Release of Examination Results

1. The results of the 2011 Hong Kong Advanced Level (AL) Examination will be released on Thursday, 30 June 2011. School principals are requested to send a member of their staff to collect the following documents from the Authority’s office at 14/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong during office hours (7:00 am - 5:00 pm) on that day:

   (1) Results Notices;
   (2) School Results List;
   (3) Analysis of School Results (own school);
   (4) Analysis of Results of Candidates;
   (5) Applications for Rechecking and Remarking (Form AL4001);
   (6) Record of Payment – Applications for Rechecking and Remarking (Form AL4002).

   (specimens attached)

When collecting the above documents, your staff member should present the collection slip duly completed. Schools should download the collection slip from the HKEAA Extranet. Please refer to our letter dated 15 November 2010 for details.

2. Schools using WebSAMS will receive the password for decrypting the examination results files in the system when the documents mentioned in Paragraph 1 are collected. The results file sent to each school will only contain the results of the candidates of that school.

3. The Results Notices should be distributed to individual candidates without delay. The School Results List, Analysis of School Results and Analysis of Results of Candidates are provided for the information of schools. The performance of candidates in each subject of the 2011 AL Examination will be recorded in terms of six grades, namely, A, B, C, D, E and F, of which A is the highest and F the lowest. Achievements below grade F will be designated as "UNCL" (unclassified).

   For the subjects of Chinese Language & Culture, Liberal Studies and Use of English, profile grades (A to F) will be recorded for the components besides the overall subject grades. Please refer to the "Notes on Interpreting the Profile of Results" (Annex I).

4. School principals are requested to inform candidates that subjects with unclassified results (UNCL) will only appear in the Results Notice and will not be recorded on the certificate. If their results in a practical subject are "unclassified" and they wish to resit the same subject in a future AL Examination as private candidates, they should keep their Results Notices to serve as documentary evidence of their having taken the subject in the AL Examination.

Bad Weather Arrangements

5. If Typhoon signal No. 8 is hoisted or Black rainstorm warning is issued at or before 5:00 am on Thursday, 30 June 2011, the release of results to schools will be postponed.
If Typhoon signal No. 8 or Black rainstorm warning is lowered at or before 1:00 pm, the Authority will resume its operation immediately. Schools may send their staff to collect the Results Notices at the Authority’s office at 14/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong two hours after the signal is cancelled.

If Typhoon signal No. 8 or Black rainstorm warning is lowered after 1:00 pm, the release of results to schools will be postponed by one day (i.e. the results will be released on 1 July 2011).

Schools and candidates are advised to listen to the radio, watch the television or check out the HKEAA’s website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk) for the Authority’s announcement.

Applications for Rechecking / Remarketing of Results

6. Candidates may apply for rechecking and/or remarking for up to a total of four subjects. Remarketing applications may be made on a subject# or component basis for Chinese Language and Culture, Liberal Studies and Use of English. For applications on a component basis in these three subjects, the scripts and score sheets of other components of that subject will also be rechecked for technical errors. Remarketing for one or more components of a subject is counted as one subject. Applications for remarking for other subjects and for rechecking will remain status quo, i.e. on a subject basis.

# Remarketing of Chinese Language and Culture and Use of English on a subject basis includes the written papers only. Applications for the remarketing of the oral component have to be made separately.

7. Requests for “rechecking” and/or “remarketing” for more than four subjects may be considered if there are extenuating circumstances and are supported by documentary evidence. Such requests must be submitted within the application period for rechecking and remarking.

8. Applications for rechecking and/or remarketing from school candidates may be accepted provided that they are submitted in accordance with the following procedures:

   (1) WebSAMS Schools

   (a) Starting from 2010, schools using WebSAMS to enter candidates for the HKALE must submit applications for rechecking and remarketing for their candidates via WebSAMS. These schools should use the HKEAA module to prepare Form AL4001 (specimen at Annex 2A). Please refer to the “Special Notes for WebSAMS Schools” attached to this circular as well as the “WebSAMS User Manual” for guidance.

   (b) Schools should print the application details of individual candidates for their verification before transmitting the data through CDS to the HKEAA.

   (c) The data for the applications should be transmitted through CDS to the HKEAA for computer processing (please refer to WebSAMS User Manual Sections 2.8.1 Preparing Outgoing Data and 2.8.3 Confirmed Outgoing Data). Schools are requested to note that the CDS message ID will appear on Form AL4001 after successful transmission of data.

   (d) A hardcopy of the Form AL4001 should be printed out and delivered to the HKEAA office together with the payment for processing on or before Thursday, 7 July 2011. Late applications will not be processed.

   (e) School principals should apply only for candidates with valid reasons such as those candidates whose expected grades for the subjects concerned are higher than the actual grades, or those with other grounds to support the applications. In the latter case, reasons should be given on the application forms. Schools using WebSAMS can use the built-in functions to generate the expected grades and to enter the reasons for the application.

   (f) The fees should be collected from the students concerned (either in cash or by a crossed cheque made payable to the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority) and forwarded to the Authority together with the application form(s) (Form AL4001) and the payment record form (Form AL4002 – specimen at Annex 4A; schools using WebSAMS should use the system to prepare and print the payment record form).
(2) Non-WebSAMS Schools

(a) Schools not using WebSAMS for registration should use Form AL4001 provided (specimen at Annex 2B).
(b) Applications must be submitted to the HKEAA office on or before Thursday, 7 July 2011. **Postal applications or late applications will NOT be accepted.**
(c) School principals should apply only for candidates with valid reasons such as those candidates whose expected grades for the subjects concerned are higher than the actual grades, or those with other grounds to support the applications. In the latter case, reasons should be given on the application forms. Schools not using WebSAMS may refer to Annex 3 in determining the expected grades for their students.
(d) The fees should be collected from the students concerned (either in cash or by a crossed cheque made payable to the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority) and forwarded to the Authority together with the application form(s) (Form AL4001) and the payment record form (Form AL4002 – specimen at Annex 4B).

(3) Once a candidate has submitted an application for rechecking or remarking for a subject, a subsequent request to change from rechecking to remarking or vice versa will not be entertained. The relevant fees are as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Subjects</th>
<th>Remark</th>
<th>Recheck</th>
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<tr>
<td>AS Language Subjects (excluding Oral component)</td>
<td>$910</td>
<td>$230</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other AS-level Subjects</td>
<td>$590</td>
<td>$150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A-level Subjects</td>
<td>$770</td>
<td>$195</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chinese Language and Culture / Use of English component (excluding Oral component)</td>
<td>$355</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liberal Studies component</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chinese Language and Culture / Use of English Oral component</td>
<td>$710</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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* For applications for remarking of components in written papers, if the total fees calculated on a component basis for a certain subject exceed the fee for remarking for the whole subject, then the fee for remarking for the whole subject will be charged.

(4) The fees paid by candidates whose results are upgraded after the rechecking or remarking process will be refunded.

(5) For candidates with financial difficulties, the Authority may consider waiving all or part of the remarking fees on a case by case basis. Candidates should write to the Authority together with the supporting documents when they submit the applications for remarking within the stipulated deadline.

9. The outcome of rechecking and remarking will be released to candidates via schools on **29 July 2011**. Schools are requested to send a member of their staff to collect the results of rechecking and remarking at the Authority’s Wan Chai Office. They will be notified of the details during the week of 11 to 15 July 2011. The office of the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) will also be notified at the same time. Candidates whose subject results have been upgraded should follow the instructions of the JUPAS office concerning their applications for admission to tertiary institutions.

**Appeal Review Committee**

10. The Authority has established an independent Appeal Review Committee to provide a mechanism to review the decisions of the Public Examinations Board on examination irregularities, to review the process of rechecking and remarking or to review the marking of scripts after access to scripts via Data Access Request. Details are given in Annex 5 of the Handbook for Candidates.
Please remind your students that all appeal review applications should be submitted in writing by the closing dates as follows:

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<th>Type of Appeal Review</th>
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<tr>
<td>Examination irregularities</td>
<td>7 July 2011</td>
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<tr>
<td>Process of rechecking and remarking</td>
<td>5 August 2011</td>
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<td>Marking of scripts</td>
<td>10 days after the scripts are made available to the candidates</td>
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For appeal review of the process of rechecking and remarking, school candidates should submit the request through the school with the support of the school principal.

**Trial of Script Viewing Service**

11. The Authority is planning to introduce a script viewing service to candidates in the near future. Candidates will be able to view the scanned images of their marked answer scripts, multiple-choice answer sheets, oral score sheets and marking schemes at the Authority’s assessment centres. As part of the development process, a trial of this service in Use of English and Chinese Language & Culture will be conducted in early July 2011 after the release of the 2011 HKAL examination results. Candidates who have sat the Use of English and Chinese Language & Culture examinations in the 2011 HKALE were notified in May to apply to take part in the trial. A random sample of about 4,000 applicants will be selected, and both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed by email on or before 21 June 2011. Successful applicants can each book a timeslot (45 minutes) to view the scripts of their selected subject via an online booking system between 30 June and 1 July 2011. They can then view their scripts at the Authority’s Lai King Assessment Centre on 4 and 5 July 2011 during the reserved timeslots.

**Registration of Private Candidates for the 2012 Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination**

12. If your students wish to take the 2012 HKALE as private candidates, they may view the information on the HKEAA website ([www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk)) from **Friday, 26 August 2011**.

Private candidates who wish to enter for subjects with a teacher assessment scheme/school-based assessment (i.e. AS-level Chinese Language & Culture, Liberal Studies, A-level Biology, Chinese Literature, Computer Studies, Chemistry and A/AS-level Physics and Visual Arts) will be allowed to use their teacher-assessed marks obtained within two years. In addition, practical examinations will not be arranged for the subjects of AS-level Chemistry, Computer Applications and Electronics. Private candidates who enter for these subjects must have sat the same examination as school candidates within two years. Their previous teacher-assessed mark on the practical/project component will be carried forward to constitute the current year’s practical/project mark. Please advise your students concerned to read the “Instructions to Applicants” at the time of registration.

13. Principals are requested to inform teachers and candidates concerned of the various arrangements mentioned in this circular.

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School Examinations and Assessment Division

To: Principals of Participating Schools
Special Notes for WebSAMS Schools

WebSAMS System Upgrade

1. Schools using WebSAMS are advised to perform major system upgrade in order to process the examination results. Schools should enter the WebSAMS download site from Thursday, 16 June 2011 to download the latest version of the programs. Please enter http://www.websams.edb.gov.hk/eng/upgrade/major2.html and download the latest version of the programs. The target version number is 2.0.1.07062011 or above.

Parameter File and Applications for Rechecking and Remarking

2. After performing the major system upgrade, schools should receive an updated Parameter File (via CDS) containing the latest system parameters and appeal information for the 2011 HKALE on Thursday, 23 June 2011. Schools should receive the file using the HKEAA module (for details, please refer to WebSAMS User Manual Section 2.8.2 Process Incoming Data). If the Parameter File is not received by 4:00 p.m. on 23 June 2011, schools concerned should contact the HKEAA office at 3628 8665 to request for the latest Parameter File.

3. Schools should follow the instructions of the WebSAMS User Manual Section 2.5.1 Rechecking and Remarking in preparing the data for rechecking / remarking of results for their students. All data appearing on the application form(s) should be transmitted through the CDS. After sending out the application data, schools should print out the application form(s) with the printed date, time and CDS Message ID on the form. All printed forms should be returned as hard copies to the Authority.

4. Another report, Candidate’s Records of Rechecking and Remarking (WebSAMS Report No. R-HKE036), is available for schools to check individual student’s application. Schools are encouraged to use this report to confirm the application with the students. This report is NOT required to return to the Authority.

Enquiries

5. For enquiries concerning the CDS network or the WebSAMS, please contact:
   - WebSAMS Help Desk (EDB) (Tel. No.: 3125 8510)
   - CDS Help Desk (EDB) (Tel. No.: 2573 4057)
   - CDS Fax Hotline (EDB) (Fax No.: 2575 6990)

6. For enquiries concerning the transmission of data (via WebSAMS), please contact:
   - HKEAA Examination Systems Unit (Tel. No.: 3628 8665)

7. For enquiries concerning the submission of application forms for rechecking and remarking, please contact:
   - HKEAA Public Examinations Information Centre (Tel. No.: 3628 8860)