

## Note of Submission for Review of Textbooks for Primary Humanities

### 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); and
- (3) “Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for Primary Humanities” / “e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for Primary Humanities” (latest version at the time of submission).

Unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements of submission of Primary Humanities 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 **Primary Humanities** which is accessible at:

[www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/cross-kla-studies/ph-primary/index.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/cross-kla-studies/ph-primary/index.html)

### C. Submission Schedule

1. **Before June 2027**, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit Primary Humanities textbooks for review with respect to the curriculum documents stated in Part B of this Note.
2. For submission of Primary Humanities 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	10-20 September 2024	9-19 September 2025	8-18 September 2026
Content	P1 and P4 textbooks (for Primary 1 and 4) + Table of Contents / Framework of the	P2 and P5 textbooks (for Primary 2 and 5)	P3 and P6 textbooks (for Primary 3 and 6)

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3. 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 submission 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.
4. Publishers may consider submitting Primary Humanities 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 Primary Humanities, and the textbooks available for students are tabulated below:

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