

Notes of Submission on the Updated Primary General Studies Curriculum Textbooks for Review (revised in July 2017)

(A) Guidelines and Procedures

Publishers should read this Note in conjunction with:

- i. “Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks” (Revised June 2016),
- ii. “Guidelines on Submission of Printed Textbooks for Review” / “Guidelines on Submission of e-Textbooks for Review” (latest version at the time of submission), and
- iii. “Textbook Writing Guidelines for General Studies” (July 2017) / “e-Textbook Writing Guidelines for General Studies” (July 2017).

Unless otherwise specified in the following paragraphs, publishers should observe the procedures and requirements for submission of General Studies textbooks for review as stipulated in the above-mentioned documents.

(B) Updated Curriculum Documents

1. New textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) should be written to support the General Studies for Primary Schools Curriculum Guide (P1- P6) (2017) (Primary GS Curriculum Guide (2017)).
2. Publishers should write the textbooks with reference to the Primary GS Curriculum Guide (2017) (2017年7月擬定稿) before issuance of the finalised document, which is accessible at <http://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/cross-ks1-2-studies/guide/guide.html>.
3. A lead time of not less than 12 months is given to publishers to write textbooks in line with the Primary GS Curriculum Guide (2017).

(C) Submission Schedule

Before February 2019, publishers should follow the instructions below if they intend to submit General Studies textbooks for review with respect to the Primary GS Curriculum Guide (2017):

Submission of textbooks for Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 only

1. Publishers can submit textbooks, printed or e-textbooks, for a Key Stage in one go or in batches in three consecutive submission periods as stated in point 3.

- Textbooks should be submitted in the designated period from **17 September 2018 (Monday) to 3 October 2018 (Wednesday)** for the case of the whole submission, or in the schedule as stated in point 3 for the case of submission in batches.
- The schedule for submission of textbooks in batches (to be available for students in September 2019) is tabulated below:

Schedule for submission of textbooks (printed and e-textbooks) in batches:

	Submission Period 1		Submission Period 2		Submission Period 3	
Submission Period Combination of textbooks	17 January 2018 – 2 February 2018		14 May 2018 – 1 June 2018		17 September 2018 – 3 October 2018	
Key Stage (KS)	KS1	KS2	KS1	KS2	KS1	KS2
A	Pri. 1	Pri. 4	Pri. 2	Pri. 5	Pri. 3	Pri. 6
B	Pri. 1 & 2	--	--	Pri. 4 & 5	Pri. 3	Pri. 6
C	Pri. 1	Pri. 4	Pri. 2	--	Pri. 3	Pri. 5 & 6
D	Pri. 1 & 2	Pri. 4	--	--	Pri. 3	Pri. 5 & 6
E	--	--	Pri. 1 & 2	Pri. 4	Pri. 3	Pri. 5 & 6

- Submission in batches is also applicable for e-textbooks.

Submission of textbooks for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

- For submission of GS textbooks for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for review, **only submission in batches is acceptable** (please refer to point 3 for the submission schedule).
- Publishers, including its affiliated institutions, interested in submitting **both** Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 GS textbooks for review should submit the following:
 - an "index page" of each booklet for Primary 1 to 6 during **Submission Period 1** (i.e. from 17 January to 2 February 2018), so as to ensure the full incorporation of all the curriculum elements / topics and coherence across the two key stages; and
 - two-third of KS1 textbooks and at least one-third of KS2 textbooks, as stated in point 3 on or before **Submission Period 2** (i.e., 1 June 2018).

(D) Release of Textbook Review Results

- The review results of both printed and e-textbooks written for the Primary GS Curriculum (2017) will be released in **late January 2019** if the textbooks are submitted according to the submission schedule listed in Part C.

2. For submission of textbooks in batches for review, the review results will be made based on the assessment of the full set of textbooks for a Key Stage.

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

The current General Studies textbooks written based on the previous curriculum documents will be delisted from the RTL and eRTL in **March 2021**.

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