

Note of Submission for Review of Textbooks for Science (Primary 1 – 6)

A. Guidelines and Procedures

Publishers should read this Note in conjunction with:

- (1) “Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks” (latest version at the time of submission);
- (2) “Guidelines on Submission of Printed Textbooks for Review” / “Guidelines on Submission of e-Textbooks for Review” (latest version at the time of submission);
- (3) “Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science Education Key Learning Area” / “e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science Education Key Learning Area” (latest version at the time of submission); and
- (4) “Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science (Primary 1– 6) Curriculum of Science Education Key Learning Area ” / “e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for Science (Primary 1 - 6) Curriculum of Science Education Key Learning Area” (latest version at the time of submission)

Unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements of submission of Science (Primary 1 – 6) 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 of **Science (Primary 1 – 6)** which is accessible at:

www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/science-edu/primary-science.html

C. Submission Schedule

1. **Before June 2027**, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit Science (Primary 1 – 6) textbooks for review with respect to the curriculum documents stated in Part B of this Note.
2. For submission of Science (Primary 1 – 6) 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	3-13 September 2024	2-12 September 2025	2-14 September 2026
Content	P1 and P4 textbooks (for Primary 1 and 4)	P2 and P5 textbooks (for Primary 2 and 5)	P3 and P6 textbooks (for Primary 3 and 6)

	+ Table of Contents / Framework of the whole set of textbooks		
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- Publishers may start submitting P2 and P5 textbooks in the second batch. Submission of content for levels not specified in each respective batch will not be entertained. For those P1 and P4 textbooks not submitted during the specified period specified in the first batch, they should only be submitted after June 2027. In such instances, publishers should clearly inform schools that their P1 and P4 textbooks will not be available until 2028 the earliest.
- Publishers may consider submitting Science (Primary 1 – 6) printed and / or e-textbooks in an ordinary submission period after June 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 (Primary 1 – 6), and the textbooks available for students are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second	Third
Release of textbook review reports	December 2024 (P1 and P4 textbooks)	December 2025 (P2 and P5 textbooks)	December 2026 (P3 and P6 textbooks)
Checking procedures	December 2024 – February 2025	December 2025 – February 2026	December 2026 – February 2027
Included on RTL	February 2025	February 2026	February 2027
Textbooks available for students	September 2025 (for Primary 1 and 4)	September 2026 (for Primary 1, 2, 4 and 5)	September 2027 (for Primary 1 – 6)

E. Phasing-out of current General Studies textbooks from the Recommended Textbook List (RTL) and the Recommended e-Textbook List (eRTL)

The current General Studies textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) for primary schools (Primary 1 – 6) will be delisted from the RTL and the eRTL in March 2027.

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