

HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
2023 HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

General Notes to Applicants

As a general rule, only ONE service agreement will be offered to each applicant in the written papers (i.e. Paper 1 or Paper 2 or Paper 3). Applicants can indicate their marking preference and are encouraged to select more than one written paper in order to increase the chances of their application being successful. Markers will be chosen for a particular paper taking into consideration the overall needs and requirements of the subject as a whole.

Markers applying for the written papers may also apply for Paper 4 to serve as an oral examiner. There is currently no overlap between the marking period of the written papers and the oral examination period in 2023 (see dates of the examination on page 5). Please note, if applicants take on more than one service agreement, they will be expected to fulfill the minimum marking load for the written paper AND their oral examination duties during the marking and examining period. Applicants who are appointed as an oral examiner will be invited to express an interest to serve as an SEN oral examiner in due course.

Paper 1 (Reading)

The marking of this paper will be divided into centralised and non-centralised. The first two days of the marking will be centralised. Thereafter, markers will be expected to continue marking on their own until the marking is completed. The deadline for the completion of marking is usually one week after the centralised session, but marking is usually completed earlier than this.

Paper 2 (Writing)

This paper will be divided into two rounds of marking. Markers are required to complete both rounds of marking.

In Round 1, markers will mark the compulsory question in Part A.

In Round 2, markers will be assigned to mark one elective question in Part B.

Therefore, markers will need to complete the standardisation for two separate tasks (Question 1 in Part A and one question in Part B). The second of these will take place around half way through the marking period. Markers are expected to mark around 400-500 scripts in total over the four-week marking period.

Paper 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills)

Markers will be assigned initially to one task, taking into consideration the overall needs and requirements of the marking of the paper as a whole. If the marking of one task finishes before the others, markers may be asked to mark a further task in the remaining part of the marking period.

Paper 4 (Speaking)

Applicants choose five examination centres in which they wish to examine ('1' indicating their first choice). Examiners will be chosen for a particular examination centre taking into consideration the overall needs and requirements of the administration of the paper as a whole.

Some examination centres are very popular and the applications for these centres exceed the number of positions available. However, there are other centres that are less popular and do not fill easily.

The chances of being offered a service agreement will be increased if markers apply for a less popular examination centre as one of their top five choices. The relative popularity of the centres has been estimated based on how close it is to an MTR station and on previous years' demand (see 'Popularity' in the table below).

Please note that examination centres may be subject to change. If appointed, you must be able to arrive at any centre you have applied for by 4:45pm latest, or 4:30pm for standby oral examiners.

List of HKDSE English Language Oral Examination Centres for 2023

(as at Nov 2022)

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District	School Name and Address	Popularity
Wan Chai District	CCC Kung Lee College 17 Tai Hang Drive, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.	Accessible by mini bus from Causeway Bay MTR station or Lee Garden.
	SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School 9 Oi Kwan Road, Morrison Hill, Wanchai, Hong Kong.	15 min walk from Wan Chai MTR station. Usually a popular centre.
Southern District	Pui Ying Secondary School 55 Wah Fu Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong.	Between Kennedy Town MTR and Wong Chuk Hang MTR station. Only centre in the district. Will be more popular for applicants in Southern and Western Districts.
Eastern District	St. Mark's School 18 Oi Yin Street, Aldrich Bay, Shaukeiwan, Hong Kong.	10 min walk from Shau Kei Wan MTR station. Usually a popular centre.

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District	School Name and Address	Popularity
Sham Shui Po District	Chan Shu Kui Memorial School 99 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.	5 min walk from Sham Shui Po MTR station.
	Concordia Lutheran School 12 Tai Hang Tung Road, Kowloon.	5 min walk from Shek Kip Mei MTR station.
	Maryknoll Fathers' School 2 To Yuen Street, Tai Hang Tung, Kowloon.	10 min walk from Kowloon Tong MTR Station.

District	School Name and Address	Popularity
Kowloon City District	Bishop Hall Jubilee School 2C Oxford Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon.	15 min walk from Kowloon Tong MTR.
	Diocesan Boys' School 131 Argyle Street, Mongkok, Kowloon.	10 min walk from Prince Edward MTR / Mong Kok East MTR station. Usually popular.
	Tang King Po School 16 Tin Kwong Road, Kowloon.	10 min walk from To Kwa Wan MTR station.
Yau Tsim Mong District	Diocesan Girls' School 1 Jordan Road Kowloon.	5 min walk from Jordan MTR station. Usually popular.

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District	School Name and Address	Popularity
Tseung Kwan O District	Creative Secondary School 3 Pung Loi Road, Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung Kowloon.	Not within walking distance to TKO/Lohas MTR Station. Accessible by mini bus near Hang Hau MTR station. Possibly least popular centre in the district.
	YCH Lan Chi Pat Memorial Secondary School 10 Yuk Nga Lane, Tseung Kwan O, Kowloon.	10 min walk from Po Lam MTR station.
	POH 80th Anniversary Tang Ying Hei College 2 Tong Yin Lane, Tseung Kwan O, Kowloon.	10 min walk from Tseung Kwan O MTR station. Usually popular.
Kwai Tsing District	Caritas St. Joseph Secondary School 10 Fung Shue Wo Road, Tsing Yi Estate, Tsing Yi, N.T.	Closest MTR station is Tsing Yi MTR station. Accessible by mini bus from Tsuen Wan West MTR station. Only centre in the district. Will be more popular for applicants in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Districts.

District	School Name and Address	Popularity
North District	Fanling Lutheran Secondary School 270 Jockey Club Road, Fanling, N.T.	10-15 min walk from Fanling MTR station. Accessible by mini bus from Sheung Shui MTR station. Only centre in the district. Usually not very popular.
Sha Tin District	Christ College Area 5A, Pok Hong Estate, Shatin, N.T.	5 min walk from Sha Tin Wai MTR station. Usually popular.
	Jockey Club Ti-I College Lok King Street, Fo Tan, Shatin, N.T.	5-10 min walk from Fo Tan MTR station.
	Shatin Pui Ying College 9 Fung Shun Street, Wo Che Estate, Shatin, N.T.	Closest MTR station is Sha Tin. Usually popular.
	Toi Shan Association College 10 Yuen Chau Kok Road, Shatin, N.T.	10-15 min walk from Sha Tin Wai / City One MTR stations.
Ma On Shan District	Tsang Pik Shan (Sung Lan) Secondary School 12, Hang Kwong Street, Ma On Shan, Shatin, N.T.	10 min walk from Ma On Shan MTR station.
Tuen Mun District	NLSI Peace Evangelical Secondary School 3 Hang Kwai Street, Tuen Mun, N.T.	5 min walk from Goodview Garden LRT station. Located in South Tuen Mun.
	TWGHs Mr & Mrs Kwong Sik Kwan College No. 1, Chung Ling Path, Tuen Mun, N.T.	5 min walk from Ching Chung LRT station.
Yuen Long District	Shung Tak Catholic English College 1 Hung Tak Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long, N.T.	5 min walk from Hung Shui Kiu LRT station. Located between Tuen Mun and Yuen Long.
	The ELCHK Yuen Long Lutheran Secondary School Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long, N.T.	10 min walk from Tin Shui Wai MTR station or 2 min walk from Tin Yiu LRT station.

English Language Paper 4 Speaking

1. Examination Period

There will be eight days of examinations: 21 – 30 March 2023 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays).

2. Special Needs Oral Examination Period

There will be two days of SEN examinations: 3 – 4 April 2023.

3. Reserve Day

If the examination has to be postponed due to bad weather, the reserve days are 31 March and 6 April 2023 for Normal and SEN examining respectively.

4. Interviews

New applicants may be invited to attend an interview in mid-January 2023. Shortlisted applicants will be notified of the date and time in due course.

5. Relevant experience

Applicants who have served as an HKDSE oral examiner since 2012 will be considered as experienced. All other applicants will be counted as new.

6. Successful Applicants

Service agreements will be sent to successful applicants in late February or early March 2023.

7. Training Sessions

All examiners must attend a training session in mid-March 2023. Successful applicants will be notified of the date and time in due course.

8. Payment rates

Oral examiners' duties will begin at 4:45pm and finish around 8:30pm. The service fee will be \$933 per session.

Standby examiners will be required for standby duty at their centre from 4:30pm to around 6:30pm daily. They will be used to replace absent oral examiners. Standby examiners will be paid \$459 per session when they are only required to serve until 6:30pm and the full rate when they are required to serve as full-time examiners. They must be available EACH DAY from 4:30pm-8:30pm.