

School Places Allocation

Primary One Admission (POA) System 2018

Release of Results of Allocation of Discretionary Places

Frequently Asked Questions

Question (1) How can parents know the results of allocation of discretionary places?

Answer (1) Parents can go back to **the primary school to which they have applied for a discretionary place** to check whether their application is successful on **27 or 28 November 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Question (2) What should parents bring along when they go to the school to check the results?

Answer (2) Parents should bring along the parent's copy of the Application Form for Admission to Primary One for checking their child's POA Application Number.

Question (3) If the child's application is successful, when should parents register with the school?

Answer (3) If the child's application is successful, parents should register with the school on **29 or 30 November 2017** during school hours bringing along all the documents required by the school. Parents should confirm with the school on the registration procedures and requirements. Parents should note that failure to register with the school within the specified period would lead to forfeiture of the discretionary place offered to their child.

Question (4) What should parents do if they cannot register with the school within the specified period?

Answer (4) If parents cannot register with the school within the specified period, they should contact the school direct in advance for alternative arrangements. In case a successful applicant child fails to turn up for registration during the specified period without prior notice to the school, the place offered is considered to have been forfeited.

Question (5) What are the criteria for schools to admit applicant children during the Discretionary Places Admission stage?

Answer (5) There are two categories of discretionary places admission:

Type A — A school **must admit** all applicant children with siblings studying or parents working in the school.

Type B — The remaining discretionary places will be allocated to other applicant children according to the **Points System**.

Question (6) How would schools select applicant children with equal scores under the Points System when the number of such applicant children exceeds the number of the remaining discretionary places?

Answer (6) If there are applicant children with equal scores under the Points System and the number of such applicant children exceeds that of the remaining discretionary places, applicant children would be selected by **'randomisation'**. **Schools may draw lots on their own or refer the applications to the Education Bureau for processing.**

Question (7) What should parents do if they wish to arrange their children to attend Primary 1 in September 2018 but did not apply for a discretionary place for their children?

Answer (7) Parents should go to the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau **on or before 2 February 2018** to apply for participating in the Central Allocation. For details, parents may contact the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau (Tel: 2832 7700).

Question (8) If a child has accepted the offer of a Primary 1 (P1) place in a Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) primary school, can he / she still be allocated a P1 place through the POA System?

Answer (8) Children who have accepted the offer of P1 places in DSS primary schools will not be allocated P1 places through the POA System. If they have been allocated a discretionary place, that school place will be withdrawn.

Question (9) What should parents do if their child has not been offered a P1 discretionary place?

Answer (9) For those applicant children who have not been offered a P1 discretionary place and those applicant children who participate in the Central Allocation only, the parents will be informed by letter from the Education Bureau in late January 2018 to go to a designated Central Allocation Centre on 3 or 4 February 2018 to make their choices of schools for

Central Allocation.

Question (10) What should parents do if they have moved / will move in the near future after submitting the Application Form?

Answer (10) If parents have moved / will move in the near future and require a transfer to a new school net, parents signing on the application form should go to the School Places Allocation Section at Office 2, 2/F, Manulife Financial Centre, 223 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon to complete the net transfer formalities in person **on or after 4 December 2017**.

To complete the net transfer formalities, the parent is required to bring along the following documents:

- The parent's copy of the Application Form for Admission to Primary One (2018); and
- Proof of the new residential address (original copy and photocopy)
Proof of the new residential address includes but not limited to stamped tenancy agreement, demand note for rates, public housing tenancy agreement or water / electricity / town gas / residential telephone bills. If the name on the document submitted as proof of the new residential address belongs to the spouse of the parent signing on the application form, the Marriage Certificate / the applicant child's Hong Kong Birth Certificate and its photocopy should be submitted to show the relationship between the resident and the applicant child. If parents cannot provide the above acceptable proof of residential address, please contact the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau at 2832 7700 for appropriate advice and assistance.

Parents should note that they are required to declare that the new residential address on the net transfer application form is true and correct. The Education Bureau may take measures as deemed necessary and appropriate to verify the information provided by parents and may request parents to provide other relevant documents (e.g. title deeds, stamped tenancy agreement, etc.) or to make sworn declaration as further proof of the applicant child's residential address. The Education Bureau may also conduct home visits for the purpose of verifying the information provided in relation to the residential address as and when necessary. If false information is provided, the application will be rendered null and void. The P1 place allocated on the basis of the application will be forfeited. Parents should also note that a person making a false instrument commits an offence under the Crime Ordinance. The offender is liable on conviction to imprisonment for 14 years.

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