange a Primary One place for the applicant children in June 2018.