

Primary One Admission System
(Admission to Primary One in September 2026)
Information Note

The Primary One Admission System

- ◆ The Primary One Admission (POA) System is divided into two stages: “Discretionary Places Admission” stage and “Central Allocation” stage.
- ◆ Direct Subsidy Scheme primary schools, private primary schools and primary schools of the English Schools Foundation are excluded from the POA System. Parents who wish to send their children to these schools may apply direct to the schools.
- ◆ When choosing a primary school for children, parents should first identify children’s characteristics, personalities, abilities and interests, and then consider various factors such as the characteristics, school motto, religion, sponsoring body, location, scale and history of a school.

“Discretionary Places Admission” Stage

- ◆ During the stage of “Discretionary Places Admission”, parents may apply to only ONE government or aided school which may be within or outside the school net in which they reside.
- ◆ If parents have submitted applications to more than one government or aided primary school for the same applicant child, the applications for a Discretionary Place of the applicant child would be rendered void.
- ◆ There are two categories of Discretionary Places Admission:
 - (A) Applicant children with sibling(s) studying or parent(s) working in the school
 - This category will take up about 30% of a school’s Primary 1 (P1) places.
 - All applicant children of this category will be admitted by the school.
 - (B) Selection of applicant children according to the Points System
 - Each primary school will allocate not less than 20% of its P1 places to applicant children according to the Points System.
 - Schools must not conduct tests or interviews on the applicant children.
- ◆ Results of allocation of Discretionary Places will be released by schools on 24 November 2025. Parents whose applicant child have been offered a discretionary place should register their applicant child with the school to which they have applied on 26 or 27 November 2025. Failure for the parent to register their applicant child with the school within the specified period would lead to forfeiture of the discretionary place. If it happens that a school eventually does not operate any subsidised P1 class in the 2026/27 school year, alternative P1 places will be arranged by the Education Bureau for the pupils admitted by the school during the “Discretionary Places Admission” stage.

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The Points System

- ♦ If the number of applications for discretionary places in Category (B) received by a school exceeds its quota, the school should admit the applicant children according to the Points System below:

1. Parent(s) teaching or working full-time in the kindergarten or secondary section if it is of the same address as the primary school	(20 points)
2. Sibling(s) studying in the secondary section if it is of the same address as the primary school	(20 points)
3. Parent(s) being a school manager of the primary school	(20 points)
4. Parent(s) or sibling(s) being a graduate of the primary school	(10 points)
5. First-born child (the eldest child in the family irrespective of sex)	(5 points)
<i>[Applicant children may claim only one of the relationships from 1 to 5.]</i>	
6. Same religious affiliation as the sponsoring body which operates the primary school [See Note]	(5 points)
7. Parent(s) being a member of the same organisation which sponsors the operation of the primary school [See Note]	(5 points)
<i>[Applicant children may claim only one of the relationships from 6 to 7.]</i>	
8. Applicant child of the right age (5 years 8 months to 7 years old)	(10 points)
[Note: Parents are advised to consult the school direct about the definition of 'same religious affiliation' / 'a member of the same organization' before submitting the application form.]	

Applicant children will be awarded the appropriate points for the relationships claimed upon verification.

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“Central Allocation” Stage

- ◆ Children who have not been offered a discretionary place will participate in the Central Allocation (CA).
- ◆ Parents will make choices of schools under 2 categories, namely unrestricted school choices (Part A) and restricted school choices (Part B). The computer-programmed CA will process the school choices in Part A first, and then Part B.

Part A

- 10% of a school’s P1 places for Central Allocation are earmarked for this part.
- Parents may choose up to 3 schools from any school nets.

Part B

- 90% of a school’s P1 places for the Central Allocation are earmarked for this part.
 - Parents should choose schools in their own net. However, if parents have indicated on the application forms that their children cannot use Chinese as a learning medium, they may choose schools in their own net and schools traditionally admitting more non-Chinese speaking students in any school nets.
- ◆ The ‘Primary One Registration Form’ with CA results will be delivered to parents from 3 June to 4 June 2026 through the ‘Local CourierPost’ service provided by Hongkong Post. If door delivery by Hongkong Post fails, a ‘Mail Collection Notification Card’ will be left for parents to collect it from the designated post office starting from the afternoon of the following working day. If parents have not received the mail concerned or the ‘Mail Collection Notification Card’ issued by Hongkong Post by 5 June 2026, they could collect the ‘Primary One Registration Form’ at the designated ‘Collection Centre’ from 6 June to 7 June 2026. Parents should register the child with the allocated school within the specified period.

Parents should keep abreast of the latest press releases of Education Bureau and the messages posted on the Education Bureau’s POA Website [Path: Education Bureau website (<https://www.edb.gov.hk>) > Education System and Policy > Primary and Secondary Education > School Places Allocation Systems > Primary One Admission System].

Enquiries

Parents seeking further information may contact Mr Jimmy WAN (Tel: 2832 7640) or Ms Esther CHAN (Tel: 2832 7636) of the School Places Allocation Section, EDB.

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Primary One Admission (POA) for September 2026

Intend to study in a government / an aided primary school

Participate in POA System

Parents are required by law to send their children aged six or above to school.

To be eligible for participation, the child must

- ♦ reach the age of 5 years 8 months when he/she is enrolled in P1 in September 2026 (i.e. born on or before 31 December 2020);
- ♦ be a Hong Kong resident;
- ♦ not be attending any primary schools; and
- ♦ have never been allocated a P1 place

Obtain an Application Form

- ♦ during the period from 1 to 26 September 2025
- ♦ from the kindergarten or kindergarten-cum-child care centre the child is attending, District Offices (Home Affairs Enquiry Centre), the School Places Allocation Section or the Regional Education Offices of the Education Bureau

With no particular school in mind

With a particular school in mind

- ♦ Submit the Application Form during the period from 22 September 2025 to 23 January 2026 to the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau

Podium Floor, West Block, Education Bureau
Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19
Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon.

Apply for a Discretionary Place

- ♦ submit the Application Form via POA e-Platform (ePOA) from 18 to 26 September 2025 or to the school **DIRECT** from 22 to 26 September 2025.
- ♦ submit the Application Form to **ONE** school only (the application is not subject to restrictions on school nets)
- ♦ There are two categories of discretionary places admission:
(A) applicant children with sibling(s) studying or parent(s) working in the school (All applicant children of this category will be admitted by the school.)
(B) selection of applicant children according to the Points System

Schools release discretionary places admission results on 24 November 2025. Parents can view the results via ePOA from 10 am on that day.

Participate in
“Central Allocation” Stage

Unsuccessful applicant children
to participate in the “Central
Allocation” Stage

Successful applicant children
to register with the school
on 26-27 November 2025

- ♦ Parents to submit the Choice of Schools Form via ePOA on 19 to 25 January 2026 or to make choices of schools on 24 to 25 January 2026 at designated Central Allocation Centre.
- ♦ Parents will receive the central allocation results by post on 3 to 4 June 2026, or they can view the results via ePOA from 10 am on 3 June 2026.

Updated information on POA application procedures may also be obtained through the EDB's 24-hour Automatic Telephone Enquiry System at 2891 0088 or the EDB Homepage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>)

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