#### EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 172/2020

From : Secretary for Education To : Heads of Secondary Schools

including Special Schools with Senior Secondary Classes (excluding ESF schools and

International schools)

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Updating of the Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Curriculum and Assessment Guide in accordance with the Refined Curriculum to be Implemented at Secondary 4 Starting from 2022/23 School Year

### Summary

This Circular Memorandum announces the updating of the "Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS) Curriculum and Assessment (C&A) Guide (S4-6)". The main purpose of updating the C&A Guide is to align with the recommendations made on the refined C&A framework of BAFS announced in May 2020. The updated BAFS C&A Guide has been uploaded to the Education Bureau (EDB) website for schools' reference.

## **Background**

- 2. The C&A Guide, jointly prepared by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA), is an important reference for schools in implementing the senior secondary curriculum and assessment. It provides the rationale and aims of the curriculum with elaborations on the curriculum framework, curriculum planning, pedagogy and assessment etc. where curriculum, pedagogy and assessment are well aligned.
- 3. The EDB has announced the recommendations on the way forward of the BAFS curriculum and assessment endorsed by the CDC and the Public Examinations Board of the HKEAA with details on the refined C&A framework as well as its implementation through the EDBCM No.74/2020 issued in May 2020, together with two identical briefing sessions held on 18 June 2020. The BAFS C&A Guide was reviewed and updated in accordance with the refined BAFS C&A framework which will take effect from Secondary 4 starting in 2022/23 school year, leading to the 2025 HKDSE examination and onwards.

#### **Details**

4. The BAFS C&A framework was refined with the aim of catering for the learning needs of students through restructuring and streamlining of the content to enhance its

coherence with a better flow of concepts and balanced of weightings of the two strands of studies whereas the curriculum aims and design were upheld. Apart from the major updates on Chapter 2 – Curriculum Framework and Chapter 5 – Assessment of the Guide to conform to the refined C&A framework, other updates in the Guide include:

- elaborations on the interface of business learning between the junior and senior secondary levels (Chapter 1), as well as teachers' role in connection with catering for learner diversity and nurturing students' self-directed learning (Chapter 4)
- emphases on the importance of making connection of knowledge students acquired in the curriculum to the context of daily life experience (Chapter 4)
- enrichment in examples of curriculum planning strategies (Chapter 3), learning and teaching strategies for students with learning difficulties (Chapter 4), the use of IT in teaching BAFS and the specific roles of community organisations (Chapter 6)
- updates on the sources of reference cited in the Guide
- updates on the glossary in parallel with the Secondary Education Curriculum Guide (2017)
- 5. The updated BAFS C&A Guide has been uploaded to the EDB website (<a href="https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/technology-edu/curriculum-doc/index.html">https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/technology-edu/curriculum-doc/index.html</a>) for schools' reference.



# **Support Measures for Schools**

6. To facilitate the implementation of the refined BAFS curriculum, different support measures for schools have been put in place with the release of the updated Guide. For example, professional development programmes for teachers, development of graded assignments and educational multimedia materials for the refined BAFS curriculum have been progressively rolled out commencing from the third quarter of 2020. Teachers can browse related learning and teaching resources at the EDB website (https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/technology-edu/resources/index.html).



## **Enquiry**

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