

Note of Submission for Review of Textbooks for Updated Science (Secondary 1 to 3) Curriculum

A. Guidelines and Procedures

Publishers should read this Note in conjunction with the latest version of the following:

- (1) *Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks*
- (2) *Guidelines on Submission of Printed Textbooks for Review / Guidelines on Submission of e-Textbooks for Review*
- (3) *Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science Education Key Learning Area (Secondary Level)/ e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science Education Key Learning Area (Secondary Level)*
- (4) *An English-Chinese Glossary of Terms Commonly Used in the Teaching of Science (S.1-3) in Secondary Schools (2017)* (www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/science-edu/ref-and-resources/SciGlossary_2017.pdf)

Unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements of submission of Science (Secondary 1 to 3) textbooks for review as stipulated in the above-mentioned documents.

B. Curriculum Documents

New textbooks should be written to support and with reference to the curriculum documents and the supporting materials of updated *Science (Secondary 1 to 3) Curriculum Framework* which is accessible at: www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/science-edu/js-sci.html

C. Submission Schedule

- (1) **Before September 2027**, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit Science (Secondary 1 to 3) textbooks for review with respect to the curriculum documents and the supporting materials stated in Part B of this Note.
- (2) For submission of Science (Secondary 1 to 3) textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) for review **before September 2027**, **only submission in batches is acceptable**. The schedule of submission and the corresponding content for each batch are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second
Submission period	1 June 2026 – 17 June 2026	15 October 2026 – 28 October 2026
Content	Secondary 1 textbooks	Secondary 2 and Secondary 3 textbooks and Revised Secondary 1 textbooks

- (3) Publishers may only submit Secondary 1 textbooks in the first batch, and Secondary 2 and Secondary 3 textbooks in the second batch. Submission of content for levels not specified in each respective batch of the schedule will not be entertained. In the event that a Secondary 1 textbook is not submitted within the specified period of the first batch, the entire set of textbooks will **not** be accepted for review **until September 2027**.
- (4) Publishers may consider submitting Science (Secondary 1 to 3) printed and / or e-textbooks in an ordinary submission period **after September 2027**.

D. Release of Textbook Review Reports, Checking Procedures and Textbook Availability

The expected dates of the release of the textbook review reports, checking procedures for both printed and e-textbooks written for Science (Secondary 1 to 3), and the textbooks available for students are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second
Release of textbook review reports	September 2026 (Secondary 1 textbooks) (Interim Report)	February 2027 (Secondary 2 and Secondary 3 textbooks) (Report for the whole set of textbooks)
Checking procedures	March 2027 – April 2027 (whole set of textbooks)	
Included on RTL	April 2027 (Secondary 1 to 3 textbooks)	
Textbooks available for students	September 2027 (for Secondary 1 to 3)	

- (1) Submission of Provisional Final Draft for further review may be required.
- (2) The review results of both printed and e-textbooks written for this updated Science (Secondary 1 to 3) curriculum will be released in late February 2027 if the textbooks are submitted according to the submission schedule in Part C.
- (3) When more than one publisher has submitted textbooks of this updated Science (Secondary 1 to 3) curriculum in the same submission period, the review results of all the textbooks concerned will be released at the same time.
- (4) If a publisher has submitted both printed and e-textbooks under the same title, the review results of both versions will also be released at the same time.
- (5) For submission of textbooks in batches for review, the review results will be made based on the assessment of the whole set of printed textbooks / e-textbooks for the Key Stage.

E. Phasing-out of existing Science (Secondary 1 to 3) textbooks from the Recommended Textbook List (RTL)

The current Science (Secondary 1 to 3) textbooks written based on the previous curriculum documents will be delisted from the RTL according to the following schedule:

	Time for the current Science (Secondary 1 to 3) textbooks to be delisted
Science (Secondary 1) textbooks	March 2027
Science (Secondary 2) textbooks	March 2028
Science (Secondary 3) textbooks	March 2029

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