

Note of Submission on Science (S1-3) Textbooks for Review (updated 2 March 2017)

(Supplement to Science Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide: Science (Secondary 1-3))

A. Guidelines and Procedures

Publishers should read this Note in conjunction with

- (1) “Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks” (Revised June 2016),
- (2) “Guidelines on Submission of Printed Textbooks for Review” (June 2016) / “Guidelines on Submission of e-Textbooks for Review” (June 2016),
- (3) “Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science Education Key Learning Area” (August 2016) / “e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science Education Key Learning Area” (August 2016), and
- (4) Glossary of Terms for Supplement to Science Education KLA Curriculum Guide: Science (S1-3) (August 2016), available at:

<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/science-edu/ref-and-resources/science1to3.html>

Unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements for submission of Science (S1-3) textbooks for review as stipulated in the above-mentioned documents.

B. Updated Curriculum Documents

- (1) New textbooks should be written to support the updated Science (S1-3) curriculum, which has been finalised in early September 2016.
- (2) The Supplement to Science Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide: Science (Secondary 1-3) (2017) is now available at the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/>), you may assess the files at the following webpage:
<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/science-edu/curriculum-documents.html>
- (3) A lead time of 12 months is given to publishers to write textbooks for the updated Science (S1-3) curriculum.

C. Submission Schedule

Before February 2018, the submission of Science (S1-3) textbooks for review with respect to the updated Science (S1-3) curriculum should follow the submission schedule below.

- (1) For whole set submission, printed or e-textbooks should be submitted in the designated period from 15 August 2017 to 14 September 2017 for review if the textbooks are targeted to be available for students in September 2018.

- (2) For printed textbooks, publishers can submit either a whole set of textbooks for a Key Stage in one go or in two or three batches in three consecutive submission periods.
- (3) Submission in batches is not applicable for e-textbooks.
- (4) The schedule for submission of printed textbooks in batches (targeted to be available for students in September 2018) is tabulated below:

Table 1: Schedule for submission of printed textbooks in batches

	1st Batch	2nd Batch	3rd Batch
Submission period / combination of textbooks	16 December 2016 – 16 January 2017	18 April 2017 – 17 May 2017	15 August 2017 – 14 September 2017
A	Secondary 1	Secondary 2	Secondary 3
B	Secondary 1	Secondary 2 & 3	
C	Secondary 1		Secondary 2 & 3
D		Secondary 1	Secondary 2 & 3
E		Secondary 1 & 2	Secondary 3

D. Release of Textbook Review Results

- (1) The review results of both printed and e-textbooks written for this updated Science (S1-3) curriculum will be released in late February 2018 if the textbooks are submitted according to the submission schedule in Part C.
- (2) The review results of both printed and e-textbooks written for this updated Science (S1-3) curriculum will be released in late February 2018.
- (3) For submission of printed textbooks in batches for review, the review results will be made based on the assessment of the whole set of textbooks for a Key Stage.

E. Phasing-out of existing science textbooks from the Recommended Textbook List (RTL)

The current Science (S1-3) textbooks written based on the previous curriculum documents will be delisted from the RTL according to the following schedule:

	Time for the current Science (S1-3) textbooks to be delisted
S1 Science (S1-3) textbooks	March 2018
S2 Science (S1-3) textbooks	March 2019
S3 Science (S1-3) textbooks	March 2020