

Note of Submission for Review of Textbooks for the Revised Curriculum Framework of History (S1-3) (2018)

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” / “Guidelines on Submission of e-Textbooks for Review” (latest version at the time of submission); and
- (3) “Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for History (S1-3)” / “e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for History (S1-3)” (2018).

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

B. Updated Curriculum Documents

1. New textbooks should be written to support and with reference to the Revised Curriculum Framework of History (S1-3) released in May 2018, which is accessible at:
https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/CM_86e.pdf /
https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/CM_86c_tc.pdf
2. A lead time of not less than 12 months is given to publishers to write textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) in line with the Revised Curriculum Framework of History (S1-3).

C. Submission Schedule

1. **Before March 2020**, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit History textbooks for review with respect to the Revised Curriculum Framework of History released in May 2018.
2. For submission of History textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) for review, **only submission in batches is acceptable**.
3. The schedule of submission of textbooks in batches for the textbooks targeted to be available for students in **September 2020** is tabulated below:

Schedule of submission of printed / e-textbooks in batches

1st Batch	2nd Batch	3rd Batch
18 February 2019 – 4 March 2019	2 July 2019 – 16 July 2019	2 October 2019 – 16 October 2019
Secondary 1	Revised drafts for Secondary 1	Secondary 2 & 3

4. Publishers may consider submitting History printed and/or e-textbooks for Secondary 1-3 in an ordinary submission period after March 2020.

D. Release of Textbook Review Results

1. The review results of both printed and e-textbooks written for the Revised Curriculum Framework of History will be released in early March 2020 if the textbooks are submitted according to the submission schedule in Part C.
2. The review results will be made based on the assessment of the full set of textbooks for a Key Stage.

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

The current History textbooks and e-textbooks written based on the previous curriculum documents will be delisted from the RTL and eRTL as tabulated below:

Time	Level
March 2020	Secondary 1
March 2021	Secondary 2
March 2022	Secondary 3

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