# **Guide to Application Submission for Taught Postgraduate Programmes**

This Guide explains how to submit an application to PolyU programme. Most of your questions will be answered here. If you need other information or assistance, you may visit our <a href="Study@PolyU">Study@PolyU</a> website for programme details and other admission-related information or <a href="contact us">contact us</a>.

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# A) Application Submission

#### 1. Create an account

Enter the necessary information and a valid email address is needed. This is a unique account for you to submit applications for all PolyU programmes.

#### 2. Activate your account

Activate your account via the URL sent to your email address.

#### 3. Select programme(s) and complete all relevant sections of the application form

Before you start completing your online application form, *get ready all supporting documents required* by the programme. Visit the <a href="Study@PolyU">Study@PolyU</a> website for programme details and other admission-related information.

#### 4. Verify application data before submission

**You are not allowed to update** most of the application data, in particular those related to your qualifications after the submission of an application. It is therefore important for you to make sure that all application data are entered properly.

#### 5. Submit before the application deadline

Visit the <u>Study@PolyU</u> website for application deadlines of individual programmes.

#### 6. Arrange application fee payment before payment deadline

Your application will only be processed when the payment status has been updated to "Paid" before the deadline. For details of the payment methods, please click here.

## 7. Print application data checklist for record

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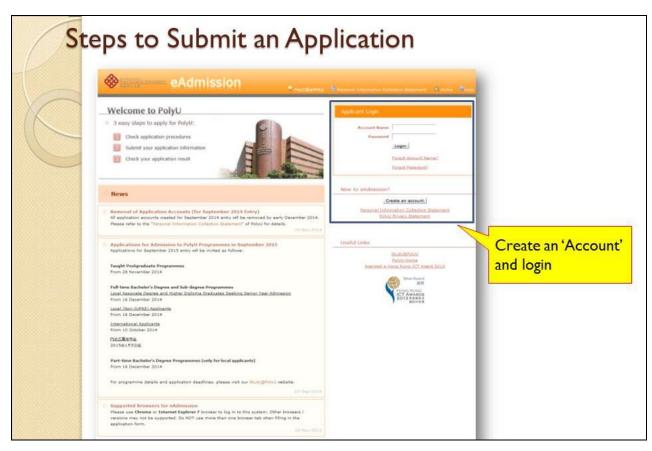
- 1. For postgraduate study, applicants can submit more than one application for different programmes.
- 2. If you are holding one of the following visas/permits, you are regarded as a "non-local student" for the purpose of admission to our programmes:
  - Student visa/entry permit;
  - Visa/entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG); or
  - Dependant visa/entry permit who were 18 years old or above when you were issued with such visa/entry permit by the Director of Immigration.
- 3. If you are holding a valid work permit, you do not require a student visa to take a part-time programme, but you need to apply for a student visa to take a full-time programme.

Non-local students taking up part-time postgraduate studies at PolyU will likely be issued with a short-term multiple-entry student visa. When you only possess a visitor or tourist visa, we can neither register you as a student nor allow you to commence study until a student visa is obtained.

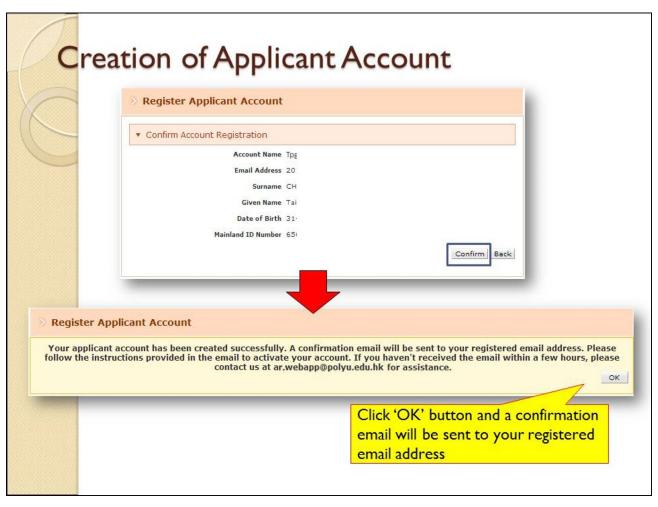
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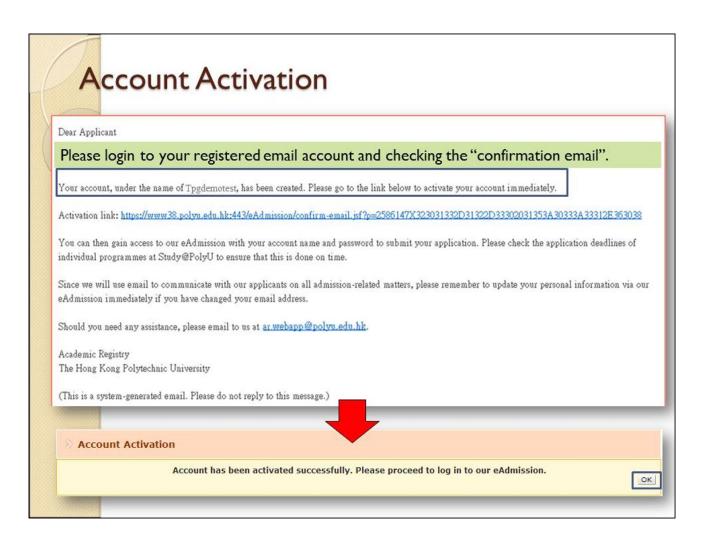
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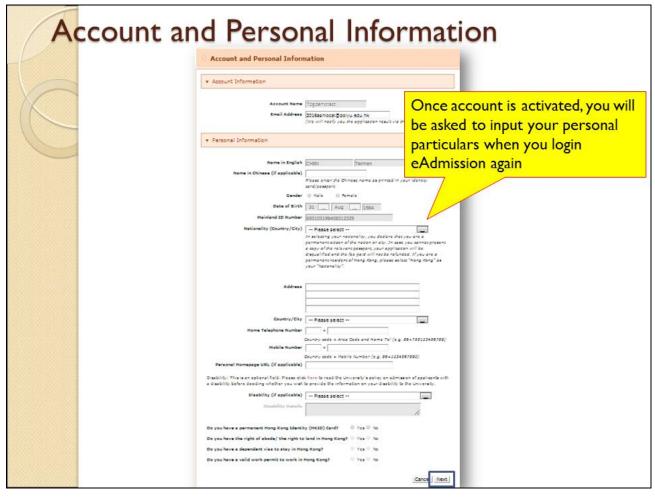


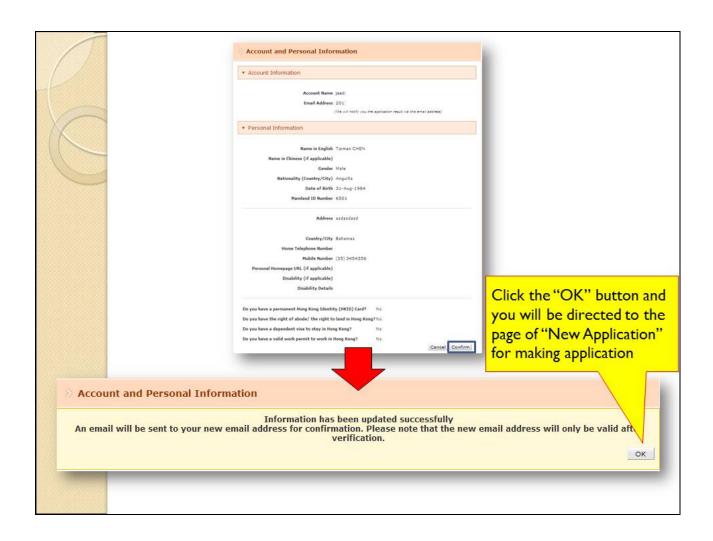


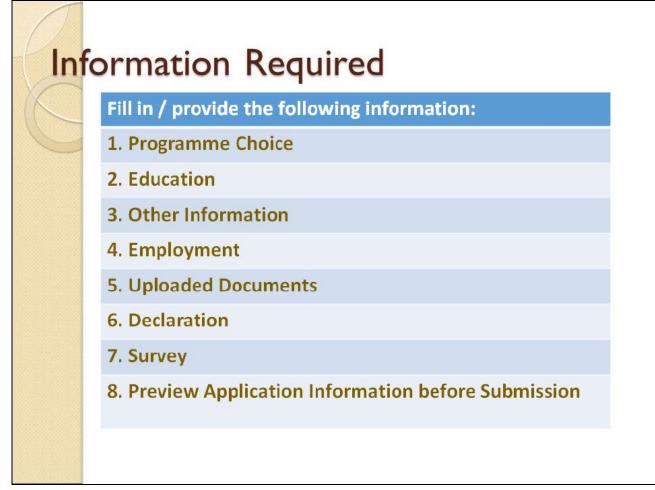


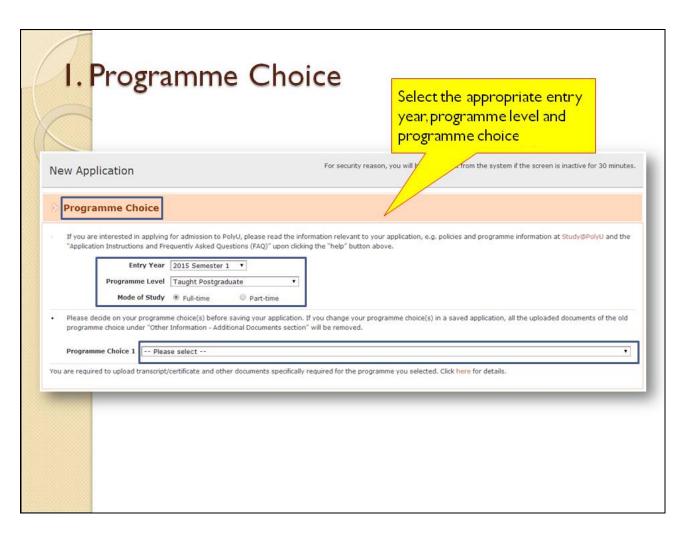


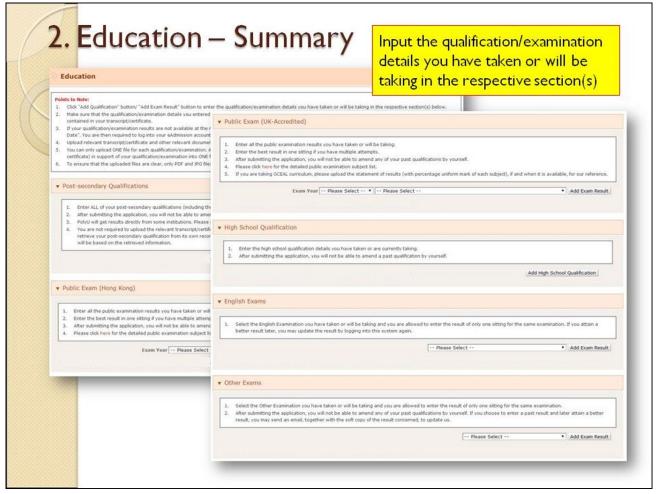




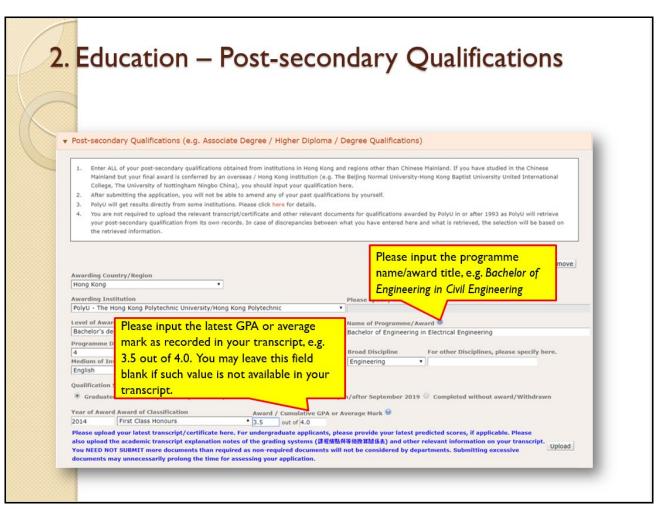




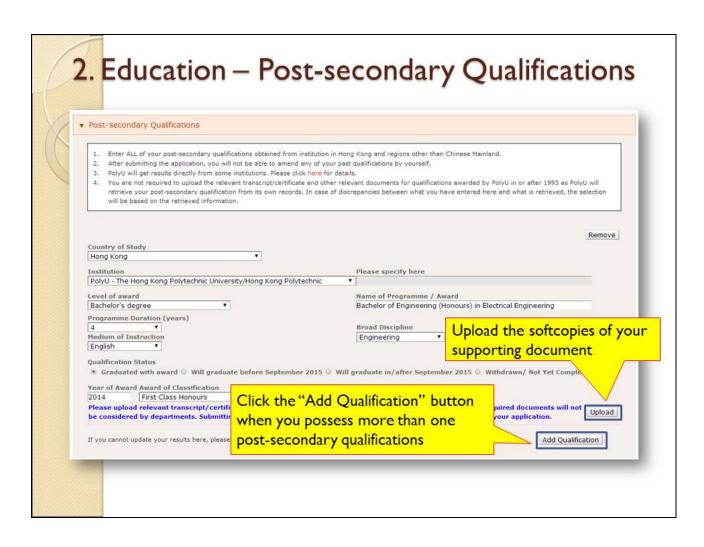


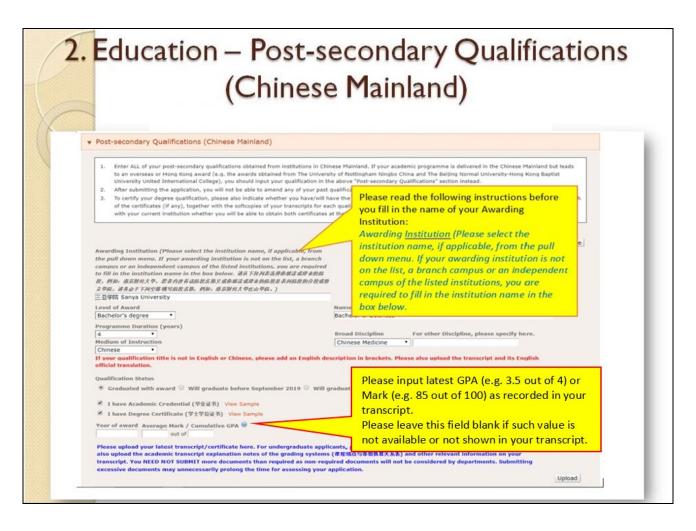


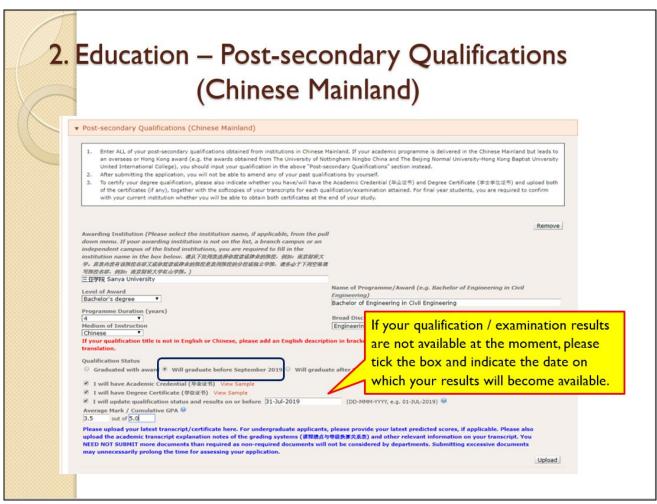
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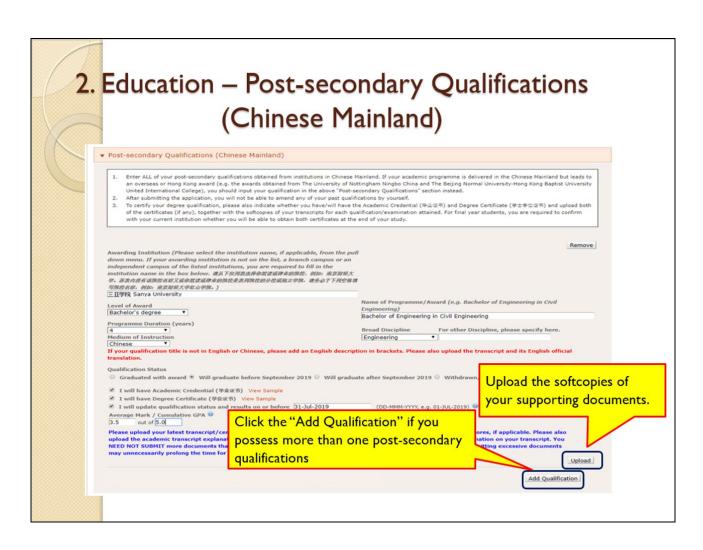


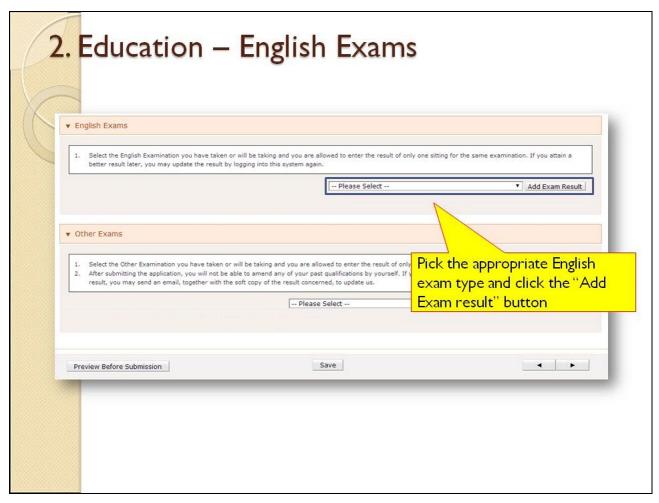
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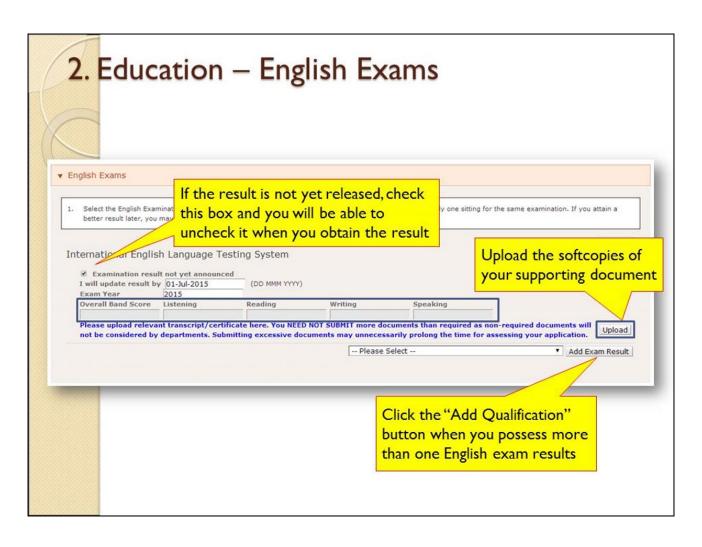


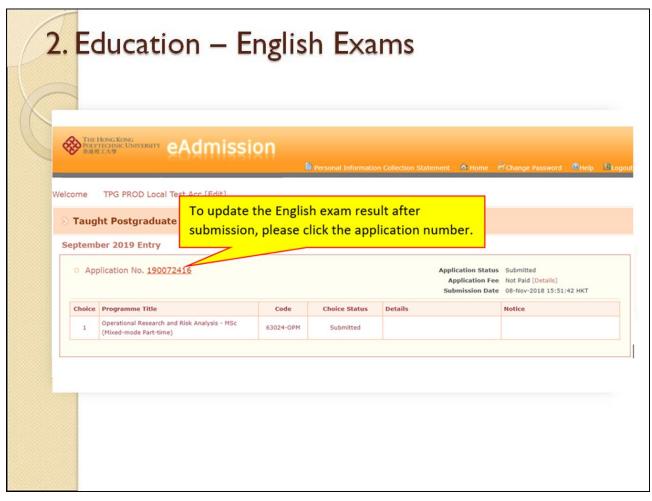


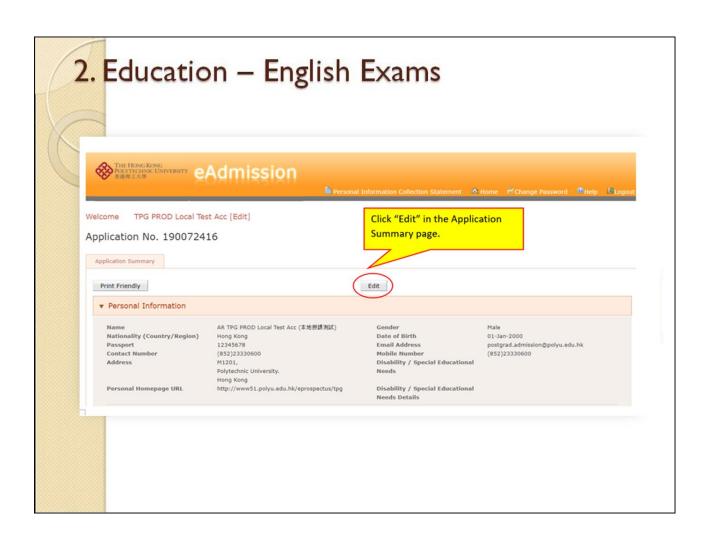


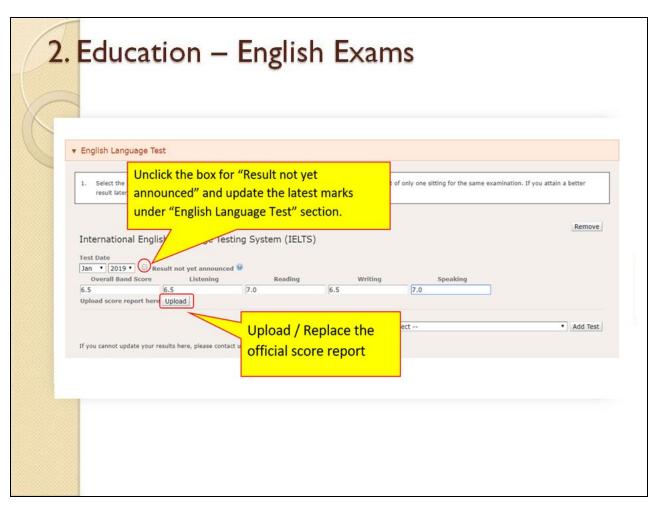


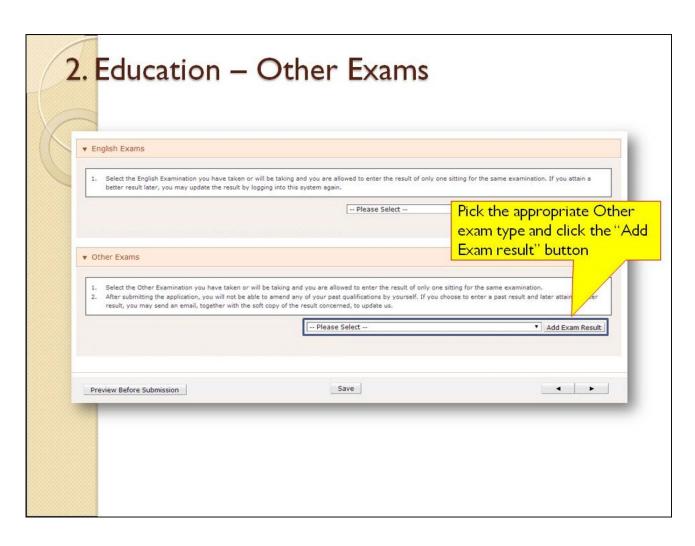


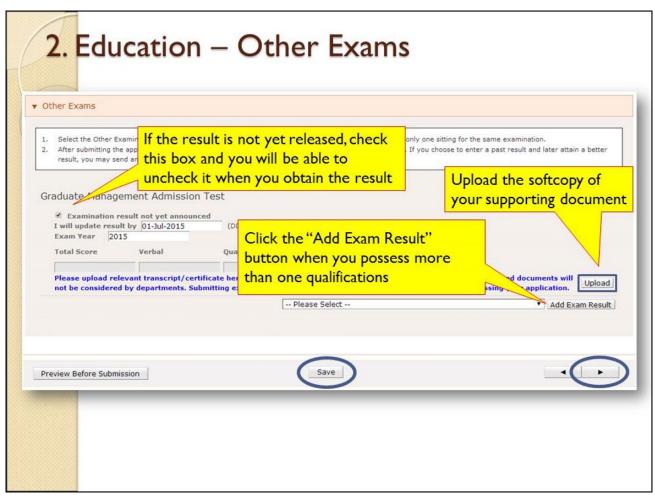


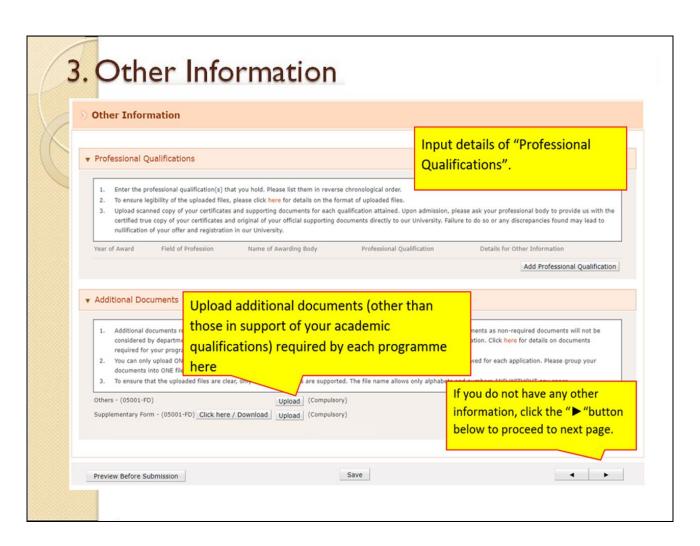


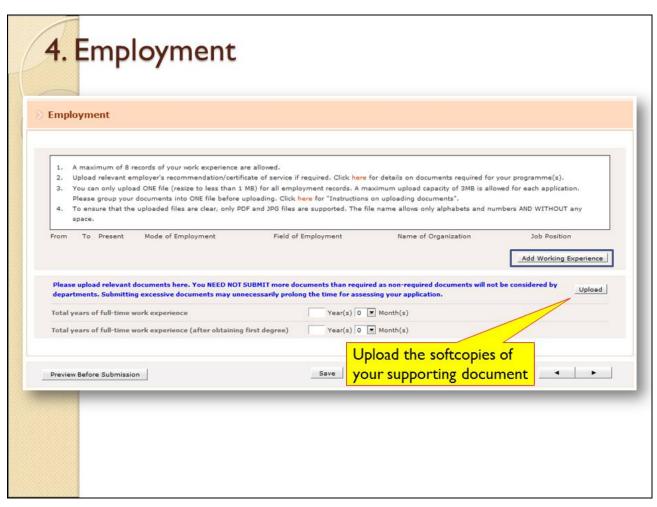


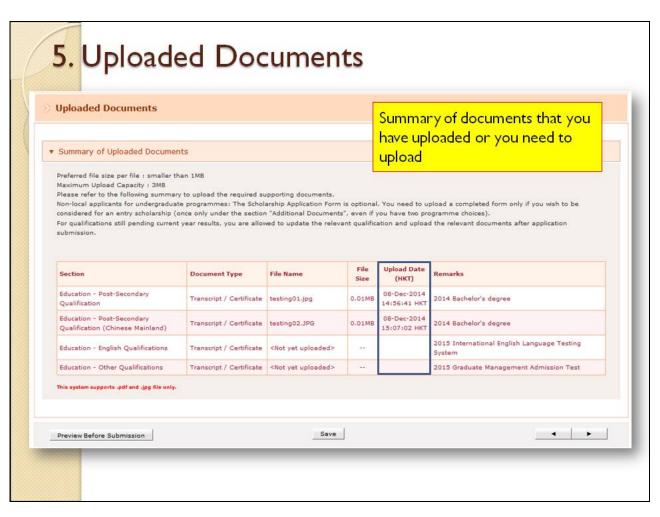


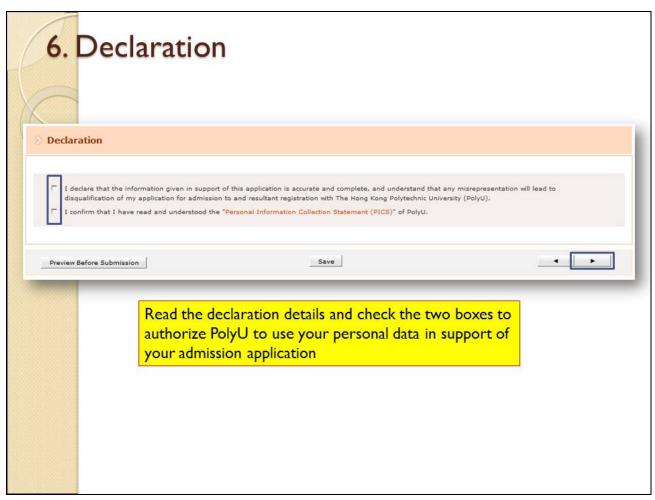


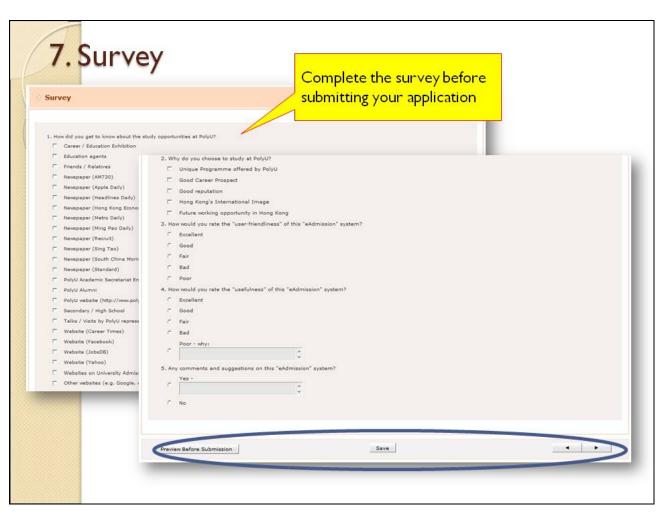


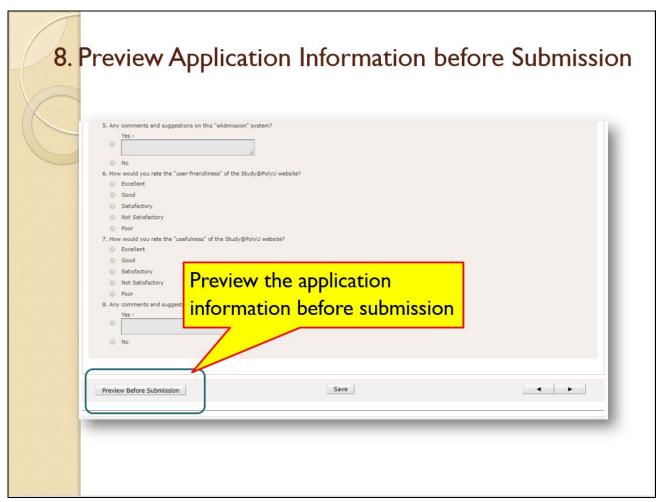


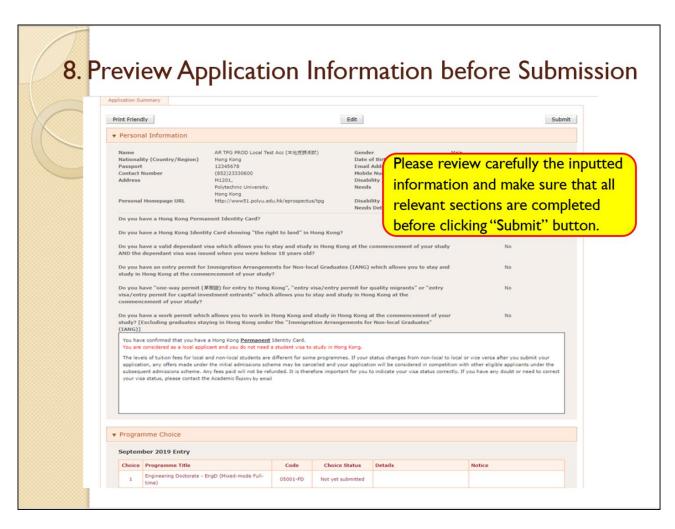


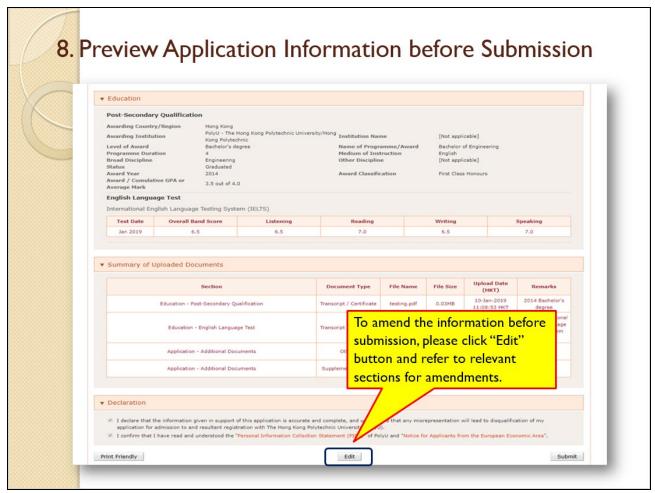


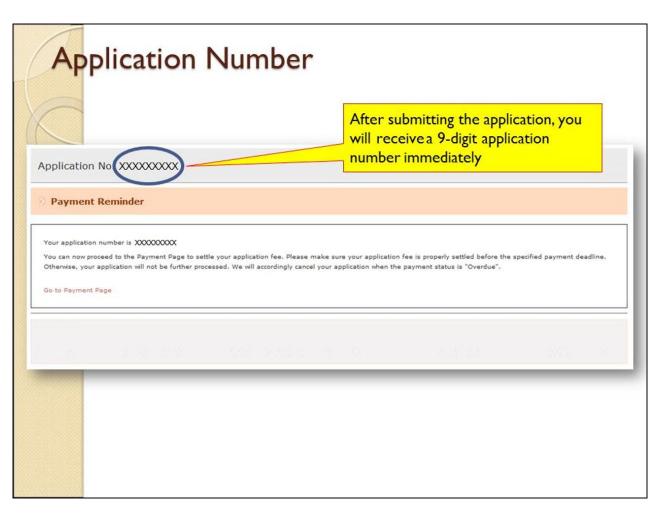


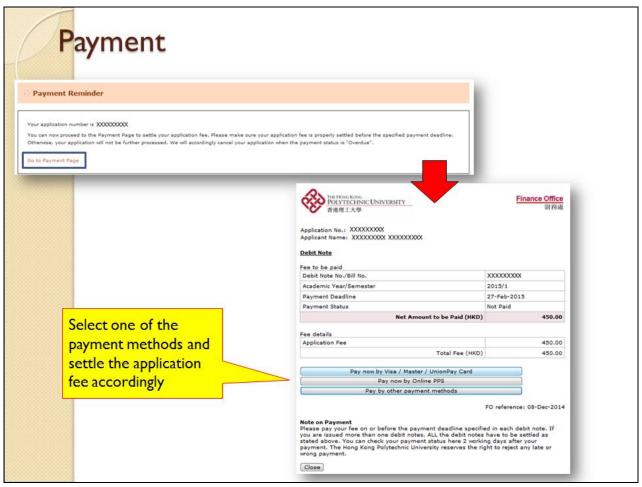


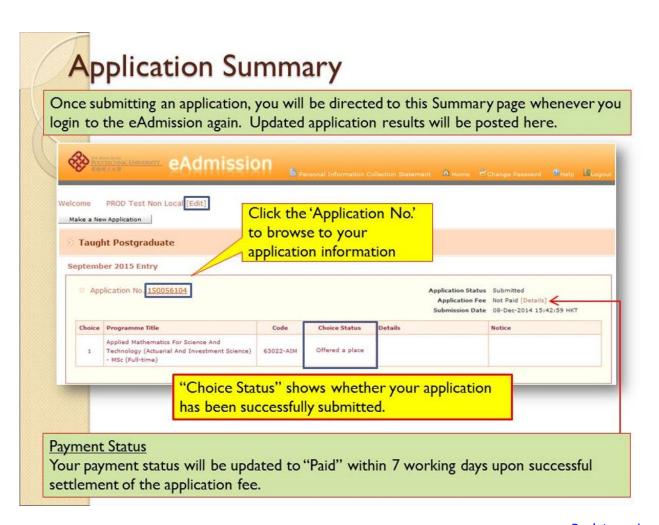












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## **Before Application Submission**

1. How can I get information on programmes and admission?

Please visit our <u>Study@PolyU</u> website for details of our admissions policies, programmes on offer and their entrance requirements, and other admission-related information before you submit an application. Once you have selected a suitable programme, you are encouraged to apply as early as possible since our academic departments will consider applications on a rolling basis until all the places are filled.

#### 2. How can I apply?

Submit your application online via <a href="Study@PolyU">Study@PolyU</a>.

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#### 3. How much is the application fee?

Local applicants: HK\$350 Non-local applicants: HK\$450

Please note that other than the specified application fee, you are not required to pay any money to any persons in connection with your application.

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#### 4. Should I submit additional/supporting documents?

You are required to upload your transcript(s)/certificate(s) in support of your qualifications and other documents (including official English translation if your documents are not in English) as specifically required for your programme choices when you submit your application. Please check the details at our <a href="Study@PolyU">Study@PolyU</a> website (select "Applying to PolyU" at the top menu bar > click the "Additional Documents Required" section).

Failure to complete the online application form properly and failure to submit the required documents may affect your chances of admission. Upon admission, you will be required to produce the original award certificates and transcripts of study, if appropriate, in support of all the qualifications and results claimed in your application. Failure to do so or any discrepancies found between the documents you provide and the application data you entered in your online application form may lead to nullification of your offer. Fees paid will not be refunded.

You NEED NOT submit more documents than required as non-required documents will not be considered by departments. The academic department concerned may, in the selection process, approach you for clarification of your qualifications.

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#### 5. Should I submit documents to programme host departments directly?

No. Please submit them together with your online application form. Please note that you are not allowed to update most of the application data, in particular those related to your qualifications after the submission of an application. It is therefore important for you to make sure that all application data are entered properly.

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#### 6. What is the format of supporting documents to be uploaded?

Please ensure your document conforms to the following specifications:

- PDF format is preferred.
- PDF files must not have a digital signature.
- File name should only contain letters and numbers (without space between letters and numbers).
- Do not include password protection, as we will not be able to open the file.
- Scanning in 300 dpi resolution is recommended.
- Scan in black and white.
- Ensure that your full name appears on all uploaded documents.
- Uploaded documents must be legible. Ensure that all critical and identifying marks and information
  are legible; for transcripts, these include the institution's name and grading scheme, your name, the
  names of your courses and the grades you have received.
- Files may not exceed 5 MB each (5000 Kbytes).
- Page orientation: please make sure that the scanned document orientation matches the original. For example, transcripts that are printed vertically (portrait) should be scanned so that they appear in portrait format. Transcripts printed horizontally (landscape) should appear in landscape format.
- Do not upload all of your supporting documents as one file! The qualification or result selected for

- upload must match the document uploaded.
- Create one single electronic file per checklist item per submission. If your document contains more than one page, please ensure that the pages are contained and uploaded within a single electronic file and they are in the correct order.
- Preview each document because you cannot edit or delete them once they are submitted. It may take a few seconds to upload your document(s). Note that during busy periods the delay may be considerably longer.

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#### 7. What should I do if my academic documents are not in English?

Please provide officially translated copies of the documents in addition to copies of the original documents; otherwise your application may not be considered.

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#### 8. What should I do if my results are not yet available when I submit my application?

Please indicate the date when your results will become available by filling out the "Update Result Date". You are then required to log into your eAdmission account to update your results on or before the date which you have specified. You are only allowed to update your result **ONCE**.

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#### 9. What should I do if I want to apply for admission to more than one programme?

Multiple applications are allowed for applicants seeking admission to our taught postgraduate programmes. You can make another application under the same account after you have submitted one application.

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#### 10. What should I do if I want to apply for credit transfer?

You are not required to specify this when you submit your application. The departments concerned will decide if credit transfer can be granted based on your qualifications. The total credits you are required to study will be shown on your Notice of Offer if you are given a study place.

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#### 11. Can I apply for re-admission?

If you have withdrawn from a programme of study at PolyU without completing the withdrawal procedures or have been required to withdraw in the previous academic year, you will not be considered for readmission to the <u>same programme</u> in this academic year. Any fees paid will not be refunded. You are however still eligible to apply for admission to other programmes.

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#### 12. How will PolyU use the information collected from my application?

All information we collect from your application form will only be used for processing your application for admission to our programmes and for statistical and research purposes. Please refer to the <a href="Personal Information Collection Statement">Personal Information Collection Statement</a> of PolyU for details.

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#### 13. Does PolyU recognize past English examination (TOEFL/IELTS) results?

PolyU did not specify the expiry year for the English qualifications, so normally TOEFL/ IELTS scores obtained more than 2 years ago should still be valid to support your admission application. Having said of the above, our academic departments still have the discretion to consider/not to consider any English qualifications obtained in years ago. In this connection, you are always encouraged to take relevant English examination again in supporting your application. You may also contact the academic department to find out if they have specific requirements on it.

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# 14. Does PolyU accept UKVI IELTS for applying TPg programmes?

The contents and format for both IELTS and IELTS UKVI tests are actually the same. The UKVI number is for reference of the UK Government only. Therefore, you can continue using your IELTS UKVI result to apply for admission to our taught postgraduate programmes.

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# **After Application Submission**

#### 15. How can I settle my application fee?

You will see a payment reminder page after you have submitted your application. You can go directly to the "Payment Page" to settle your application fee immediately. Alternatively, you can log into your eAdmission account before the payment deadline to settle the fee at a later stage. For details of the payment methods, please click <a href="here">here</a>.

It normally takes 2 working days to transfer the payment record to PolyU. Please make sure that your application fee is properly settled before the specified payment deadline. Otherwise, your application will not be further processed. We will accordingly cancel your application when the payment status is "Overdue". (Please log into your eAdmission account to check whether the payment status has been updated to "Paid" after you have settled the fee.)

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#### 16. Is the application fee refundable?

The application fee is not refundable.

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## 17. What should I do if I want to submit additional/supporting documents after application submission?

You are not allowed to submit further documents after application submission, except for documents which are not yet available at the time you submit your application. Please scan the documents and log into your eAdmission account for the upload. You may refer to Q.6 for the requirements of uploaded documents.

Please, however, note that **you NEED NOT submit more documents than required as non-required documents will not be considered by departments**. You should check the supporting documents specifically required by individual programmes at our <a href="Study@PolyU">Study@PolyU</a> website (select "Applying to PolyU" at the top menu bar > click the "Additional Documents Required" section).

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## 18. How can I verify my application data?

Please log into your eAdmission account to verify your application data. If you cannot find your application data, you should contact us immediately (please quote your application number in all your correspondences with PolyU).

As the information you entered in the online application form will form the basis on which your application will be considered, you should make sure that it is complete and accurate. Otherwise, your chances of admission may be affected, and any offer made will also be withdrawn if it is based on incomplete and inaccurate application data.

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## 19. How can I update my application data?

Most of the data which you have entered, including the programme choice(s), cannot be changed once your application has been submitted. You can however log into your eAdmission account to update some data relating to your personal particulars or your work experience. If you have indicated that your results are not yet available by filling out the "Update Result Date", you are allowed to update your results **ONCE** on or before the date specified.

To update application data, Please click your application number in <u>eAdmission</u> system and use "Edit" function on the top of the Application Summary page to update your latest English exam result / latest academic result and replace the report / transcript under "Education" tab page. (Untick the box for "Examination result not yet announced" beforehead if you had indicated an update result date when submitting your application)

Applicants are able to add new employment record and replace the employment documents under "Employment" tab page. However, applicants are not allowed to amend the original employment record.

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#### 20. How can I know my application result?

You will be notified by email if you are shortlisted for interview/test. If you are given an offer or a conditional offer, you will be informed via email/SMS. You may also log into your eAdmission account from time to time to

check the progress of your application.

If there is no news by early September (for September entry) or mid-January (for January entry), you can assume that your application is unsuccessful. No separate notification will be sent for unsuccessful cases.

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#### 21. What should I do to accept an offer or a conditional offer?

You should

- indicate your acceptance and settle the registration fee or tuition fee before the "last day for payment" displayed in the Notice of Offer; and
- register at PolyU on the programme registration date as indicated on the Notice of Offer. (For
  conditional offer, you need to complete the procedures for meeting the conditions stated in the Notice
  of Offer before you come to register.)

Otherwise the place will be offered to another applicant.

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# 22. What should I do to accept another offer from PolyU after I have paid the tuition fees for an earlier offer? Please contact us (email: <a href="mailto:ar.tpg@polyu.edu.hk">ar.tpg@polyu.edu.hk</a>; enquiry hotline: 2333 0600) to transfer the fees already paid for the earlier offer to the other offer. This arrangement only applies if both programmes lead to PolyU awards.

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#### 23. Can I enrol on two programmes at the same time?

Students are not allowed to enrol concurrently on two full-time/sandwich programmes whether or not one of the programmes is offered by another institution. Except for programmes which do not lead to any formal award, students are not allowed to enrol concurrently on a full-time/sandwich programme and a part-time programme, or more than one part-time programmes, including those offered by another institution without any approval from the Head of your academic Department.

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#### 24. Is the tuition fee paid refundable?

All fees paid will not be refunded except in the case of programme cancellation. However, for new students who are admitted to government-funded programmes and apply for withdrawal of study before the start of a semester, exceptional arrangement will be made to refund the tuition fee paid after deducting the registration fee.

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## 25. When will the offer of a programme marked with "subject to approval" be confirmed?

You can assume that the offer is confirmed unless you are separately notified of its non-approval.

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# 26. What if the programme I have applied for is cancelled?

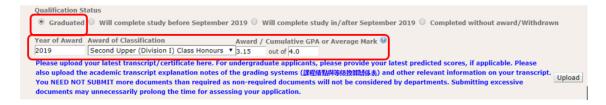
In that case, both the tuition fee and application fee (if you have only one programme choice) paid will be refunded to you.

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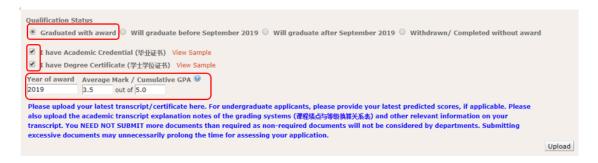
## 27. How can I complete the meet condition(s) procedure?

For meeting condition(s), please return to the Online Notice of Offer page via <u>eAdmission</u> to complete the procedures for "Meeting Conditions" when you have acquired the relevant qualifications on or before the "Meet Condition Date".

- 1. Please press "Next" in Meeting conditions section in the Online Notice of Offer.
- 2. Indicate you have met the stated conditions/are unable to meet the conditions.
- 3. Update your record in the section(s) below
  - a. Post-secondary Qualifications (Please update the following items if you have met the condition: )
    - i. Change the status from "Final year study" to "Graduated"
    - ii. Update the Year of Award, Award of Classification and your final Award/ Cumulative GPA or Average Mark



- b. Post-secondary Qualifications (Chinese Mainland) (Please update the following items if you have met the condition: )
  - i. Change the status from "Final year study" to "Graduated"
  - ii. Update the Year of Award and your Average Mark/ Cumulative GPA
  - iii. Indicate if you have Academic Credential and Degree Certificate



- c. English Exams
- d. Other Exams
- 4. Replace / add supporting document for the corresponding record
- 5. Before clicking "Submit", please make sure that you have completed the procedures above.

Please group your documents (i.e. transcript and/or certificate) into ONE file in support of each of your qualification/examination before uploading and ensure the total uploaded file size is less than 5 MB and 2MB per file.

The academic department concerned will update the Conditional Offer Status for you in due course after confirming the given condition has/has not been fulfilled. The department may approach you for clarification of your qualifications where necessary. If you have completed procedures above, you can login to your eAdmission account from time to time to check your conditional offer status.

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# D) Contact Us

Communication Channel	Details
Telephone Enquiry Hotlines / E-mail Enquiry Addresses	Applicants of Taught Postgraduate programmes (852) 2333 0600 / ar.tpg@polyu.edu.hk
Fax	(852) 2334 6671
In Writing	Academic Registry The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Hung Hom Kowloon