

**Applied Learning Course Provision
Invitation to Expression of Interest**

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Disclaimer

1. The purpose of this Expression of Interest exercise is to invite market feedback, on a non-committal basis, on whether there are institutions interested in developing Applied Learning courses which will be offered for the cohorts of students sitting the 2027, 2028 and 2029 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) for consideration of the Government. All Applied Learning courses are to be developed and delivered in accordance with the guiding principles, curriculum aims and objectives as set out in the curriculum guides (e.g. Applied Learning Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Senior Secondary Level)), circulars, guidelines and other relevant documents from the Education Bureau.
2. The Government may not accept any of the Expression of Interest. Each responding institution submitting Expression of Interest shall be solely responsible for the fees, costs and expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the Expression of Interest, or subsequent responses or initiatives on the part of any responding institution. The Government will under no circumstances be liable to any responding institution for any such fees, costs, expenses, loss or damage whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the Expression of Interest process.
3. Whilst the information in the documents enclosed with this invitation has been prepared in good faith, it does not claim to be comprehensive or has been independently verified. The Government does not guarantee the information is correct and comprehensive. Any liability in respect of any such information or inaccuracy in or omission from the documents is expressly disclaimed.

4. Neither the Government, nor any of its officers, agents, or advisors, accepts any liability or responsibility, as to, or in relation to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this invitation or any other written or oral information, which is, has been or will be provided or made available to any responding institution; nor do they make any representation, statement or warranty, express or implied, with respect to such information or to the information on which this invitation is based.
5. This Invitation to Expression of Interest should not be regarded as a suggestion of the Government or any officers, agents or advisors to any institutions to submit the Expression of Interest.
6. This Expression of Interest exercise is not a tender exercise but a structured way to obtain market feedback. The Government may not take any further action after the invitation to Expression of Interest. This invitation or the related Expression of Interest does not constitute any contractual evidence for the course provision of Applied Learning courses.
7. It is intended that, from those institutions who express an interest in developing Applied Learning courses, a shortlist of institutions will be invited to submit detailed course proposals. However, the Government is not bound to invite detailed course proposals from any of these institutions expressing an interest.
8. Responding institutions are not to construe the contents of this invitation, or any other communication by or on behalf of the Government, or any of its officers, agents or advisors, as financial, legal, tax or other advice. Each responding institution should consult its own professional advisors as to financial, legal, tax or other matters concerning the development of the Applied Learning courses.
9. The Government is not obliged or liable to have any individual or joint compromise with any responding institution on the course provision for Applied Learning courses.
10. The submission of any Expression of Interest by a responding institution shall be taken to be an acceptance of the terms of this invitation, including all the Appendices and Annexes.

11. The Government reserves the right, without prior consultation or notice, to change the content of this invitation. The Government is not obliged to inform responding institutions of any update or change of any of the information in this invitation made or that comes to its knowledge after the issue of this invitation.
12. Upon the Closing Date of submission of Expression of Interest, the Government will consider the Expression of Interest received, and decide the follow-up actions, if any. If necessary, the Government may contact the responding institution for clarification of further details or in-depth discussion.

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