

Explanatory Notes on the Calculation of Average HKDSE Scores

- For admission cohort of 2015-16 and 2016-17, **one** of the following mechanisms is adopted for calculating the average HKDSE scores for Bachelor's Degree programmes:
 - o **4X + 1 Best Elective:** The 4 core subjects including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies, plus the "best" elective subject will be taken into account.
 - o **Any Best 5 Subjects:** The "best" 5 HKDSE subjects will be taken into account.
 - o **Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects:** Chinese Language and English Language, plus any 3 "best" subjects will be taken into account.
- Starting from 2017-18, **one** of the following mechanisms is adopted for calculating the average HKDSE scores for Bachelor's Degree programmes:
 - o **Any Best 5 Subjects:** The "best" 5 HKDSE subjects will be taken into account.
 - o **Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects:** Chinese Language and English Language, plus any 3 "best" subjects will be taken into account.
 - o **Any Best 6 Subjects:** The "best" 6 HKDSE subjects will be taken into account.
 - o **4 Core + Best 2 Elective Subjects:** The 4 core subjects including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies, plus 2 "best" elective subjects will be taken into account.
- For Higher Diploma programmes, the **Chinese & English Languages + Any Best 3 Subjects** mechanism is used. The average HKDSE score point total of admittees is calculated based on their results in Chinese, English and 3 other subjects which have the best results.

When calculating the average HKDSE scores, subject weighting is not applied and HKDSE level attainments are converted to level points as follows:

- o Core and Elective Subjects
5** = 7, 5* = 6, 5 = 5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2, 1 = 1 and Unclassified = 0
- o Applied Learning Subjects:
Attained with Distinction (accepted as Level 3 at HKDSE) = 3,
Attained = 0 (applicable to Bachelor's Degree programmes only),
Attained (accepted as Level 2 at HKDSE) = 2 (applicable to Higher Diploma programmes only)
- o Other Languages:
A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1, Others = 0