## Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 108/2018

From : Permanent Secretary for Education To : Supervisors of Kindergartens,

Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres not joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme but (i) redeeming subsidy voucher under **Pre-primary** Education Voucher Scheme and / or (ii) receiving (a) subsidies under Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme, and/or (b) Subsidy for Manpower Enhancement, and / or (c) rent reimbursement - For

necessary action

Ref. : EDB(FINMS)/KG/555(17/18) Date : 28 June 2018

## Submission of 2017/18 Annual Audited Accounts by Kindergartens and Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres NOT Joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme

## **Purpose**

This circular memorandum requests Supervisors of Kindergartens (KGs) / Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres (KG-cum-CCCs) not joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme (collectively referred as "KGs") but (i) redeeming voucher subsidy under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS) and / or (ii) receiving (a) subsidies under Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme (CCCSS), and/or (b) Subsidy for Manpower Enhancement (SME) and / or (c) rent reimbursement to submit their annual audited accounts for the 2017/18 school / financial year within six months after the year end date of the school.

## **Background**

2. The abovesaid KGs are required by Education Bureau (EDB) Circular Nos. 6/2011, 3/2008 and 2/2004 to submit their annual accounts audited by Certified Public Accountants (practising) registered under the Professional Accountants Ordinance. KGs joining PEVS in the 2016/17 school year but not joining the new kindergarten education scheme in the 2017/18 school year are also required to comply with the terms and conditions of PEVS as appropriate until the end of operation of all eligible classes or all existing eligible students have left the KG concerned, whichever is earlier, as stipulated in EDBC No. 7/2016. EDB Circular No. 5/2014 sets out the guidelines on appointment of auditors.

### **Submission Requirements**

3. The full set of annual audited accounts to be submitted to EDB should comprise –

- (i) the School Supervisor's Certificate;
- (ii) the Auditor's Report; and
- (iii) the statements as specified at **Annex 1**.

Templates for the annual audited accounts can be downloaded from the following address –

- (a) https://kgac.edb.gov.hk (for School Portal users), or
- (b) <a href="http://www.edb.gov.hk/circular/adhocforme/2018fdnskg-e.xlsm">http://www.edb.gov.hk/circular/adhocforme/2018fdnskg-e.xlsm</a> (for non-School Portal users).

KGs are highly recommended to use the above templates for preparation of their annual accounts and submit to EDB the soft copy electronically (through the School Portal Account or in CD) in addition to the hard copy of the audited accounts. Procedures for uploading the soft copy through the School Portal Account are set out at **Annex 2**.

4. The full set of the annual audited accounts must be forwarded to the following address within six months after the year end date of the school—

Management Services Section, Finance Division, Education Bureau, Room 1504, 15/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

- 5. Schools redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS which also receive CCCSS subsidy, and/or SME, and / or rent reimbursement at the same time need only to submit <u>one</u> set of audited accounts and accounted for in Statement 3 and Statement 1 at **Annex 1** respectively. For schools redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS with operating classes of both local and non-local curriculum, they should prepare Statement 1A instead of Statement 1 at **Annex 1**.
- 6. For closed schools, they should submit their final audited accounts (covering the period up to and including the last day of school operation) **no later than four months** from the date of cessation of operation.

## **Points for Special Attention**

- 7. In preparing the annual audited accounts, School Supervisors are requested to observe and comply with all relevant terms and conditions of the PEVS / reimbursement of rent / CCCSS / SME as applicable to the KGs, including but not limited to the submission of annual audited accounts in prescribed formats to EDB for inspection. Schools' attention is particularly drawn to the following—
  - (a) Schools are reminded to observe the list of items that are covered by school fees as set out in Appendix 1 of EDB Circular No. <u>16/2013</u>, and not to charge parents for these items separately.
  - (b) Schools should follow the guidelines and general principles on the collection of fees and trading operations as promulgated in EDB Circular No. 16/2013,

properly report their school incomes (i.e. school fees, income from trading operations Note 1 and other income Note 2) in the annual audited accounts. Where necessary, schools and their Auditors may be called upon to provide supplementary information on the school incomes so reported.

- (c) Schools should observe the guiding principles on scope of expenditure at **Annex 3** in the use of resources from school fees (incl. the fee subsidy under PEVS) which should be basically devoted to supporting teaching and learning activities, the operation of KG and maintenance of the standard of education service.
- (d) Schools should not transfer any funds, including subsidies and surplus, in whatever form, to any organizations including their sponsoring bodies.
- (e) Schools should properly disclose all related party transactions and their outstanding balances as required in relevant EDB's circulars / directives in Note 4 of Statement 6 at **Annex 1**, including those related party transactions that had been reported in their 2017/18 fee revision application. Please refer to **Annex 4** for definition.
- (f) Schools should draw their Auditors' attention to the strict certification requirements as set out in the reference notes for Auditors at **Annex 5** prior to the commencement of audit.
- (g) Schools should note that as set out at **Annex 5**, Auditors are required to send to EDB a copy of the management letter, if any, they issued to their School Supervisors on the weaknesses they observed in the internal control of KGs. EDB may require KGs and their Auditors to provide supplementary information, if necessary.

### **Enquiries**

8. For enquiries, please contact Accounting Officer I (Management Services)1 at 2892 6269.

( Ms Clarice LI ) for Permanent Secretary for Education

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## Notes:

- All income and expenditure relating to trading operations that are collected under EDB Circular No. 16/2013 should be analyzed in Statement 4 at Annex 1.
- 2. For registration fees, application fees and meal charges, KGs should obtain the prior written approval of EDB before collection of or making adjustments to these fees in accordance with the Education Regulations. In addition, income generated from activities ancillary to school's operation **NOT** collected from students should be reported in Note 5 of Statement 6 at **Annex 1**.

Name of School:	

School type: \*KG/KG-cum-CCC

[\*Please delete whichever is inappropriate]

- \* Redeeming / Not redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS
- \*CCCSS / Non-CCCSS
- \*SME / Non-SME
- \*Rent Reimbursement / Non-Rent Reimbursement

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

2018

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ions given in *Statements 1/1A, 2, 3, 4, 5
2018 are true and correct.
(School Supervisor)

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Name of School	:		-
1	ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED	2018	

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_(Auditor)

Name of Auditor: \_\_\_\_\_

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## For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs (i) redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS and/or (ii) receiving (a) CCCSS, and/or (b) SME and/or (c) Rent Reimbursement

(For those KGs/KG-cum-CCCs redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS with operating classes of both local and non-local curriculum, they should prepare Statement 1A instead.)

Name of School :	
School type: *KG/KG-cum-CCC	[*Please delete whichever is inappropriate.]
*Redeeming / Not redeeming voucher su	ıbsidy under PEVS
INCOME AN	ID EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEA	AR ENDED2018

	\$ Current Year \$	Previous Year	Remarks (or Notes)
INCOME	 7	T	
School Fees - from parents - from PEVS - from Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme			
Less: Fee Remission (financed by school)			
Subsidy received under the Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme Subsidy for Manpower Enhancement Reimbursement of Government Rent Reimbursement of Rates Reimbursement of Rent Other Income (Note 1)			Per Statement 3  Per Statement 6 (item 5)
TOTAL INCOME (a)			
EXPENDITURE (Note 2)			
Salaries - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Employer's Contribution to Provident Fund Scheme - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Severance Pay/Long-service Pay - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Supervisor's Remuneration Government Rent Rates Rent			
Depreciation - School Premises - Furniture/Equipment/Fixtures/Fittings - Computer Hardware and Software - Others			Per Statement 6 (item 1)

Name of School:

	\$ Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
Major Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing \$8,000 or above each)  Minor Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing below \$8,000 each)  Audit Fee  Other Expenditure (Note 3)			Per Statement 6 (item 3)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (b)			
Surplus/(Deficit) from the operation $[(a) - (b)]$			
Profit/(Loss) from Trading Operations (Note 4)			Per Statement 4
Donation Income (Note 5)			Per Statement 5
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR			
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR			
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT (Please specify the nature)			
TRANSFER TO/(FROM) RESERVE (Note 6)			Per Statement 6 (item 6)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR			(

## <u>Note</u>

- 1. Please provide breakdowns for "Other Income" in <u>Statement 6</u>.
- 2. Please observe the guiding principles on scope of expenditure at Annex 3.
- 3. Please provide breakdowns for "Other Expenditure" in Statement 6.
- 4. For KGs with trading operations such as sale of school items and provision of paid services, please provide details of such income and corresponding costs in <u>Statement 4</u>.
- 5. For KGs with donations received, please provide details of income from donation and corresponding expenditure in <u>Statement 5</u>.
- 6. Please specify the nature of surplus transfer to/(from) reserve e.g. school development for educational purpose in Statement 6.

## $For \ KGs/KG-cum-CCCs \ redeeming \ voucher \ subsidy \ under \ PEVS \ with \ operating \ classes \ of \ both \ local \ and \ non-local \ curriculum$

Name of School:				
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School type: \*KG/KG-cum-CCC

[\*Please delete whichever is inappropriate.]

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2018

	Luci	Current Year \$		Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
	Local Curriculum Classes	Non-Local Curriculum Classes	Total	Total	
INCOME					
School Fees - from parents - from PEVS - from Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme Less: Fee Remission (financed by school)					
Subsidy received under the Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme Subsidy for Manpower Enhancement Reimbursement of Government Rent Reimbursement of Rates					Per Statement 3
Reimbursement of Rent Other Income (Note 1)					Per Statement 6 (item 5)
TOTAL INCOME (a)					
EXPENDITURE (Note 2)					
Salaries - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Employer's Contribution to Provident Fund Scheme - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Severance Pay/Long-service Pay - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Supervisor's Remuneration Government Rent Rates Rent Depreciation					
- School Premises - Furniture/Equipment/Fixtures/Fittings - Computer Hardware and Software - Others					Per Statement 6 (item 1)

Name of School:

		Current Year \$		Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
	Local Curriculum Classes	Non-Local Curriculum Classes	Total	Total	
Major Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing \$8,000 or above each) Minor Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing below \$8,000 each) Audit Fee					
Other Expenditure (Note 3)  TOTAL EXPENDITURE (b)					Per Statement 6 (item 3)
Surplus/(Deficit) from the operation [(a) – (b)]					
Profit/(Loss) from Trading Operations (Note 4)					Per Statement 4
Donation Income (Note 5)					Per Statement 5
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR					
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT (Please specify the nature)					
TRANSFER TO/(FROM) RESERVE (Note 6)					Per Statement 6 (item 6)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR					

## <u>Note</u>

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	G-cum-CCCs (i) redeeming voucher sub ME and/or (c) Rent Reimbursement	sidy under PEVS and/or (ii) receiving (a) CCCSS,
Name of Scho	ol:	
School type:	*KG/KG-cum-CCC *Redeeming / Not redeeming voucher sub-	[*Please delete whichever is inappropriate] sidy under PEVS
	BALANCE SHEET AS AT	2018

	Current Year	Previous Year	Remarks (or Notes)
	\$ \$	\$	(of Notes)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed Assets Other Non-Current Assets (please specify)			Per Statement 6 (item 1)
Other Non-Current Assets (please specify)			(item 1)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock of Exercise Books, Stationery and Uniform etc.			Per Statement 4
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments			
Rental & Utility Deposit  Cash at bank and in hand			
Other Current Assets (please specify)			
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES School Fees Received in Advance			
Bank Overdraft			
Sundry Creditors and Accrual			
Other Current Liabilities (please specify)			
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
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TOTAL ASSETS NET OF CURRENT LIABILITIES			
REPRESENTED BY:			
RESERVE (please specify)			
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			Per Statement 1/1A
LONG TERM LIABILITIES  Bank Loan			
Other Long Term Liabilities (please specify)			
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## For KG-cum-CCCs receiving CCCSS and/or SME

# STATEMENT OF CHILD CARE CENTRE SUBSIDY SCHEME AND SUBSIDY FOR MANPOWER ENHANCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2018

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	Current	Previous	Remarks
	Year	Year	(or Notes)
	\$	\$	(32 2 (323)
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Income			
Subsidy received under the Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme (Note 1)			Per Statement * 1/1 A
Subsidy for Manpower Enhancement ("SME") (Note 2)			
<b>Total Income</b>			
Expenditure			
Salary and provident fund/mandatory provident fund (Note 1&2)			
- Child care supervisor's ("CCS's") salaries			
- Child care workers' ("CCW's") salaries			
<ul> <li>Employer's Contribution to Provident Fund Scheme / Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for CCSs and CCWs</li> </ul>			
Total Expenditure			
Surplus(Note 3)/(Deficit)			
Surplus refundable to Education Bureau ("EDB") / (Deficit) for the period			
Surplus refundable to Social Welfare Department ("SWD") / (Deficit) for the period			
Total Surplus/(Deficit)			
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#### **Note**

- 1. According to EDBC No. 3/2008, the subsidy under the Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme (CCCSS) should be spent solely on CCS's / CCW's salaries and Provident Fund / Mandatory Provident Fund expenses.
- 2. According to SWD's notification letter issued to schools, the SME should be spent solely on CCS's / CCW's salaries and Provident Fund / Mandatory Provident Fund expenses and it has to be spent in the school year to which it is granted. KG-cum-CCCs withdrawn from Free Quality Kindergarten Education Scheme should continue to report any income and expenditure under SME.
- 3. Any unspent amount of the allocation will be clawed back by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("the Government") after the review of the annual audited accounts. If the CCC service of the aided KG-cum-CCC is terminated, the entire unspent subsidy based on the audited accounts as at the date of closure will be clawed back by the Government. The surplus from CCCSS and SME will be calculated on pro-rata basis and returned to EDB and SWD accordingly.

For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs (i) redeeming v	oucher subsidy under PEVS a	nd/or (ii) receiving (a) CCCSS	S, and/or (b) SME, and/o	or (c) Rent Reimbursement
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Name of School:		
	STATEMENT OF TRADING OPERATIONS	
	FOR THE YEAR ENDED	2018

	School Bus	Text books	Exercise Books (Notes 1 & 4)	School Uniform (Notes 1 & 4)	School Bag(s)	Beddings	Activities outside regular school hours ( <u>Notes 1 &amp; 4</u> )	Stationery (Notes 1 & 4)	Teaching/ Learning Materials (Notes 1 & 4)	Snack/Food/ Refreshment	Others (Please specify) (Notes 1 & 4)	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income (a)												
Less: Cost of Sales (b)												
Opening Stock												
Add : Purchases												
Other Expenses (please specify)												
Less : Closing Stock												
Profit/(Loss) for the year												
(c) = (a) – (b) (Transfer to Income and Expenditure												
Account)												
Profit/(Loss) as a % of cost (c)/(b)												
(Notes 2 & 3)												

#### Notes

- 1. Please state the description of the trading operations and put each activity under **SEPARATE** columns. Sale of textbooks should be shown as a separate activity.
- 2. The profit from the sale of exercise books, schools uniforms, stationery, equipment and other school items (other than textbooks) / provision of paid services should be limited to 15% of the cost price / total cost involved according to EDBC No.16/2013.
- 3. No profit would be generated from sale of textbooks. For details, please refer to EDBC No. 16/2013.
- 4. Any discount or block sum of money received from trading operators / suppliers should be entered into school accounts as an item of income.

For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs (i) redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS and/or (ii) receiving (a) CCCSS, and/or (b) SME, and/or (c) Rent Reimbursement

Name of School:			
	STATEMENT OF DONATION	INCOME	
	FOR THE YEAR ENDED	2018	

	Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Remark (or Notes)
DONATION INCOME			
EXPENDITURE (PLEASE SPECIFY)			
-			
-			
-			
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-			
- TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
NET BALANCE (Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account)			Per Statement *1/1A

<sup>\*</sup>Please delete whichever is inappropriate

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For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs (i) redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS and/or (ii) receiving (a) CCCSS, and/or (b) SME and/or (c) Rent Reimbursement

Name	of School:							
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS								
1. FI	XED ASSETS	School Premises	Furniture / Equipment / Fixtures/Fittings	Computer Hardware and Software	Others (Please specify)	Total		
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
At Cos	<u>st</u>							
Balanc	ce as at							
Add:	Additions During the Year (Remark 1)							
Less:	Disposal During the Year							
Balanc	ce as at							
<u>Accun</u>	nulated Depreciation	======	=========	========	=======	======		
Balanc	ce as at							
Add:	Depreciation for the							
	Year							
Less:	Depreciation for Disposed Items							
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Net Bo	ook Value							
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Thresh	nold amount (Remark 2)							
Denre	ciation rate (%)	=======	============	========	=======			
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## Remarks

- 1 For all KGs/KG-cum-CCCs redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS, details must be provided in Note 2 to the Accounts.
- 2 Please provide the threshold amount (i.e. the amount where at or above which the relevant expenditure would be treated as fixed asset) for each type of assets.

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Name of School ·		

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## 2. DETAILS OF ADDITIONS OF FIXED ASSETS DURING 2017/18

List of fixed assets by nature and item	Purchase/ commission date	Cost
		\$
1. School Premises (please specify)		
1.1		
1.2		
<u> </u>		
	Total:	
2. Furniture/equipment/fixtures/fittings (please specify)		
2.1		
2.2		
:		
	Total:	
3. Computer hardware & software (please specify)		
3.1		
3.2		
:		
	Total:	
4. Others (please specify)		
4.1		
4.2		
:		
	Total:	

(Per Note 1 to the Accounts)

Name of School:	
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 3. OTHER EXPENDITURE

Current Year Previous Year
\$ \$
Local Non-Local Total
Curriculum Curriculum
Classes Classes

Expenses on meal preparation

Furniture and equipment and teaching aids other than those included in the fixed assets

Water

Electricity

Telephone, fax line and internet service charges

Cleaning

Printing and stationery

Teaching consumables

Insurance

First aid and fire safety equipment

Transportation fees for school administration purposes

Expenses on regular learning activities for all

students

Postage

Publications for school use

Student handbook, profiles, graduation certificates

and identity cards

Advertisement

Bank interest

Bank charges

Newspapers and magazines

Others (please specify)

### 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION(S)

Current Year Previous Year

Amount due from related party(ies) (please specify)

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Amount due to related party(ies) (please specify)

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Payment to related party(ies) (please specify)

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Receipt from related party(ies) (please specify)

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Name of School:	

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## **5. OTHER INCOME** (Remark 3)

	Current Year \$		Previous Year \$
	Local	Non-Local	Total
	Curriculum	Curriculum	
	Classes	Classes	
Meal Charges			
Application Fee / Registration Fee			
Subsidies from School Sponsoring Body			
Course Fee Refund to Teachers			
Receipt from Designated Grants (e.g. Subsidy			
from the Environment and Conservation Fund)			
Bank Interest Income			
Insurance Compensation			
Others (please specify)			
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## 6. TRANSFER TO / (FROM) RESERVE (PLEASE SPECIFY)

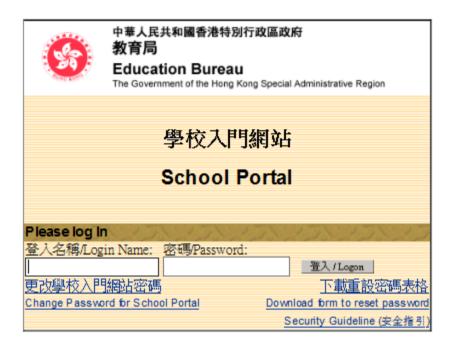
	Current Year \$		Previous Year \$
	Local Curriculum Classes	Non-Local Curriculum Classes	Total
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## Remarks

Income generated from trading operations, if any, should NOT be reported under "Other Income". The details of such income and corresponding costs should be provided in <u>Statement 4</u>.

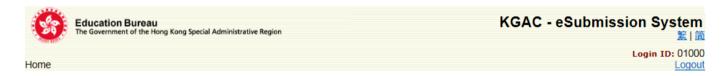
## <u>Procedures for Submission of Softcopy of Audited Accounts</u> Through School Portal

## (1) Login using the School Portal Account



Click here to bookmark your School Portal Logon Page

### (2) Select the appropriate option from Part (II) of the menu



#### Part (I) - For Scheme-KGs : Procedural Guides

Download "Procedural Guide for Using 'Electronic Schedules for Fee Revision Application"

Download "Procedural Guide for Using 2017/18 'Electronic Template for Audited Accounts"

#### Part (II) - Download and submission of e-templates

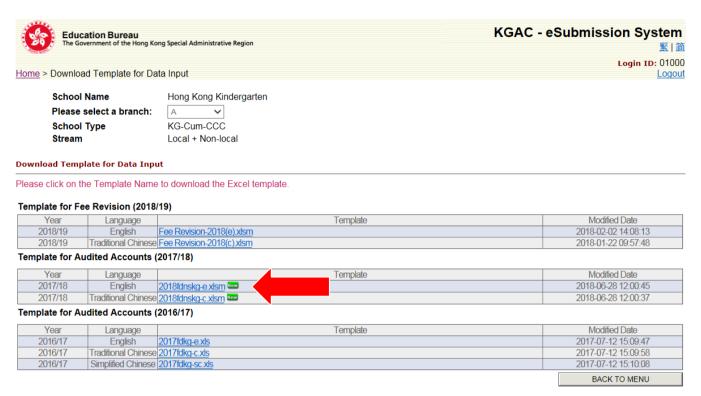
#### Please select one of the following options:

- 1. Download Template for Data Input
- 2. File Submission

**IMPORTANT:** Please upload the completed 2017/18 "Electronic Template for Audited Accounts" through this eSubmission System ("2. File Submission" above) <u>starting from 1 July this year</u>.

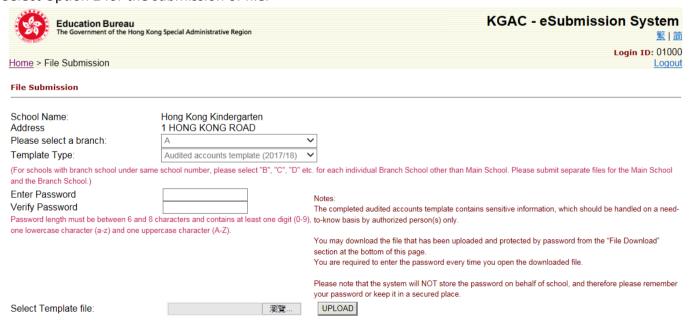
## <u>Procedures for Submission of Softcopy of Audited Accounts</u> Through School Portal

(3) Select Option 1 for downloading the template of Audited Accounts.



Click and download the "Template" for the year and language chosen.

(4) Select Option 2 for the submission of file.



## <u>Procedures for Submission of Softcopy of Audited Accounts</u> Through School Portal

- (5) Click the "Browse" button to locate the softcopy of the audited accounts.
- (6) For schools having more than 1 branch under the same school number, please select different values (say "B", "C", "D" etc. for each individual Branch School other than the Main School). Please submit separate files for the Main School and the Branch School.
- (7) Click "Submit" to send the file.

(IMPORTANT: Please only use the Excel template provided by EDB. The submission file format should be "School No. + Branch ID (Default "A") + date (ddmmyy). For example, 123456A050313.xls. Only file extension of ".xlsm" is allowed.)

## Guiding Principles on Scope of Expenditure for Kindergartens under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme

#### Aim

The following paragraphs set out some guiding principles on the scope of expenditure for kindergartens (KGs) under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS).

## **Guiding Principles**

- 2. In the use of resources from school fees including the fee subsidy under PEVS, KGs should be prudent and always put students' interest as the first priority. KGs should have sound financial planning and good budgeting in deploying their resources and should ensure that expenditure incurred is reasonable and necessary. Expenditure of KGs should be basically devoted to supporting teaching and learning activities, the operation of the KG and maintenance of the standard of education service. Details of the scope of expenditure are listed below:
  - (a) Salaries (including payment for supply teachers), provident fund, mandatory provident fund, severance or long service payment of teaching and non-teaching staff employed
  - (b) The remuneration of school supervisors
  - (c) Rent and management fees, rates and government rent for the KG/ KG-cum-CCC premises
  - (d) Furniture and equipment for school and education purposes
  - (e) Teaching aids such as library books, reference materials and worksheets for teachers and students
  - (f) Expenses on repairs, maintenance and improvement works of the KG/ KG-cum-CCC premises including installation of air-conditioners, double-glaze windows and exhaust fans, maintenance contract, inspection fees for maintaining fire, gas, electrical installation and building safety
  - (g) Water and electricity (including air-conditioning) charges, telephone line, fax line and internet service charges
  - (h) Cleaning fees (including cleaning contract and the provision of cleaning facilities to students)
  - (i) Expenses on printing, paper, teachers' stationery and other consumables for teaching activities
  - (j) Postage charges and publications
  - (k) Insurance premium and expenses on first aid and fire safety equipment
  - (l) Audit fees and other service charges in connection with school administration

- (m) Transportation fees for school administration purposes
- (n) Expenses on regular learning activities for all students, conducted either inside or outside the school premises (these should include expenses for birthday parties, graduation ceremony, school outing, picnics and visits.)
- (o) Items such as student handbooks, profiles, student portfolios, graduation certificates and identity cards, etc which are necessary for the operation of the school
- (p) Other expenses directly related to the teaching activities, school operation and maintenance of the standard of education service for educational purposes

#### 3. Additional Points to Note:

- 3.1 For KGs redeeming voucher subsidy under PEVS operating classes of both local and non-local curriculum, separate ledgers should be prepared to report all income and expenditure in respect of the classes for each of the two curriculums.
- 3.2 All income and expenditure relating to trading operations such as sale of school items that are collected under **Education Bureau (EDB) Circular (C) No. 16/2013** should be analyzed as per the format in Statement 4 at **Annex 1**.
- 3.3 As stipulated in the terms and conditions of PEVS for NPM KGs, the PEVS NPM KGs shall not transfer the surplus, in whatever form, to any of their sponsoring bodies or other organizations. Expenditure items not related to paragraph 2 above or not basically devoted to teaching and learning activities should be disallowed.

## **Definition of Related Party**

A *related party* is a person or entity that is related to the kindergarten preparing its financial statements.

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family Note 1 is related to a kindergarten if that person:
  - (i) has control or joint control over the kindergarten;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the kindergarten; or
  - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the kindergarten or of a sponsoring body of the kindergarten.
- (b) An entity is related to a kindergarten if any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) The entity and the kindergarten are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidy and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
  - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
  - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
  - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third party and the other entity is an associate of the third party.
  - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the kindergarten or an entity related to the kindergarten. If the kindergarten is itself such a plan, the sponsoring employers are also related to the kindergarten.
  - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
  - (vii)A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).

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#### Note:

- 1. Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity and include:
  - (a) that person's parents, children, spouse or domestic partner;
  - (b) children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
  - (c) dependants of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

### **Reference Notes**

for Auditors of Kindergartens (KGs) / Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres (KG-cum-CCCs)
redeeming voucher subsidy under Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS) and /or received
subsidies under Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme (CCCSS) and/or Subsidy for Manpower
Enhancement (SME) and / or Rent Reimbursement
in the 2017/18 School Year

Education Bureau Circular (EDBC) No. <u>6/2011</u>, No. <u>3/2008</u> and No. <u>2/2004</u> respectively require KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and/or in receipt of CCCSS and/or rent reimbursement to submit their audited accounts, with the subsidy duly reflected. KGs joining PEVS in the 2016/17 school year but not joining the new kindergarten education scheme in the 2017/18 school year are also required to comply with the terms and conditions of PEVS as appropriate until the end of operation of all eligible classes or all existing eligible students have left the KG concerned, whichever is earlier, as stipulated in EDBC No. 7/2016. The accounts must be audited by Certified Public Accountants (practising) registered under the Professional Accountants Ordinance. Note 1 This requirement is laid down in order to enable the Permanent Secretary for Education to satisfy that the schools have properly applied the subsidies received from the government to the purposes for which they were paid.

- 2. Auditors should submit an Auditor's Report on the school accounts, and **EACH** statement to the accounts should be stamped with the identification chop of the Auditors. The Auditor's Report should state whether in the Auditor's opinion -
  - (a) the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the school's affairs as at the balance sheet date and of its results for the accounting year then ended; and
  - (b) the school has used the government subsidies in accordance with the rules and ambits as promulgated in the EDBC No. 6/2011 (in particular all KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS shall **NOT** transfer the surplus, in whatever form, to any of their sponsoring bodies or other organizations), EDBC No. 3/2008, EDBC No. 2/2004, relevant letters, circulars, circular memoranda and guidelines (in particular the guiding principles on scope of expenditure at **Annex 3**) issued by the Education Bureau. Note 2
- 3. The Auditors should draw the attention of the School Supervisors to weaknesses in internal controls discovered during the course of their audit and that they should report items which are considered material in a letter (i.e. management letter) with recommendations for improvement. The Auditors should also send a copy of the management letter to EDB for information.
- 4. If the Auditors are of the opinion that proper books of accounts have not been kept by the school, or if the balance sheet and income and expenditure account are not in agreement with the books of accounts, or if the Auditors are not able to obtain all the information and explanations which, to the best of their knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purpose of their audit, they should make appropriate qualifications in their reports.

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#### Notes:

- 1. This means "certified public accountants (practising)" with effect from the commencement of the Professional Accountants (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 on 8 September 2004. "Certified public accountant (practising)" means a certified public accountant holding a practising certificate.
- 2. Auditors should note that "Code of Aid" is not applicable to Kindergartens.