Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (2027/28)
Information Sheet
for Secondary School Graduates and Undergraduates / Graduates of Universities of Non-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.

Applicants' Identity

3. Both Hong Kong students and students from places outside Hong Kong may apply for the Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (2027/28). Awardees will receive a scholarship for five years or one year, as determined by the study programme(s) pursued. Information about the Scholarship is detailed in Part A (for 5-year Scholarship), Part B (for 1-year Scholarship) and Part C below for non-local students. Local students should refer to the "Information Sheet for Secondary School Graduates of Local Student Status" and the "Information Sheet for Undergraduates / Graduates of Universities of Local Student Status" posted on the EDB website (http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship).

4. 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. Applicants should check their student status with reference to the information from the Immigration Department of the Government of the HKSAR accordingly. For more information about applying for a visa / entry permit, please visit the webpage of the Immigration Department (http://www.immd.gov.hk > Our Services > Visas / Entry Permits > Study / Residence > Students).

Part A: For Secondary School Graduates Interested in Applying for a 5-year Scholarship

Eligibility for Application

5. Application is open to secondary school graduates who
   (a) have attained, either Grade B or above in AS Level English of the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Examinations, or Grade 5 or above in Higher Level English Language (A1 or A2 / A: Literature or Language and Literature) in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, or equivalent[1]; and
   (b) will start pursuing **year one** study in relevant degree programmes in the universities in Hong Kong in the 2027/28 school year. A list of such programmes can be found on the EDB website (http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship).

6. Broadly speaking, applicants should pursue one of the following programmes provided by the universities in Hong Kong:
   (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

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

[1] The following results are accepted for the purpose of applying for the Scholarship:
- 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)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – A minimum score of 100 (Internet-based) / An overall score of 5 or above (for the test taken on the updated TOEFL score scale) (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
- Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE) – Grade B or above in Use of English (UE)
- Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination – Level 5 or above in English Language

Study programme	Scholarship amounts for each awardee of non-local student status
BEd degree	HK$80,000 per year
BA & BEd double degree	HK$80,000 per year
BA degree followed by full-time / part-time PGDE	HK$80,000 per year (for BA degree programme); and HK$80,000 (for the whole PGDE programme)

8. 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.

Part B: For Undergraduates / Graduates of Universities Interested in Applying for a 1-year Scholarship

Eligibility for Application

9. Application is open to undergraduates / graduates of universities[2] who
   (a) have attained either Grade B or above in AS Level English of the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Examinations, or Grade 5 or above in Higher Level English Language (A1 or A2 / A: Literature or Language and Literature) in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, or equivalent[1];
   (b) hold a recognised first degree majoring in English or a relevant subject (such as Linguistics, with English as the language to be studied) with honours not lower than Second Class Upper Division, or equivalent; and
   (c) will start pursuing a **full-time** Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) programme majoring in English in the universities in Hong Kong in the 2027/28 school year. For information about such programmes and the list of institutions offering them, please visit the EDB website (http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship).

Scholarship Amounts

10. Each awardee will receive HK$80,000 for the pursuit of a full-time PGDE programme.

[2] Persons who have graduated from degree programmes majoring in English and are employed in professions other than teaching, as well as those who are final year students graduating from relevant degree programmes in 2027 are included.

Part C: For Applicants of Parts A and B

Application and Selection

11. Application for the Scholarship will be open in August 2027. Details about the application procedure will be posted on the EDB website (http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship) in June 2027.

12. 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 2027. Attendance is mandatory. Interviewees are expected to attend the interviews at their own expenses.

13. The Scholarship will be awarded on a merit basis to applicants whose performance is the best in all aspects. Applicants attending the interview will be informed of the selection results by the end of November 2027. The decision of the EDB on the selection of the awardees shall be final and appeals are not accepted.

Teaching Obligations

14. 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 curriculum[3]) immediately after graduation. The duration of the teaching obligations is three consecutive school years for awardees of the 5-year Scholarship and one school year for awardees of the 1-year Scholarship.

15. In the case of a BA degree programme awardee of the 5-year Scholarship 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.

Undertakings and Deed of Indemnity

16. Awardees are required to sign the Undertakings which delineate the terms and conditions that they should comply with. These include, but are not limited to, the requirements for awardees to:

[3] The curriculum developed by the Curriculum Development Council

(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 teaching obligations of one year or three years in Hong Kong after graduation.

17. 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.

18. 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

19. For details about the relevant study programmes offered, please visit the websites of the universities in Hong Kong. Information about the universities can be found on the EDB website (http://www.edb.gov.hk > Education System and Policy > Post-secondary Education > Local Higher Education > Institutions).

20. Enquiries about the Scholarship can be sent to ltq@edb.gov.hk or directed to Ms Constance CHOW (Tel. 852-2892 5786) of the Professional Development and Training Division, EDB.

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