

Note of Submission for Review of Textbooks for Senior Secondary History

A. Guidelines and Procedures

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

- (1) *Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks (Revised Mar 2023)*
- (2) *Guidelines on Submission of Printed Textbooks for Review / Guidelines on Submission of e-Textbooks for Review*
- (3) *Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for History/ e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for History*

Unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements of submission of Senior Secondary History 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 following curriculum documents.

Senior Secondary History Optimised Curriculum Framework 2025 which is accessible at:

https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/ssch_h_opt/SSHist_CF_C.pdf

C. Submission Schedule

- (1) **Before September 2028**, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit Senior Secondary History textbooks for review with respect to the curriculum documents and the supporting materials stated in Part B of this Note.
- (2) For submission of Senior Secondary History textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) for review, **only submission in batches is acceptable**. The schedule of submission and the corresponding content for each batch are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second	Third
Submission period	1 April 2026 – 16 April 2026	1 December 2026 – 15 December 2026	2 August 2027 – 15 August 2027
Review content	Module 1 and 2	Module 3	Module 4 and 5

- (3) Publishers should only submit the designated content strictly within the assigned (the first, the second and the third) batch periods for review. Submission that does not align with the scheduled batch periods will not be processed. If the review content for the first batch is not submitted within its designated timeframe, it cannot be submitted during the subsequent batch periods. In such case, the entire set of textbooks will **not** be accepted for review **until September 2028**.
- (4) Publishers may consider submitting Senior Secondary History printed and / or e-textbooks in an ordinary submission period **after September 2028**.

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 Senior Secondary History, and the textbooks available for students are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second	Third
Release of textbook review reports	June 2026	March 2027	October 2027
Checking procedures	June 2026 – August 2026	March 2027 – May 2027	October 2027 – December 2027
Included on RTL	August 2026	May 2027	December 2027
Textbooks available for students	September 2027	September 2028	September 2028

- (1) Publishers are required to make amendments according to the comments stated in the Textbook Review Report and submit the Provisional Final Draft for further review.
- (2) Upon the completion of the review of the Provisional Final Drafts, the information of the approved printed and e-textbooks will be released on the RTL.
- (3) If more than one publisher has submitted textbooks (both printed and e-textbooks) according to the same curriculum guidelines of the same key learning stage, and submitted for review within the same review period, the review results of all the textbooks concerned will be released at the same time.

E. Phasing-out of existing Senior Secondary History textbooks from the Recommended Textbook List (RTL)

The current Senior Secondary History textbooks written based on History Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6) (2007) will be delisted from the RTL according to the following schedule:

Time for the current Senior Secondary textbooks to be delisted	Textbooks
March 2029	S4 -S6 textbooks

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