

Note of Submission for Review of Textbooks for Revised Geography (Secondary 1-3) 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 (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 Geography (Secondary 1-3) / e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for Geography (Secondary 1-3)*

Unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements of submission of Geography (Secondary 1-3) 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 following curriculum documents.

Geography (Secondary 1-3) Curriculum Framework (March 2026) which is accessible at: [\[https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/js_geog.html\]](https://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/js_geog.html) (for Chinese version) [\[https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/js_geog.html\]](https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/js_geog.html) (for English version)

An English-Chinese Glossary of Terms Commonly Used in the Teaching of Geography in Secondary Schools (2025) which is accessible at:

[\[https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/references-and-resources/geography/glossaries/Geography_Glossary_Final_Version_July_2025.pdf\]](https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/tc/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/references-and-resources/geography/glossaries/Geography_Glossary_Final_Version_July_2025.pdf)

C. Submission Schedule

- (1) **Before February 2029**, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit Geography (Secondary 1-3) textbooks for review with respect to the curriculum documents and the supporting materials stated in Part B of this Note.
- (2) For submission of Geography (Secondary 1-3) 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	2 November 2026 – 12 November 2026	2 August 2027 – 12 August 2027	11 May 2028 – 22 May 2028
Review content	S1 textbooks	S2 textbooks	S3 textbooks

- (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 February 2029**.

- D.** Publishers may consider submitting Geography (Secondary 1-3) printed and / or e-textbooks in an ordinary submission period **after February 2029**.

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 Geography (Secondary 1-3), and the textbooks available for students are tabulated below:

Batch	First	Second	Third
Release of textbook review reports	February 2027	November 2027	August 2028
Checking procedures	March 2027 – April 2027	December 2027 – January 2028	October 2028 – November 2028
Included on Recommended Textbook List (RTL)	April 2027	February 2028	December 2028
Textbooks available for students	September 2027	September 2028	September 2029

- (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 Geography (Secondary 1-3) textbooks from the RTL

The current Geography (Secondary 1-3) textbooks written based on *Geography Curriculum Guide (Secondary 1-3) (2011)* will be delisted from the RTL according to the following schedule:

Time for the current Senior Secondary textbooks to be delisted	Textbooks
March 2029	S1 - S3 textbooks