

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 172/2023


From: Permanent Secretary for Education To: Supervisors/Heads of all government, aided (including special schools with senior secondary classes), caput, and Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools

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Date: 12 September 2023

Diversity Learning Grant for Senior Secondary Students — Other Languages (Urdu) (2023/24 school year)

Summary

This circular memorandum (CM) invites schools to apply for the Diversity Learning Grant — Other Languages (DLG-OL) to offer Urdu as an OL subject for Secondary 4 (S4) students in the 2023/24 school year. This CM should be read in conjunction with the EDBCM No. 69/2023 Diversity Learning Grant for Senior Secondary Students — Other Languages and Other Programmes (2023/24 school year) (<https://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM23069E.pdf>). 

Details

2. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) has previously announced the new arrangements of the five Category C (Other Languages) subjects (including French, German, Japanese, Korean and Spanish) in the 2025 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and beyond, the details of which are available on the HKEAA website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/HKDSE/assessment/subject_information/category_c_subjects/).  Schools were invited to apply for the DLG-OL via the EDBCM No. 69/2023 to offer relevant language courses as elective subjects at the senior secondary (SS) level.

3. The HKEAA further announced on 12 September 2023 (please refer to the same website mentioned in paragraph 2) that the number of Category C subjects offered would increase from five to six in the 2026 HKDSE and beyond, adding Urdu (International) which will be administered by the Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (FBISE) Islamabad, Pakistan. Schools intending to offer Urdu as an SS elective subject for S4 students in the 2023/24 school year are invited to apply for the DLG-OL. The subsidy rates for Urdu and the other five Category C subjects are the same (\$4,300 per SS student studying OL per year). Schools should observe the modes of delivery, accounting arrangements, usage of the subsidy and other points to note as stipulated in the EDBCM No. 69/2023 (including its annexes). The EDB will expedite the processing of the applications and advise schools on the disbursement arrangements.

Application Submission

4. Eligible schools wishing to apply for the aforementioned grant should complete and return the attached reply slip to the EDB by fax or email on or before **29 September 2023**.

Enquiries

5. **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** and relevant information concerning the DLG are available on the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/major-level-of-edu/secondary/learning-teaching-resources/DLG.html). For enquiries, please contact Ms Candice CHAN of the Council and Secondary Section 1 of the Curriculum Development Institute at 2892 6327.



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c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

Reply Slip

(Please return on or before 29 September 2023)

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 (Attention : Ms Candice CHAN
 Council and Secondary Section 1, Curriculum Development Institute)
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Our school has read the EDBCM No. 69/2023 and No. 172/2023 and understands the content therein. Our school intends to apply for the captioned grant to offer Urdu as an SS elective subject for S4 students in the 2023/24 school year. The estimated number of students to be enrolled is _____ **(please fill in the number of students).**

Name of School : _____

School Code : _____

School Telephone No. : _____

Teacher-in-charge : _____

Name of Principal : _____

Signature of Principal : _____

Date : _____

