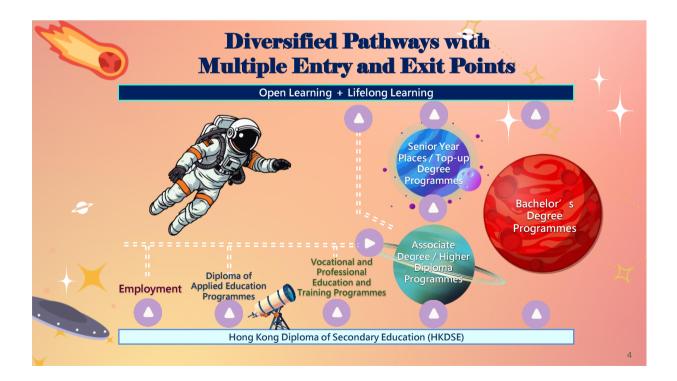
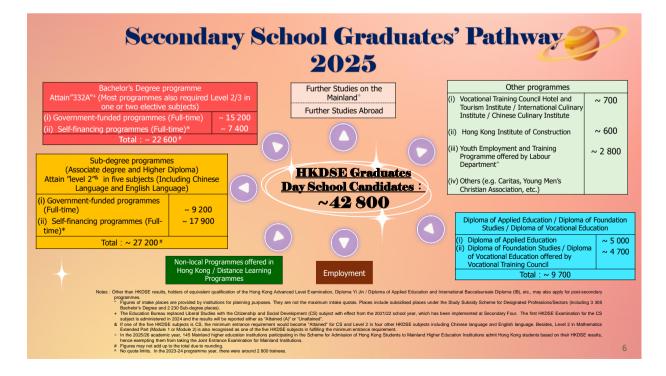


# **Post-secondary Education**

- Parallel development of publicly-funded and self-financing institutions
- Provide quality, diversified and flexible articulation pathways with multiple entry and exit points for young people
- Among the relevant age group cohort, currently 55% of young people have the opportunity to pursue education at the Bachelor's degree level in Hong Kong. About 80% of them have the opportunity to participate in post-secondary education, taking into account subdegree programmes



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Local Bachelor's Degree Programmes	Sub-degree Programmes		Other Programmes			
<ul> <li>City University of Hong Kong</li> <li>Grate Critistian College</li> <li>HKCT Institute of Higher Education</li> <li>Hong Kong Baptist University and Its School of Continuing Education (College of International Education</li> <li>Hong Kong Chu Hai College</li> <li>Hong Kong Metropolitan University</li> <li>Hong Kong Shue Yan University</li> <li>Hong Kong Shue Yan University</li> <li>Saint Francis University</li> <li>Saint Francis University</li> <li>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</li> <li>The Education University of Hong Kong</li> <li>The Education University of Hong Kong</li> <li>The Education University of Hong Kong</li> <li>The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong</li> <li>The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and its School of Professional Education and Executive Development</li> <li>The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</li> <li>The Hong Kong</li> <li>Science Hong Kong</li> <li>Su Wang University of Cience and Technological Education Training Council - Technological and Higher Education Training College of Education</li> </ul>		Non-local Programmes offered in Hong Kong / blended mode / Distance Learning Programmes 145 Mainland higher education institutions of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions"	Hotel & Tourism Institute / Culinary Institute of Vocational Training Council 2. Hong Kong Institute of Construction 3. Youth Employment and Training Programme provided by the Labour Department 4. Others (e.g. Caritas, Young Men's Christian Association, etc.)	Further Studies Abroad Diploma of Applied Education	Employment	+
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### Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPEI)

- Covering programmes up to degree level with a high percentage of curriculum consisting of **specialised contents in vocational skills** or **professional knowledge**
- Learning pathways recognised under the Qualifications Framework, with quality assurance
- Through fostering industry-institution collaboration and diversified development, VPET provides a pathway parallel to conventional academic education, providing diversified learning and employment opportunities for young people
- VPET is embedded within the secondary education curriculum in various forms, including Life Planning Education, Applied Learning, and Other Learning Experiences



 The Vocational Training Council launched the training and support scheme (Earn and Learn Scheme). Trainees will receive apprenticeship training under the "earn and learn" model alongside a guaranteed level of salary and an incentive allowance



- To further enhance the VPET learning experience, the Government has provided funding to implement a short-term learning programme titled "The GBA Explorer Trip" starting from the 2023-24 financial year, with a view to enhancing students' overall understanding of the development of GBA as well as the study and employment opportunities therein
- The Government will also continue to support student exchange programmes in the Mainland and overseas, and encourage participation in skills competitions both locally and abroad, helping students broaden their perspectives while advancing their professional expertise and industry knowledge







#### Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP)

#### **Major Features**

 To subsidise students to pursue designated full-time locally accredited selffinancing undergraduate and sub-degree programmes in selected disciplines, so as to nurture talent to meet Hong Kong's social and economic needs

#### **Objectives**

- To **increase the supply of subsidised places** by leveraging the supply of the self-financing post-secondary education sector
- To nurture talent in support of specific industries with keen demand for human resources
- To encourage the self-financing post-secondary education sector to offer programmes in selected disciplines that meet Hong Kong's social and economic needs
- To support the sustainable development of the self-financing post-secondary education sector and complement the University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded sector in broadening diversified articulation opportunities

	SS	SDP	Subs	idy Aı	nount	
		Designated Self-financing Undergraduate Programme (Including First-year-first-degree (FYFD) Programme and Top-up Degree (TUD) Programme)		Designated S Sub-degree		
	Duration tenable for subsidy	Normal duration of the programme: FYFD Programmes: 4 to 5 years TUD Programmes: 2 to 3 years		Normal duration of the programme: 2 years		
			Degree programmes	Applied Degree programmes	Laboratory-based programmes:	\$40,730
(2	Maximum annual subsidy amount 2025/26 Academic Year)	Laboratory- based programmes:	\$81,450	\$89,620		
		Non-laboratory- based programmes:	\$46,780	\$51,880	Non-laboratory- based programmes:	\$23,390
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#### **SSSDP Participating** Institutions and Programmes

#### Designated Self-financing Undergraduate Programmes

(2025/26 Academic Year Admission)

(2025/26 Academic Year Admission)		
Institution	Discipline	Number of Subsidised Places
Hong Kong Chu Hai College	Architecture and Engineering	60
Hong Kong Metropolitan University	Architecture and Engineering, Computer Science, Creative Industries, Financial Technology, Health Care, Logistics, Sports and Recreation, Testing and Certification, Tourism and Hospitality	1 914
Hong Kong Shue Yan University	Computer Science, Financial Technology	80
Saint Francis University	Computer Science, Creative Industries, Health Care, Tourism and Hospitality	815
The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong	Computer Science, Creative Industries, Financial Technology, Insurance, Logistics	510
Tung Wah College	Health Care	865
UOW College Hong Kong	Logistics, Tourism and Hospitality	55
Vocational Training Council - Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong	Architecture and Engineering, Creative Industries, Sports and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality	617
Total:	10 Disciplines	4 916
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#### **SSSDP Participating** Institutions and Programmes

Institution	Discipline	Number of Subsidised Places	
Caritas Bianchi College of Careers	Creative Industries, Health Care, Tourism and Hospitality	420	
KCT Institute of Higher Education	Computer Science, Sports and Recreation	85	
IKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College	Health Care, Sports and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality	815	
long Kong College of Technology	Computer Science, Creative Industries, Tourism and Hospitality	130	
long Kong Metropolitan University including Li Ka Shing School of Professional Ind Continuing Education)	Architecture and Engineering, Creative Industries, Health Care, Testing and Certification, Tourism and Hospitality	661	
Saint Francis University	Health Care	35	
ung Wah College	Health Care	130	

	Application	Designated Self-financing Undergraduate Programme		Designated Self-financing	
	for SSSDP	FYFD Programme	TUD Programme	Sub-degree Programme	
	Current JUPAS applicants	Apply mainly through the JUPAS	Apply directly through the institutions concerned	<ul> <li>Apply directly through the institutions concerned (or apply through E-APP)</li> </ul>	
	Non-JUPAS applicants	Apply directly through the institutions concerned	<ul> <li>Apply directly through the institutions concerned</li> </ul>	Apply directly through the institutions concerned	
N.	Admission restriction	<ul> <li>Number of Non-JUPAS local students admitted via direct admission should not exceed 20% of the subsidised places</li> </ul>	• N/A	<ul> <li>Number of students who have no attained Level 2 or above in five HKDSI subject, or do not possess Diploma o Applied Education (or the forme Diploma Yi Jin), or Diploma o Foundation Studies awarded by the Vocational Training Council should no exceed 50% of the subsidised places</li> </ul>	







 Provides non-means-tested subsidy for eligible students (NOT including students studying programmes under SSSDP) pursuing full-time locally accredited local and non-local selffinancing undergraduate (including top-up degree) programmes in Hong Kong offered by eligible institutions

#### Subsidy amount and arrangement

- 2025/26 academic year: Maximum annual subsidy amount is \$35,120
- The subsidy will be disbursed through eligible institutions during the normal duration of the programmes concerned

## NMTSS Participating Institutions and Programmes

NMTSS will cover about 260 eligible full-time locally accredited local and non-local self-financing undergraduate programmes from 15 eligible institutions in the 2025/26 academic year.

Participating Institutions (2025/26 academic year) (as at June 2025)

Gratia Christian College	HKCT Institute of Higher Education	Hong Kong Art School			
Hong Kong Chu Hai College	Hong Kong Institute of Technology	Hong Kong Metropolitan University			
Hong Kong Nang Yan College of Higher Education	Hong Kong Shue Yan University	Saint Francis University			
The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong	Tung Wah College	UOW College Hong Kong			
Vocational Training Council - School for Higher and Professional Education	Vocational Training Council - Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong	Yew Chung College of Early Childhood Education			
NMTSS website ( <u>https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/nmt/</u> )					



## Pilot Project on the Development of Applied Degree Programmes

#### Programmes under the Two Rounds of the Pilot Project

• A total of eight pilot programmes were selected under the Pilot Project, which have all been successfully launched by the **2024/25 academic year**.

	Saint Francis University	Hong Kong Metropolitan University
First Round	Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) (Applied Degree Places)	Bachelor of Applied Science with Honours in Integrated Testing, Inspection and Certification
Second Round	Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in Applied Hotel and Tourism Management	Bachelor of Business Administration with Honours in Sports and Recreation Management
	Vocational Training Council – Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong	Tung Wah College
First	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Horticulture,	
Round	Arboriculture and Landscape Management	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Gerontology

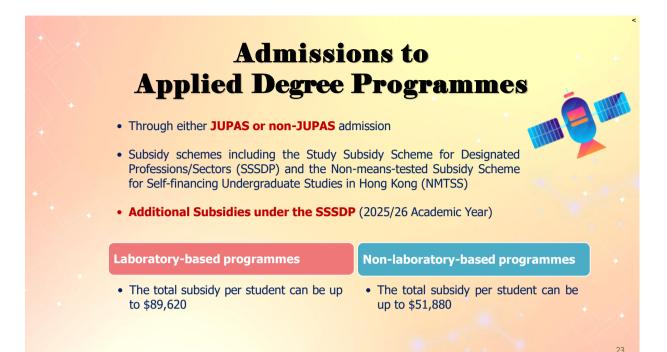
#### Distinct and Prominent Features of Applied Degree Programmes

- Relate to disciplines with keen manpower needs with industry elements
- Equal in standing as with other conventional degree programmes (i.e. to be pitched at Qualifications Framework Level 5)
- More flexible admission requirements that consider other relevant factors apart from academic results
- Have an **applied focus** blending theory and practice, provide substantial internships and work-based learning experience, and prepare graduates for a specific trade/industry, though they can also support articulation to other qualifications

**Strong industry involvement** in the programme development with trade recognition



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## **Concourse for Self-financing Postsecondary Education** (Concourse)

- The first online information platform set up by the Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education (CSPE) for the self-financing post-secondary sector in 2013 (https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/)
- Provides comprehensive information and statistics on the sector, including related policy, government support measures, quality assurance, graduate pathways
- Provides information on self-financing institutions, such as campus facilities, application and admission arrangements, support services, scholarships and awards, planned intake figures, past admission scores, and related statistics, etc.





#### Information Portal for Accredited Postsecondary Programmes (iPASS)

- iPASS (<u>https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/ipass/</u>) aims to enhance the sector's transparency and provide easy public access to programme information
- Allows search of information on the following programmes provided by post-secondary institutions in the 2025/26 academic year –
  - Full-time locally-accredited higher diploma, associate degree and undergraduate programmes not covered by JUPAS
  - > full-time UGC-funded degree programmes offering senior year places
  - self-financing top-up degree programmes



Programme Search

## Electronic Advance Application System for Post-secondary Programmes (E-APP)

- Applicable to all candidates sitting for HKDSE in the current academic year
- Online application system for advance application for full-time locally-accredited subdegree and undergraduate programmes that are <u>not covered by JUPAS</u> (www.eapp.gov.hk)
- Including sub-degree programmes under Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP) and most of the eligible programmes under Non-meanstested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (NMTSS)





# **Benefits of using E-APP**

- One-stop online application system, with a smooth and efficient application process
- Applicants only need to fill out one application form
- Applicants may receive conditional offer(s) from institutions before the release of HKDSE results
- Upon the release of HKDSE results, E-APP will pass applicants' examination results directly to the institutions so that the institutions can confirm the offer as soon as possible
- Free of charge, apart from any application fees collected by institutions



# **E-APP Programmes**

#### E-APP Post-Secondary Programmes (Figures as at June 2025)

		Number of	Programmes
	Area of Study	Sub-degree	Undergraduate
	Architecture and Town Planning	10	0
	Arts, Design and Performing Arts	41	3
	Business and Management	72	30
	Computer Science and Information Technology	34	6
	Education	12	4
	Engineering and Technology	23	5
	Humanities	10	4
	Languages and Related Studies	19	12
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**E-APP Programmes** 

#### E-APP Post-Secondary Programmes (Figures as at June 2025)

Area of Study	Number of	Programmes
	Sub-degree	Undergraduate
Law	2	0
Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations	8	10
Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	38	6
Sciences	13	0
Services	35	3
Social Sciences	34	15
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## Application and Admission Arrangement for 2025

- Lodge advance applications via E-APP and applicants may receive conditional offer(s)
- Most non-JUPAS post-secondary institutions have set a common deadline for payment of enrolment deposits, i.e. by noon on 21 July 2025\*
- Most non-JUPAS post-secondary institutions have agreed to set the enrolment deposit at \$5,000 or below
- If applicants are subsequently admitted to a full-time UGC-funded / SSSDP undergraduate programme via the JUPAS Main or Clearing Round of offer, they may apply for refund of enrolment deposit in accordance with respective institutions' arrangements
- The deadline for settling the first instalment of tuition fees for non-JUPAS programmes will be no earlier than one day after the announcement of JUPAS Main Round offer (7 August 2025)\*

\* Please refer to the HKEAA and JUPAS websites for the finalised dates.

## Application and Admission Arrangement for 2025

 Planned intakes of institutions for the 2025/26 academic year are available on Concourse <u>https://www.eapp.gov.hk/f/download/96/Planned\_Int</u> <u>akes\_en.pdf</u>

 Admission arrangement is available at <u>https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/Application\_Information\_</u> and\_Admission\_Arrangement.html





60	<b>Important Dates</b>					
		Date	Event			
		20 May	Deadline of E-APP main round application			
	2025	23 May - 7 July	E-APP second round application			
	2025	16 July	Release of HKDSE Examination Results			
		6 August	Announcement of Main Round Offer Results			
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Please refer to the websites of E-APP 
• HKE and JUPAS for the finalised dates.

