Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (2027/28)
Information Sheet
for Undergraduates / Graduates of Universities 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 students[1] may apply for the Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (2027/28). Information for local students interested in applying for a 1-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 undergraduates / graduates of universities[2] who
   (a) have attained Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination, or equivalent[3];

[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] Those 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.

[3] The following results are accepted for the purpose of 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 / A: Literature or Language and Literature)
- 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

(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 local universities in the 2027/28 school year. Information of such programmes can be found on the EDB website (http://www.edb.gov.hk/scholarship).

Scholarship Amounts

5. Each awardee will receive HK$50,000 for the pursuit of a full-time PGDE programme.

Application and Selection

6. Applications 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.

7. Applicants will be shortlisted for an interview on the basis of public examination results attained and the information submitted by applicants. The interview is scheduled for September 2027. Attendance is mandatory.

8. 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

9. 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[4]) immediately after graduation. The duration of the teaching obligations is one school year.

Undertakings and Deed of Indemnity

10. 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:

(a) attain good conduct and academic standards required by the university concerned to complete the relevant study programme(s); and

(b) fulfil the 1-year teaching obligations after graduation.

[4] The curriculum developed by the Curriculum Development Council

11. At any point of time, when a breach of the Undertakings occurs, awardees will be required to repay to the HKSAR Government the Scholarship amounts received on an interest-free and, if applicable, pro rata basis.

12. 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

13. 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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