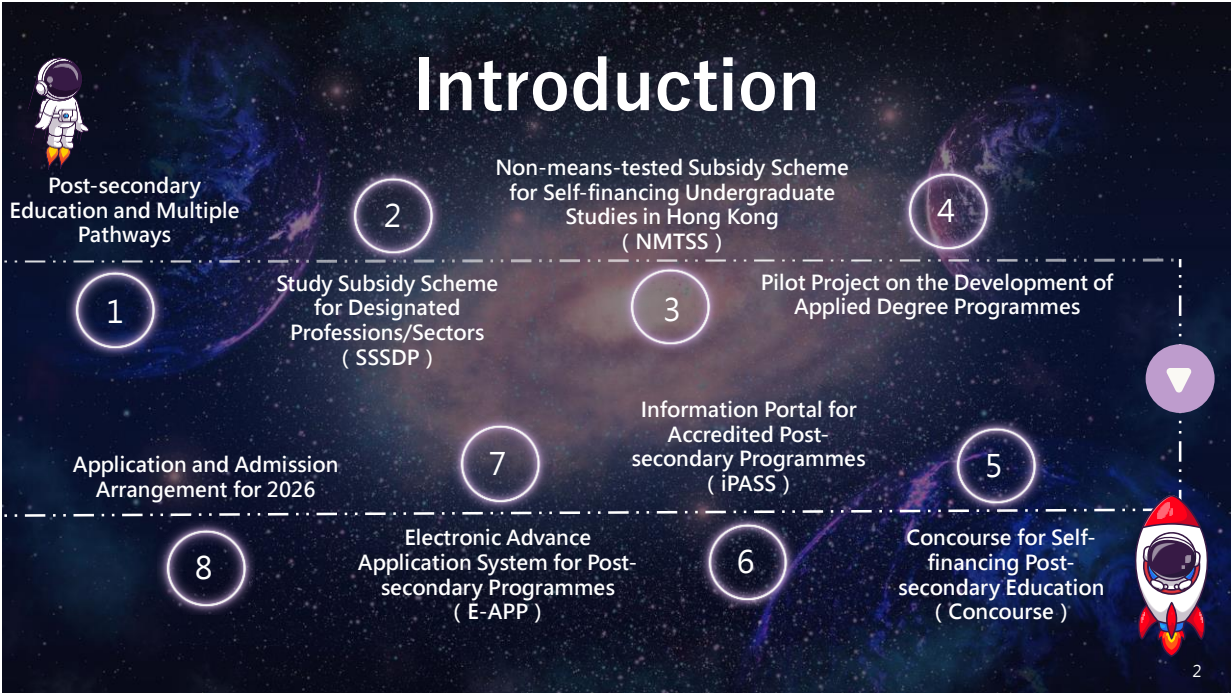




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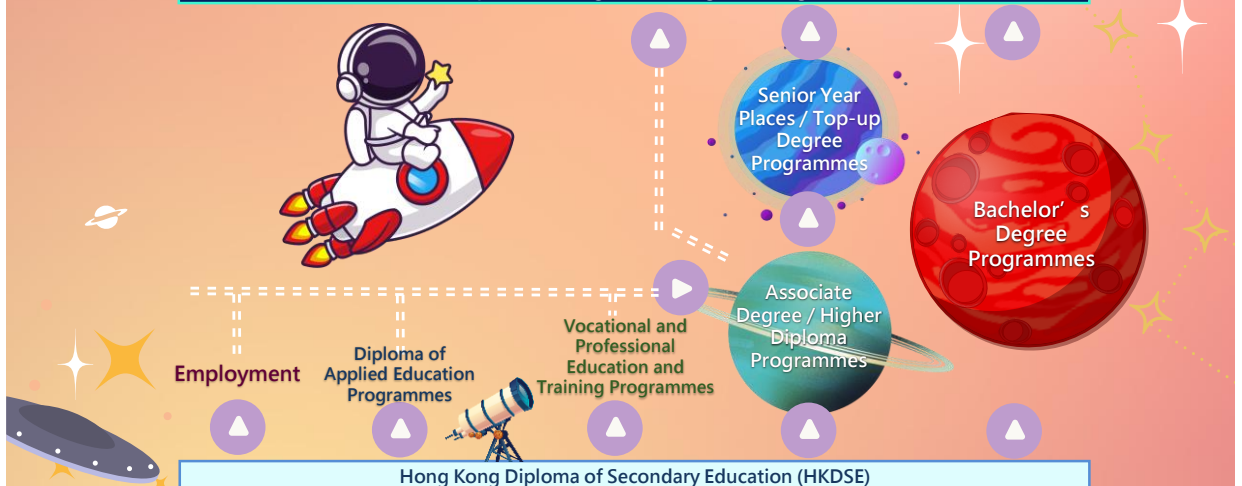
- Parallel development of publicly-funded and self-financing institutions
- Provide quality, diversified and flexible articulation pathways with multiple entry and exit points for young people
- Among the relevant age group cohort, currently 56% of young people have the opportunity to pursue education at the Bachelor's degree level in Hong Kong. About 84% of them have the opportunity to participate in post-secondary education, taking into account sub-degree programmes



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Diversified Pathways with Multiple Entry and Exit Points

Open Learning + Lifelong Learning



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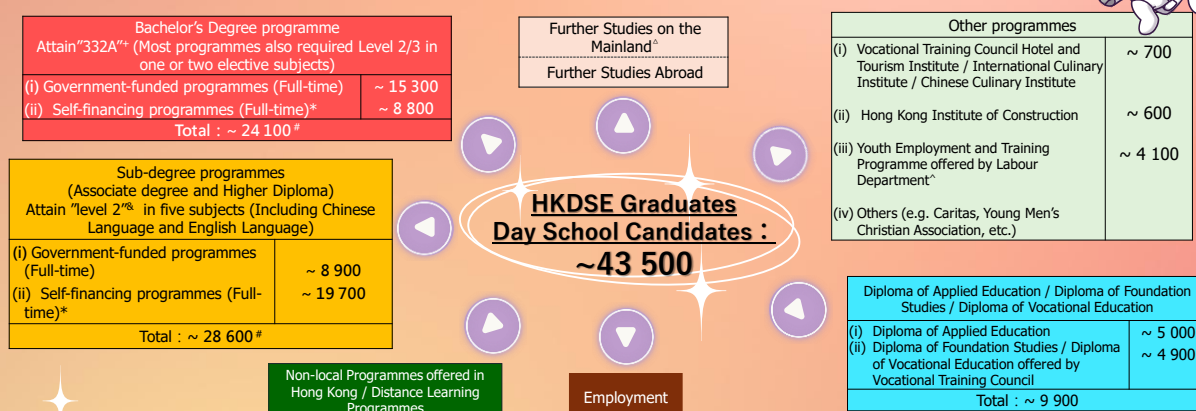
Multiple Pathways

Local Bachelor's Degree Programmes	Sub-degree Programmes	Non-local Programmes offered in Hong Kong / blended mode / Distance Learning Programmes	Other Programmes	Diploma of Applied Education	Further Studies Abroad	Employment
- City University of Hong Kong - Gratia Christian College - HKCT Institute of Higher Education - Hong Kong Baptist University and its School of Continuing Education/ College of International Education - Hong Kong Chu Hai College - Hong Kong Metropolitan University - Hong Kong Nang Yan College of Higher Education - Hong Kong Shue Yan University - Lingnan University - Saint Francis University - The Chinese University of Hong Kong - The Education University of Hong Kong - The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong - Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and its School of Professional Education and Executive Development - The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology - The University of Hong Kong - Tung Wah College - UOW College Hong Kong - Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEI) - Yew Chung College of Early Childhood Education	- Gratia Christian College - HKCT Institute of Higher Education - HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College - Hong Kong Adventist College - Hong Kong Art School - Hong Kong Baptist University - School of Continuing Education/ College of International Education - Hong Kong Chu Hai College - Hong Kong College of Technology - Hong Kong Institute of Technology - Hong Kong Metropolitan University and its Li Ka Shing School of Professional and Continuing Education - Lingnan University - Lingnan Institute of Further Education - Saint Francis University - The Chinese University of Hong Kong - School of Continuing and Professional Studies - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University - Hong Kong Community College - HKU SPACE Community College - Tung Wah College - UOW College Hong Kong - Vocational Training Council - Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) / Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI) / Hong Kong Institute of Information Technology (HKIIT) - Yew Chung College of Early Childhood Education - YMCA College of Careers	165 Mainland higher education institutions participating in the "Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions"	- Hotel & Tourism Institute/ Culinary Institute of Vocational Training Council - Hong Kong Institute of Construction - Youth Employment and Training Programme provided by the Labour Department - Others (e.g. Caritas, Young Men's Christian Association, etc.)			

HKDSE

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Secondary School Graduates' Pathway 2026



Notes : Other than HKDSE results, holders of equivalent qualification of the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination, Diploma Yi Jin / Diploma of Applied Education and International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB), etc., may also apply for post-secondary programmes.

* Figures of intake places are provided by institutions for planning purposes. They are not the maximum intake quotas. Places include subsidised places under the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (including 4 781 Bachelor's Degree and 2 131 Sub-degree places).

+ The Education Bureau replaced Liberal Studies with the Citizenship and Social Development (CS) subject with effect from the 2021/22 school year, which has been implemented at Secondary Four. The first HKDSE Examination for the CS subject is administered in 2024 and the results will be reported either as "Attained (A)" or "Unattained".

& If one of the five HKDSE subjects is CS, the minimum entrance requirement would become "Attained" for CS and Level 2 in four other HKDSE subjects including Chinese language and English language. Besides, Level 2 in Mathematics Extended Part (Module 1 or Module 2) is also recognised as one of the five HKDSE subjects in fulfilling the minimum entrance requirement.

△ In the 2026/27 academic year, 165 Mainland higher education institutions participating in the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions admit Hong Kong students based on their HKDSE results, hence exempting them from taking the Joint Entrance Examination for Mainland Institutions.

Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

△ No quota limits. In the 2024-25 programme year, there were around 4 100 trainees.

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Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET)

- 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



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VPET

- 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



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VPET

- To enable the general public and various stakeholders to better understand VPET, you are most welcome to visit the promotional webpage and social media pages set up by the Education Bureau



VPET Database :
<https://www.vpet.edu.hk/en/>



VPET Facebook :
<https://www.facebook.com/VPETsuperpower>



VPET Instagram :
<https://www.instagram.com/vpet.hk/>

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Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP)

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Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP)

Major Features

- To subsidise students to pursue designated **full-time** locally accredited self-financing **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

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SSSDP Subsidy Amount

	Designated Self-financing Undergraduate Programme (Including First-year-first-degree (FYFD) Programme and Top-up Degree (TUD) Programme)			Designated Self-financing Sub-degree Programme	
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	
Maximum annual subsidy amount (2026/27 Academic Year)		Degree programmes	Applied Degree programmes	Laboratory-based programmes:	\$40,730
	Laboratory-based programmes:	\$81,450	\$89,620	Non-laboratory-based programmes:	\$23,390
	Non-laboratory-based programmes:	\$46,780	\$51,880		

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SSSDP Participating Institutions and Programmes

Designated Self-financing Undergraduate Programmes (2026/27 Academic Year Admission)

Institution	Discipline	Number of Subsidised Places
Hong Kong Chu Hai College	Architecture and Engineering	35
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	1 891
Hong Kong Shue Yan University	Computer Science, Financial Technology	75
Saint Francis University	Computer Science, Creative Industries, Health Care, Tourism and Hospitality	830
The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong	Computer Science, Creative Industries, Financial Technology, Insurance, Logistics	490
Tung Wah College	Health Care	850
UOW College Hong Kong	Logistics	50
Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong	Architecture and Engineering, Creative Industries, Sports and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality	560
Total: 10 Disciplines		4 781

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SSSDP Participating Institutions and Programmes

Designated Self-financing Sub-degree Programmes (2026/27 Academic Year Admission)

Institution	Discipline	Number of Subsidised Places
HKCT Institute of Higher Education	Computer Science, Sports and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality	135
HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College	Computer Science, Health Care, Sports and Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality	720
Hong Kong College of Technology	Computer Science, Creative Industries	75
Hong Kong Metropolitan University (including Li Ka Shing School of Professional and Continuing Education)	Architecture and Engineering, Creative Industries, Health Care, Testing and Certification, Tourism and Hospitality	636
Saint Francis University	Creative Industries, Health Care, Tourism and Hospitality	435
Tung Wah College	Health Care	130
Total: 7 Disciplines		2 131

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SSSDP Application

Application for SSSDP	Designated Self-financing Undergraduate Programme		Designated Self-financing Sub-degree Programme
	FYFD Programme	TUD Programme	
Current JUPAS applicants	Apply mainly through the JUPAS	Apply directly through the institutions concerned	Apply directly through the institutions concerned (or apply through E-APP)
Non-JUPAS applicants	Apply directly through the institutions concerned	Apply directly through the institutions concerned	Apply directly through the institutions concerned
Admission restriction	Number of Non-JUPAS local students admitted via direct admission should not exceed 20% of the subsidised places	N/A	Number of students who have not attained Level 2 or above in five HKDSE subject, or do not possess Diploma of Applied Education (or the former Diploma Yi Jin), or Diploma of Foundation Studies awarded by the Vocational Training Council should not exceed 50% of the subsidised places

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SSSDP Website

SSSDP Website (<https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/sssdp/>)

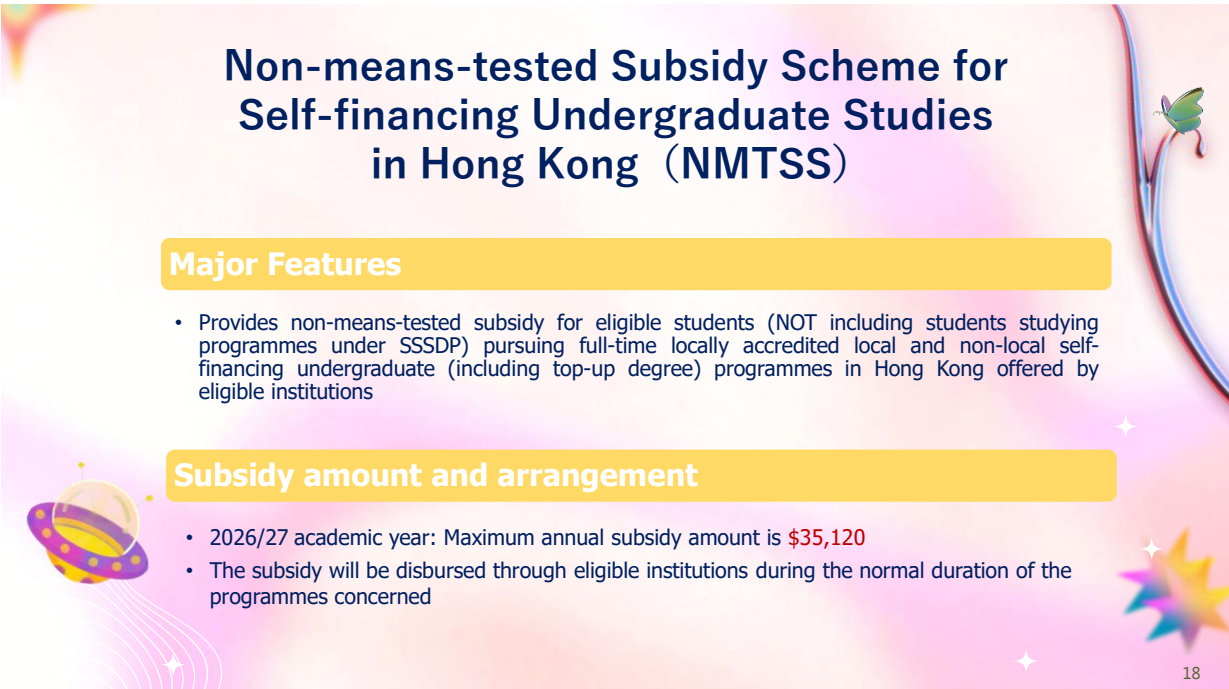


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Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies In Hong Kong (NMTSS)

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Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (NMTSS)

Major Features

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

Subsidy amount and arrangement

- 2026/27 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

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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 2026/27 academic year.

Participating Institutions (2026/27 academic year) (as at April 2026)

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	Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong	Yew Chung College of Early Childhood Education

NMTSS website (<https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/nmt/>)



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Applied Degree Programmes

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Applied Degree Programmes

- In order to **strengthen the positioning of vocational and professional education and training (VPET) at degree level** and nurture quality talent to address society's manpower needs, the Government has **regularised applied degree programmes**
- The Education Bureau (EDB) and the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) promulgated the **Guidelines on Developing Applied Degree Programmes** in mid-2024 to assist institutions in the development of applied degree programmes



Guidelines on Developing Applied Degree Programmes

For guidelines on developing applied degree programmes, please visit the HKCAAVQ website.

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Distinct and Prominent Features of Applied Degree Programmes

- **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, for example, skills-based competence and achievements, and work experience
- 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

Qualifications Registry



Applied degree programmes that are recognised under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework are listed on the Qualifications Registry, subject to the established quality assurance mechanism.

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Admissions to Applied Degree Programmes

- Through either **JUPAS or non-JUPAS** admission
- Subsidy schemes including the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP) and the Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (NMTSS)



Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors



Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong



- **Additional Subsidies under the SSSDP** (2026/27 Academic Year)

Laboratory-based programmes

- The total subsidy per student can be up to \$89,620

Non-laboratory-based programmes

- The total subsidy per student can be up to \$51,880

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Concourse for Self-financing Post-secondary Education (Concourse)



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Concourse for Self-financing Post-secondary 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.



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Information Portal for Accredited Post-secondary Programmes (iPASS)

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Information Portal for Accredited Post-secondary Programmes (iPASS)

- iPASS (<https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/ipass/>) 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 2026/27 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



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

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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 sub-degree and undergraduate programmes that are **not covered by JUPAS** (<https://www.eapp.gov.hk/en/>)
- Including sub-degree programmes under Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP) and most of the eligible programmes under Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (NMTSS)

E-APP



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Mode of Operation of E-APP



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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

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E-APP Participating Institutions

List of E-APP Participating Institutions (as at 3 Jun 2026)

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| 1. Gratia Christian College | 13. Lingnan University - Lingnan Institute of Further Education |
| 2. HKCT Institute of Higher Education | 14. Saint Francis University |
| 3. HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho Community College | 15. The Chinese University of Hong Kong - School of Continuing and Professional Studies |
| 4. Hong Kong Adventist College | 16. The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong |
| 5. Hong Kong Art School (a Division of the Hong Kong Arts Centre) | 17. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University - Hong Kong Community College and School of Professional Education and Executive Development |
| 6. Hong Kong Baptist University - College of International Education and School of Continuing Education | 18. The University of Hong Kong - HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education and HKU SPACE Community College |
| 7. Hong Kong Chu Hai College | 19. Tung Wah College |
| 8. Hong Kong College of Technology | 20. UOW College Hong Kong |
| 9. Hong Kong Institute of Technology | 21. Vocational Training Council - Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education / Hong Kong Design Institute / Hong Kong Institute of Information Technology / Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong |
| 10. Hong Kong Metropolitan University - Li Ka Shing School of Professional and Continuing Education | 22. Yew Chung College of Early Childhood Education |
| 11. Hong Kong Nang Yan College of Higher Education | 23. YMCA College of Careers |
| 12. Hong Kong Shue Yan University | |

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E-APP Programmes

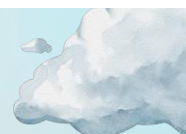


E-APP Post-Secondary Programmes (Figures as at 3 Jun 2026)		
Area of Study	Number of Programmes	
	Sub-degree	Undergraduate
Architecture and Town Planning	10	1
Arts, Design and Performing Arts	36	6
Business and Management	70	39
Computer Science and Information Technology	39	9
Education	14	4
Engineering and Technology	20	7
Humanities	10	4
Languages and Related Studies	17	14

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E-APP Programmes



E-APP Post-Secondary Programmes (Figures as at 3 Jun 2026)		
Area of Study	Number of Programmes	
	Sub-degree	Undergraduate
Law	2	0
Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations	9	8
Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	41	7
Sciences	12	0
Services	39	5
Social Sciences	35	18
Total	354	122

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E-APP Application Period

- Main Round Application: 4 December 2025 - 19 May 2026
- Second Round Application: 22 May 2026 - 6 July 2026
- Some institutions may cease accepting applications via E-APP earlier than the said deadline in accordance with their admission arrangements. Students should pay attention to respective institutions' arrangements

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Application and Admission Arrangement for 2026

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Application and Admission Arrangement for 2026

- 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 20 July 2026***
- 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 **(6 August 2026)***

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

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Application and Admission Arrangement for 2026

- Planned intakes of institutions for the 2026/27 academic year are available on Concourse
https://www.eapp.gov.hk/f/download/96/Planned_Intake_en.pdf
- Admission arrangement is available at
https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/Application_Information_and_Admission_Arrangement.html



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Application and Admission Arrangement for 2026

- Get prepared early and stay informed about the latest further studies information
- Read the leaflet on “Understanding Multiple Pathways at a Glance” (<https://www.cspe.edu.hk/en/Resources.html>)
- Search for and verify accredited programmes on the Qualifications Register (www.hkqr.gov.hk)
- Apply via E-APP
- Do not wait till the last minute to file your application
- Note the important dates



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Important Dates



	Date	Event
2026	19 May	Deadline of E-APP main round application
	22 May - 6 July	E-APP second round application
	15 July	Release of HKDSE Examination Results
	5 August	Announcement of Main Round Offer Results

Please refer to the websites of E-APP、HKEAA and JUPAS for the finalised dates.

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Thank you