

Increase in fines under the Education Ordinance and Education Regulations

- Background:**
- A resolution was passed by the Legislative Council on 31 May 2000 to increase the fines under the Education Ordinance and Education Regulations in view of the concern that the fines under the Ordinance and Regulations were inadequate.
 - The opportunity was also taken to convert the fines to the appropriate levels according to the standard scale of fines under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221).

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Commencement date: 2 June 2000

Scale of fines: Standard scale of fines under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) –

Level 1	\$2000
Level 2	\$5,000
Level 3	\$10,000
Level 4	\$25,000
Level 5	\$50,000
Level 6	\$100,000

- Details of amendments:**
- (a) Increase the level of fine in section 84(3) of the Education Ordinance from \$5,000 to \$250,000 so that contravention of the regulations made under this section may attract a maximum fine of \$250,000;
 - (b) Increase the levels of fines in various other sections of the Education Ordinance on the basis of inflation and substituting the monetary value of the fines, where appropriate, by appropriate levels of fines under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance; and
 - (c) Amend regulation 102 to provide for a maximum fine of \$250,000 for over-enrollment in contravention of regulation 87, and a maximum fine of \$50,000 (i.e. Level 5) for contravening other regulations