


Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (2026/27)
Information Sheet
for Secondary School Graduates of Local Student Status

Background

1. The Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (“the Scholarship”) is set up by the Education Bureau (EDB), the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) as one of a series of measures to enhance the professionalism of English teachers in Hong Kong.
2. The aim of the Scholarship is to attract persons proficient in English to pursue relevant local bachelor degree programmes and / or teacher training programmes, which will qualify them to become English teachers on graduation.

Eligibility for Application

3. Both local and non-local students¹ may apply for the Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (2026/27). Information for local students interested in applying for a 5-year Scholarship is provided in the following paragraphs. Non-local students should refer to the “Information Sheet for Secondary School Graduates and Undergraduates / Graduates of Universities of Non-local Student Status” posted on the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship>). 
4. Application is open to secondary school graduates who
 - (a) have attained Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination, or equivalent²; and
 - (b) will start pursuing **year one** study in relevant degree programmes in local universities in the 2026/27 school year. A list of such programmes can be found on the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship>).

¹ “Non-local students” are persons, regardless of their nationalities, who require a student visa / entry permit issued by the Director of Immigration of the Government of the HKSAR for the purpose of receiving education in Hong Kong.

² The following results are accepted for applying for the Scholarship:

- Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE) – Grade B or above in Use of English (UE)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – An overall score of Band 7 or above in the Academic Module (the results are still valid when applying for the Scholarship)
- General Certificate of Education (GCE) Examinations – Grade B or above in AS Level English
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme – Grade 5 or above in Higher Level English Language (A1 or A2)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – A minimum score of 600 (Paper-based) or 250 (Computer-based) or 100 (Internet-based) (the results are still valid when applying for the Scholarship)
- National Joint College Entrance Examination (NJCEE) (全國普通高等學校統一考試, also known as Gaokao 高考) – A score of 130 or above in English

5. Broadly speaking, applicants should pursue one of the following programmes in a local university:
- (a) a full-time Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree programme majoring in English; or
 - (b) a full-time Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education (BA & BEd) double degree programme majoring in English; or
 - (c) a full-time Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree programme majoring in English or a relevant subject (such as Linguistics, with English as the language to be studied) followed immediately by a full-time / part-time Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) programme also majoring in English.

Scholarship Amounts

6. The Scholarship is tenable for the normal duration of the study programme(s). The scholarship amounts are detailed in the following table:

Study programme	Scholarship amounts for each awardee of local student status
BEd degree	HK\$50,000 per year
BA & BEd double degree	HK\$50,000 per year
BA degree followed by full-time / part-time PGDE	HK\$50,000 per year (for BA degree programme); and HK\$50,000 (for the whole PGDE programme)

7. To have the Scholarship renewed every year, awardees are obliged to put forward good conduct and academic performance while complying with the terms and conditions of the Undertakings signed by them upon acceptance of the award of the Scholarship.

Application and Selection

8. Applications for the Scholarship will be open from 5 to 14 August 2026³.
9. Students who are interested may submit an application together with the supporting documents through the Electronic Form Submission System to EDB on or before the

³ Students who receive admission offers to the relevant programmes following reconsideration of their applications based on upgraded HKDSE Examination results (after rechecking and remarking) under JUPAS may request an extension of the application deadline to 28 August 2026. Interested students must submit application by email (ltq@edb.gov.hk), together with proof of admission / supporting documents, by 12:00 noon on 21 August 2026. Upon receipt of the request, students will be notified of details about the application procedure by email.

deadline (14 August 2026). Applications should be supported by the Recommendation Form (Annex 3) to be completed by the Principal or a teacher of the secondary school the applicant attended and submitted separately on or before the deadline. For details of application and the link to access the Electronic Form Submission System, please visit the EDB website at <http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship>. Before submission of application, please read the Note for Submission of Application on the website carefully.

10. Applicants will be shortlisted for an interview on the basis of public examination results attained and the information submitted by applicants. The interviews are scheduled for September 2026. Attendance is mandatory. Please note that the interview is an essential part of the selection process. Rescheduling of interviews will not be entertained. Applicants who cannot attend the assigned interview will be regarded as self-withdrawal of their applications for the Scholarship. Applicants who are not invited for an interview may assume that their applications are not successful.
11. The Scholarship will be awarded to applicants whose performance is the best in all aspects. When all factors being considered are equal, priority will be given to applicants who intend to teach in primary schools, as indicated by the choice of their study programmes. Applicants attending the interview will be informed of the selection results by the end of November 2026. The decision of the EDB on the selection of awardees shall be final and appeals are not accepted.

Teaching Obligations

12. Awardees should undertake to fulfil the teaching obligations by teaching English full-time in local primary or secondary schools in Hong Kong (day schools offering a local curriculum⁴) immediately after graduation. The duration of the teaching obligations is three consecutive school years.
13. In the case of a BA degree programme awardee who has chosen to pursue a recognised 2-year part-time PGDE programme upon completion of the BA degree programme, his / her full-time engagement as an English teacher in a school mentioned above while studying shall be counted towards the fulfilment of the teaching obligations, on condition that he / she completes the PGDE programme as required.

⁴ The curriculum developed by the Curriculum Development Council

Undertakings and Deed of Indemnity

14. Awardees are required to sign the Undertakings which delineates the terms and conditions that they should comply with. These include, but are not limited to, the requirements for awardees to:
 - (a) attain good conduct and academic standards required by the university concerned to complete the relevant study programme(s);
 - (b) (for BA degree programme awardees) pursue a PGDE programme majoring in English immediately upon graduation from the degree programme; and
 - (c) fulfil the 3-year teaching obligations after graduation, and adhere to the standards of professional conduct of teachers and have no records of professional misconduct.

15. At any point of time, when a breach of the Undertakings occurs,
 - (a) the scholarship will cease to be disbursed for the remainder of a study programme; and
 - (b) awardees will be required to repay to the HKSAR Government the scholarship amounts received on an interest-free and, if applicable, pro rata basis.

16. Each awardee has to nominate a person as his / her indemnifier. An indemnifier should be a person at or over 21 years of age who is gainfully employed, financially sound and able to provide a business / office address. Details of the qualifications of an indemnifier can be found in the Undertakings and the Deed of Indemnity upon acceptance of the Scholarship. By signing the Deed of Indemnity, the indemnifier agrees to repay to the HKSAR Government the scholarship amounts received by an awardee if the awardee fails to comply with the terms and conditions included in the Undertakings and is unable to repay the scholarship amounts received.

Enquiries

17. For details about the relevant study programmes, please visit the websites of the local universities. Enquiries about the Scholarship can be sent to ltq@edb.gov.hk or directed to Ms Constance CHOW (Tel. 2892 5786) of the Professional Development and Training Division, EDB.

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