

Note of Submission for Review of Textbooks for Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3)

A. Guidelines and Procedures

Publishers should read this Note in conjunction with:

- (1) “Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks” (latest version at the time of submission);
- (2) “Guidelines on Submission of Printed Textbooks for Review” / “Guidelines on Submission of e-Textbooks for Review” (latest version at the time of submission); and
- (3) “Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3)” / “e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3)” (Nov 2022).

Unless otherwise specified in following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements of submission of Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3) textbooks for review as stipulated in the above-mentioned documents.

B. Curriculum Documents

New textbooks should be written to support and with reference to the **Citizenship, Economics and Society (Secondary 1-3) Curriculum Framework (2022)** which is accessible at:

<https://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBC/EDBC22012E.pdf>

<https://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBC/EDBC22012C.pdf>

C. Submission Schedule

1. **Before September 2025**, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3) textbooks for review with respect to the curriculum documents stated in Part B of this Note.
2. For submission of Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3) textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) for review, **only submission in batches is acceptable**. The schedule of submission and the corresponding content for each batch are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second
Submission period	20 July 2023 – 2 August 2023	3 June 2024 – 17 June 2024
Content	Modules 1.1 – 1.4 (for Secondary One)	Modules 2.1 – 3.4 (for Secondary Two and Three)

3. Publishers may consider submitting Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3) printed and/or e-textbooks in an ordinary submission period after September 2025.

D. Release of Textbook Review Reports, Checking Procedures and Textbook Availability

The expected dates of the release of the textbook review reports, checking procedures for both printed and e-textbooks written for Citizenship, Economics and Society Curriculum (Secondary 1-3), and the textbooks available for students are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second
Release of textbook review reports	December 2023 (Modules 1.1 – 1.4)	November 2024 (Modules 2.1 – 3.4)
Checking procedures	December 2023 – March 2024	November 2024 – April 2025
Textbooks available for students	September 2024 (for Secondary One)	September 2025 (for Secondary Two and Three)

E. Phasing-out of current Life and Society textbooks from the Recommended Textbook List (RTL) and the Recommended e-Textbook List (eRTL)

The current Life and Society textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) will be delisted from the RTL and the eRTL in March 2026.

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