Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 141/2013

From : Permanent Secretary for Education To : Supervisors of Kindergartens,

Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres joining Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme and / or receiving subsidies under Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme / rent reimbursement - for necessary

action

Ref. : EDB(FINMS)/KG/555(12-13) Date : 5 November 2013

2012/13 Annual Audited Accounts of Kindergartens and Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres joining Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme and / or in receipt of subsidies under Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme and / or Rent Reimbursement

Purpose

This circular memorandum requests Supervisors of Kindergartens (KGs)/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres (KG-cum-CCCs) which joined the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS) and / or received subsidies under Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme (CCCSS) and / or rent reimbursement to submit their audited accounts for the 2012/13 school / financial year. The deadline for submission is **10 February 2014**.

Background

2. Education Bureau Circular (EDBC) Nos. <u>6/2011</u>, No. <u>3/2008</u> and No. <u>2/2004</u> respectively require KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and / or receiving CCCSS / rent reimbursement to submit their audited accounts, with the subsidy duly reflected. The accounts must be audited by Certified Public Accountants (practising) registered under the Professional Accountants Ordinance. For guidelines on engagement of auditors, please see EDBC No. <u>17/2008</u>.

Submission Requirements

3. The annual audited accounts to be submitted by schools should comprise the School Supervisor's Certificate, the Auditor's Report and detailed financial statements on the operations of the KGs/KG-cum-CCCs as specified at **Annex 1**. To facilitate preparation by schools, the relevant pro-formas in Excel format can be downloaded from the following addresses:

https://kgac.edb.gov.hk (for School Portal users)

or

http://www.edb.gov.hk/circular/adhocforme/2013fdkg-e.xls (for non-School Portal users)

- 4. School Supervisors are reminded that as they have declared and undertaken to observe the terms and conditions of the PEVS / reimbursement of rent / CCCSS, they are obliged to observe and comply with all these terms and conditions, including but not limited to the submission of audited accounts in the prescribed formats to this Bureau for inspection. Schools' attention is particularly drawn to the following points:
 - (a) Schools are reminded to observe the list of items to be covered by school fees as set out in Appendix 1 of EDBC No. 16/2013, for which parents should not be charged separately.
 - (b) Schools should follow the guidelines and general principles on the collection of fees and trading operations as promulgated in EDBC No. 16/2013 and properly classify their school incomes (i.e. school fees, income from trading operations and other income Note 1) and report them in the audited accounts accordingly. Moreover, schools and their auditors may be required to provide supplementary information of their school incomes where necessary.
 - (c) Related party Note 2 transactions and their outstanding balances are required to be disclosed in Statement 7 "Notes to the Account" at Annex 1. In brief, school should make proper disclosures of related party transactions/outstanding balances in their audited accounts as required in relevant EDB's circulars/directives. If schools had made any disclosure of related party transactions in their 2012/13 fee revision application, they should report such transactions in the 2012/13 audited accounts.
 - (d) Schools should draw their auditors' attention to the certification requirements as stated in the reference notes for auditors of schools at Annex 2 prior to the commencement of audit. Please note that the certification requirements should be strictly complied with.
- Separate reporting should be provided for all income & expenditure relating to the 5. Teacher Development Subsidy under PEVS by completing Statement 4 of the accounts.
- Schools joining PEVS and receiving CCCSS subsidy and rent reimbursement at the 6. same time need only to submit **one** set of audited accounts. For schools joining PEVS and operating classes of both local and non-local curriculum, Statement 1A instead of Statement 1 is required.
- 7. The audited accounts must be forwarded to the Education Bureau together with the signed School Supervisor's Certificate and Auditor's report to the following address on or before 10 February 2014.

Note:

Other income refers to income from sources other than school fees and income from trading operations. For registration fees, application fees and meal charges which are classified as other income, KGs should obtain the written approval of the Permanent Secretary for Education before collections or making adjustments to these fees as income generated from activities ancillary to school's operation which is NOT collected from students. Please refer to Note 5 of Statement 7 at Annex 1 for completion.

Please refer to **Annex 3** for definition of a related party. 2.

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- 8. To facilitate schools' accurate and easy input of data, schools are advised to use the Excel template downloaded from the addresses as mentioned in paragraph 3 in preparing their audited financial statements and provide the softcopy of the audited financial statements in addition to the hardcopy on a voluntary basis by the said due date -
 - electronically through the School Portal Account Note 3; or
 - by submitting a CD.

Should your school choose to provide the softcopy in addition to the hardcopy of the audited financial statements, please ensure that the softcopy and the hardcopy submitted are identical.

9. For closed schools, the final audited accounts covering the period up to and including the last day of school operation should be submitted **no later than four months** from the date of cessation of operation.

Enquiries

10. For enquiries on this circular memorandum, please contact Ms Catherine WONG, Accounting Officer I (Management Services) 1, of the Finance Division at 2892 6269.

(Ms Clarice Li) for Permanent Secretary for Education

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Note:

^{3.} Please refer to **Annex 5** for guidelines in submission of softcopy of audited accounts through the School Portal.

Name of School:	

School type: *KG / KG-cum-CCC [*Please delete whichever is inappropriate] *PEVS / Non-PEVS

*PEVS / Non-PEVS *CCCSS / Non-CCCSS

*Rent Reimbursement / Non-Rent Reimbursement

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED ______2013

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Name of School:	
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED	2013
SCHOOL SUPERVISOR'S CERTIFICATE	
I hereby certify that the information and explanations	given in *Statements 1/1A,
2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the Accounts of the School for the year ended	2013 are true
and correct.	
Please stamp School Chop	
Signed:	(School Supervisor)
Name of School Supervisor :	· ·
Tvaine of School Supervisor.	
Date :	

^{*} delete whichever is inappropriate

Name of School:		
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED	2013	

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Please stamp Auditor's Chop

Signed: ______(Auditor)

Name of Auditor: ______

Date: _____

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For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and/or receiving CCCSS and/or Rent Reimbursement

(For those KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and operating classes of both local and non-local curriculum, they should prepare Statement 1A instead.)

Name of School:	
School type: *KG/KG-cum-CCC	[*Please delete whichever is inappropriate.]
*PEVS/Non-PEVS	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ______2013

	\$ Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
INCOME			
School Fees - from parents			
from PEVSfrom Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme			
Less : Fee Remission (financed by school)			
Subsidy received under the Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme Reimbursement of Government Rent			Per Statement 3
Reimbursement of Rates Reimbursement of Rent			
Other Income (Note 1)			Per Statement 7
TOTAL INCOME (a)			
EXPENDITURE (Note 2)		-	
Salaries - Teaching Staff (including Principal)			Per Statement 3
- Non-teaching Staff			
Employer's Contribution to Provident Fund Scheme - Teaching Staff (including Principal)			Per Statement 3
- Non-teaching Staff Severance Pay/Long-service Pay			
- Teaching Staff (including Principal)			
- Non-teaching Staff Supervisor's Remuneration			
Government Rent			
Rates			
Rent			
Depreciation			
- School Premises			Per Statement 7
- Furniture/Equipment/Fixtures/Fittings			(item 1)
- Computer Hardware and Software			(/
- Others			

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Name of School:

	\$ Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
Major Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing \$8,000 or above each) Minor Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing below \$8,000 each) Audit Fee Other Expenditure (Note 3)			Per Statement 7
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (b)		-	
Surplus/(Deficit) from the operation [(a) – (b)]			
Profit/(Loss) from Trading Operations (Note 4)			Per Statement 5
Donation Income (Note 5)			Per Statement 6
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR			
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR			
TRANSFER TO/(FROM) RESERVE (Note 6)			Per Statement 7
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR			

Note

- 1. Please provide breakdowns for "Other Income" in <u>Statement 7</u>.
- 2. Please observe the guiding principles on scope of expenditure at Annex 4.
- 3. Please provide breakdowns for "Other Expenditure" in <u>Statement 7</u>.
- 4. For KGs with trading operations such as sale of school items and provision of paid services, please provide details of such income and corresponding costs in <u>Statement 5</u>.
- 5. For KGs with donations received, please provide details of income from donation and corresponding expenditure in <u>Statement 6</u>.
- 6. Please specify the nature of surplus transfer to/(from) reserve e.g. school development for educational purpose in Statement 7.

Statement 1A

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For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and operating classes of both local and non-local curriculum

Name of Scho	ol :	
School type:	*KG/KG-cum-CCC	[*Please delete whichever is inappropriate.]

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED______2013

		Current Year \$		Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
	Local Curriculum Classes	Non-Local Curriculum Classes	Total	Total	
INCOME					
School Fees - from parents - from PEVS - from Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme Less: Fee Remission (financed by school)					
Subsidy received under the Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme Reimbursement of Government Rent Reimbursement of Rates Reimbursement of Rent					Per Statement 3
Other Income (Note 1)					Per Statement 7
TOTAL INCOME (a)					Statement /
EXPENDITURE (<u>Note 2</u>)					
Salaries - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Employer's Contribution to Provident Fund Scheme - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Severance Pay/Long-service Pay - Teaching Staff (including Principal) - Non-teaching Staff Supervisor's Remuneration Government Rent Rates					Per Statement 3 Per Statement 3
Rent Depreciation - School Premises - Furniture/Equipment/Fixtures/Fittings - Computer Hardware and Software - Others					Per Statement 7 (item 1)

Statement 1A

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	Current Year \$			Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
	Local Curriculum Classes	Non-Local Curriculum Classes	Total	Total	
Major Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing \$8,000 or above each) Minor Repairs and Maintenance (for items costing below \$8,000 each) Audit Fee Other Expenditure (Note 3)					Per Statement 7
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (b)					
Surplus/(Deficit) from the operation $[(a) - (b)]$					
Profit/(Loss) from Trading Operations (Note 4)					Per Statement 5
Donation Income (Note 5)					Per Statement 6
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR					
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
TRANSFER TO/(FROM) RESERVE (<u>Note 6</u>)					Per Statement 7
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR					

Note

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For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and/or receiving CCCSS and/or Rent Reimbursement

Name of School:				
School type:	*KG/KG-cum-CCC *PEVS/Non-PEVS	[*Please delete whichever is inappropriate]		
	BALANCE SHEET AS AT	2013		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT			
	Current Year	Previous Year	Remarks (or Notes)
	\$ \$	\$	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Fixed Assets			Per Statement 7
Other Non-Current Assets (please specify)			1 ci Statement /
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock of Exercise Books, Stationery and Uniform etc.			D C(-1
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments			Per Statement 5
Rental & Utility Deposit			
Cash at bank and in hand			
Other Current Assets (please specify)			
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
School Fees Received in Advance			
Bank Overdraft			
Sundry Creditors and Accrual			
Other Current Liabilities (please specify)			
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
TOTAL ASSETS NET OF CURRENT LIABILITIES			
REPRESENTED BY:			
RESERVE (please specify)			
ACCUMULATED FUND			Dan Statement
RECONCERTED FORD			Per Statement 1/1A
SURPLUS OF GRANT/SUBSIDIES FROM			1, 111
GOVERNMENT			
Teacher Development Subsidy	_		Per Statement 4
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Bank Loan			
Other Long Term Liabilities (please specify)			
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For KG-cum-CCCs receiving CCCSS

Name of School:		
	STATEMENT OF CHILD CARE CENT	RE SUBSIDY SCHEME
	EOD THE VEAD ENDED	2012

	Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
INCOME Subsidy Received Under the			Per Statement
Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme :			*1/1A
EXPENDITURE			
Salary and Provident Fund			
Salaries excluding Allowances - Teaching Staff (including Principal)			Per Statement *1/1A
Employer's Contribution to Provident Fund Scheme - Teaching Staff (including Principal) serving groups or classes that count towards subsidy			Per Statement *1/1A
TOTAL SALARY AND PROVIDENT FUND			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR			

^{*}Please delete whichever is inappropriate

For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS

Name of School:			
	STATEMENT OF TEACHER DE	EVELOPMENT SUBSIDY	
	FOR THE YEAR ENDED	2013	

	Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Remarks (or Notes)
INCOME	Ψ	Ψ	
Subsidy Received			
Interest Income			
TOTAL INCOME			
EXPENDITURE			
Reimbursed Course Fees			
Payments for Supply Teacher (including the MPF)			
School-Based Training			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR			
ADD: ADJUSTMENTS (PLEASE SPECIFY)			
LESS: AMOUNT RETURNED TO EDB			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR			Per Balance Sheet
OR			
Amount to be clawed back by EDB (Note)			
Note		<u> </u>	

Note

According to EDBC No. 1/2007, the unspent balance as at end of the 2011/12 school year would be clawed back by EDB. Please explain if the clawback amount differs from the reported figure in the "Statement of Teacher Development Subsidy for Clawback Purpose" submitted to EDB earlier (if applicable).

Name of School:	

STATEMENT OF TRADING OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED __________2013

	School Bus	Text books (<u>Notes 1 & 4</u>)	Exercise Books (Notes 1 & 4)	School Uniform (Notes 1 & 4)	School Bag/Bags (Notes 1 & 4)	Beddings	Activities (Notes 1 & 4)	Stationery (Notes 1 & 4)	Teaching/ Learning Material (Notes 1 & 4)	Snack/Food/ Refreshment (Notes 1 & 4)	Others (Please specify) (Notes 1 & 4)	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income (a)												
Less: Cost of Sales (b)												
Opening Stock												
Add : Purchases												
Other Expenses (please specify)												
Less : Closing Stock												
Profit/(Loss) for the year												
(c) = (a) - (b) (Transfer to Income and												
(Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account)												
Profit/(Loss) % (c)/(b) (Notes 2 & 3)												

Note

- 1. Please state the description of the trading operations and put each activity under SEPARATE columns. Sale of textbooks should be shown as a separate activity.
- 2. The profit from the sale of exercise books, schools uniforms, stationery, equipment and other school items (other than textbooks) / provision of paid services should be limited to 15% of the cost price / total cost involved according to EDBC No.16/2013.
- 3. No profit would be generated from sale of textbooks. Some schools may not be able to implement the no-profit policy immediately, they should stop such an arrangement when the earliest opportunity arises. In the interim, discount or block sum of money received by the school should not in any case exceed the percentage of rebate it previously obtained. For details, please refer to EDBC No. 17/2003.
- 4. Any discount or block sum of money received from trading operators / suppliers should be entered into school accounts as an item of income.

For KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and/or receiving	CCCSS and/or receiving Rent Reimbursement
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Name of School :			
	STATEMENT OF DONATION	ON INCOME	
	FOR THE VEAR ENDED	2013	

	Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Remark (or Notes)
DONATION INCOME			
EXPENDITURE (PLEASE SPECIFY)			
-			
- -			
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- -			
-			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
NET BALANCE (Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account)			Per Statement *1/1A

^{*}Please delete whichever is inappropriate

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For	KGs/KG-cum-	CCCs joining Pl	EVS and/or	receiving (CCCSS and	d/or Rent I	Reimbursement

Name of School:		

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. FIXED ASSETS

	School Premises	Furniture / Equipment / Fixtures/Fittings	Computer Hardware and Software	Others (Please specify)	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
At Cost	·		·	·	·
Balance as at					
Add: Additions During the Year (Remark 1)					
Less: Disposal During the Year					
Balance as at					
Accumulated Depreciation	======		========	=======	======
Balance as at					
Add: Depreciation for the Year					
Less: Depreciation					
for Disposed Items for the year					
Balance as at		=========			
Net Book Value					
Balance as at					
(beginning of the year)	=======		========		======
Balance as at (end of the year)					
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Threshold amount (Remark 2)	=======	===========	=======	=======	
Depreciation rate (%)					
	=======		========	=======	

Remarks

- (1) For all KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS, details must be provided in Note 2 to the Accounts.
- (2) Please provide the threshold amount (i.e. the amount where at or above which the relevant expenditure would be treated as fixed asset) for each type of assets.

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Name of School:	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

2. DETAILS OF ADDITIONS OF FIXED ASSETS DURING 2012/13

List of fixed assets by nature and item	Purchase/ commission date	Cost
		\$
1. School Premises (please specify)		
1.1		
1.2		
:		
	Total:	
2. Furniture/equipment/fixtures/fittings (please specify)		
2.1		
2.2		
:		
	Total:	
3. Computer hardware & software (please specify)		
3.1		
3.2		
:		
	Total:	
4. Others (please specify)		
4.1		
4.2		
:		
	Total:	

(Per Note 1 to the Accounts)

Name of School:

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

3. OTHER EXPENDITURE

Current Year Previous Year \$ \$ Non-Local Total Local Curriculum Curriculum Classes Classes Expenses on meal preparation Furniture and equipment and teaching aids other than those included in the fixed assets Water Electricity Telephone, fax line and internet service charges Cleaning Printing and stationery Teaching consumables Insurance First aid and fire safety equipment Transportation fees for school administration purposes Expenses on regular learning activities for all students

4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION(S)

Others (please specify)

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Name of School:	
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

5. OTHER INCOME

Current Year \$		Previous Year \$
Local Non-Local		Total
Curriculum	Curriculum	
Classes	Classes	
	\$ Local Curriculum	\$ Local Non-Local Curriculum Curriculum

6. TRANSFER TO / (FROM) RESERVE (PLEASE SPECIFY)

	Current Year \$		Previous Year \$
	Local Curriculum Classes	Non-Local Curriculum Classes	Total
-			
-			
-			
	=======	=======	=======

Reference Notes

for Auditors of Kindergartens (KGs) / Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres (KG-cum-CCCs)
which joined Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS) and /or received subsidies under
Child Care Centre Subsidy Scheme (CCCSS) and / or Rent Reimbursement
in the 2012/13 School Year

Education Bureau Circular (EDBC) No. <u>6/2011</u>, No. <u>3/2008</u> and No. <u>2/2004</u> respectively require KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS and/or in receipt of CCCSS and/or rent reimbursement to submit their audited accounts, with the subsidy duly reflected. The accounts must be audited by Certified Public Accountants (practising) registered under the Professional Accountants Ordinance. Note 1 This requirement is laid down in order to enable the Permanent Secretary for Education to satisfy that the schools have properly applied the subsidies received from the government to the purposes for which they were paid.

- 2. Auditors should submit an Auditor's Report on the school accounts, and **EACH** statement to the accounts should be stamped with the identification chop of the Auditors. The Auditor's Report should state whether in the Auditor's opinion -
 - (a) the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the school's affairs as at the balance sheet date and of its results for the accounting year then ended; and
 - (b) the school has used the government subsidies in accordance with the rules and ambits as promulgated in the EDBC No. 6/2011 (in particular all KGs/KG-cum-CCCs joining PEVS shall **NOT** transfer the surplus, in whatever form, to any of their sponsoring bodies or other organizations), EDBC No. 3/2008, EDBC No. 2/2004, relevant letters, circulars, circular memoranda and guidelines (in particular the guiding principles on scope of expenditure at **Annex 4**) issued by the Education Bureau. Note 2
- 3. The Auditors should draw the attention of the School Supervisors to weaknesses in internal controls discovered during the course of their audit and that they should report items which are considered material in a letter (i.e. management letter) with recommendations for improvement. The Auditors should also send a copy of the management letter to EDB for information.
- 4. If the Auditors are of the opinion that proper books of accounts have not been kept by the school, or if the balance sheet and income and expenditure account are not in agreement with the books of accounts, or if the Auditors are not able to obtain all the information and explanations which, to the best of their knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purpose of their audit, they should make appropriate qualifications in their reports.

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Note:

- 1. This means "certified public accountants (practising)" with effect from the commencement of the Professional Accountants (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 on 8 September 2004. "Certified public accountant (practising)" means a certified public accountant holding a practising certificate.
- 2. Auditors should note that "Code of Aid" is not applicable to Kindergartens.

Definition of Related Party

A *related party* is a person or entity that is related to the kindergarten preparing its financial statements.

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family Note 1 is related to a kindergarten if that person:
 - (i) has control or joint control over the kindergarten;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the kindergarten; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the kindergarten or of a sponsoring body of the kindergarten.
- (b) An entity is related to a kindergarten if any of the following conditions applies:
 - (i) The entity and the kindergarten are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidy and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
 - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
 - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
 - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third party and the other entity is an associate of the third party.
 - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the kindergarten or an entity related to the kindergarten. If the kindergarten is itself such a plan, the sponsoring employers are also related to the kindergarten.
 - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
 - (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).

Note:

- 1. Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity and include:
 - (a) that person's parents, children, spouse or domestic partner;
 - (b) children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
 - (c) dependants of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

Guiding Principles on Scope of Expenditure for Kindergartens under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme

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The following paragraphs set out some guiding principles on the scope of expenditure for kindergartens (KGs) under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS).

Guiding Principles

- 2. In the use of resources from school fees including the fee subsidy under PEVS, KGs should be prudent and always put students' interest as the first priority. KGs should have sound financial planning and good budgeting in deploying their resources and should ensure that expenditure incurred is reasonable and necessary. Expenditure of KGs should be basically devoted to supporting teaching and learning activities, the operation of the KG and maintenance of the standard of education service. Details of the scope of expenditure are listed below:
 - (a) Salaries (including payment for supply teachers), provident fund, mandatory provident fund, severance or long service payment of teaching and non-teaching staff employed
 - (b) The remuneration of school supervisors
 - (c) Rent and management fees, rates and government rent for the KG/KG-cum-CCC premises
 - (d) Furniture and equipment for school and education purposes
 - (e) Teaching aids such as library books, reference materials and worksheets for teachers and students
 - (f) Expenses on repairs, maintenance and improvement works of the KG/ KG-cum-CCC premises including installation of air-conditioners, double-glaze windows and exhaust fans, maintenance contract, inspection fees for maintaining fire, gas, electrical installation and building safety
 - (g) Water and electricity (including air-conditioning) charges, telephone line, fax line and internet service charges
 - (h) Cleaning fees (including cleaning contract and the provision of cleaning facilities to students)
 - (i) Expenses on printing, paper, teachers' stationery and other consumables for teaching activities
 - (j) Postage charges and publications
 - (k) Insurance premium and expenses on first aid and fire safety equipment
 - (l) Audit fees and other service charges in connection with school administration

- (m) Transportation fees for school administration purposes
- (n) Expenses on regular learning activities for all students, conducted either inside or outside the school premises (these should include expenses for birthday parties, graduation ceremony, school outing, picnics and visits.)
- (o) Items such as student handbooks, profiles, student portfolios, graduation certificates and identity cards, etc which are necessary for the operation of the school
- (p) Other expenses directly related to the teaching activities, school operation and maintenance of the standard of education service for educational purposes

3. Additional Points to Note:

- 3.1 Separate ledgers should be prepared to report all income and expenditure relating to the One-off School Development Grant for Kindergartens (if applicable).
- 3.2 For PEVS KGs operating classes of both local and non-local curriculum, separate ledgers should be prepared to report all income and expenditure in respect of the classes for each of the two curriculums.
- 3.3 All income and expenditure relating to trading activities such as sale of school items that are collected under **Education Bureau (EDB) Circular (C) No.** 16/2013 should be analyzed as per the format in **Statement 5** to EDB call circular memorandum for annual audited accounts of KGs.
- 3.4 As stipulated in the terms and conditions of PEVS for NPM KGs, the PEVS NPM KGs shall not transfer the surplus, in whatever form, to any of their sponsoring bodies or other organizations. Expenditure items not related to paragraph 2 above or not basically devoted to teaching and learning activities should be disallowed.

<u>Procedures for Submission of Softcopy of Audited Accounts</u> <u>Through School Portal</u>

(1) Login using the School Portal Account



Note: Since the School Portal has been upgraded recently, if you encounter any problem on accessing your applications via your previous bookmark, please kindly click the link below to recreate your bookmark.

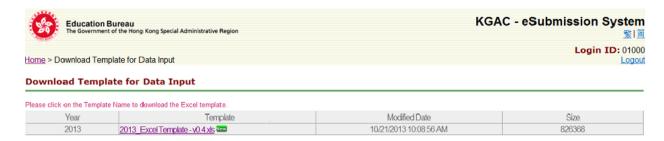
Click here to bookmark your School Portal Logon Page

(2) Select the appropriate option from the menu



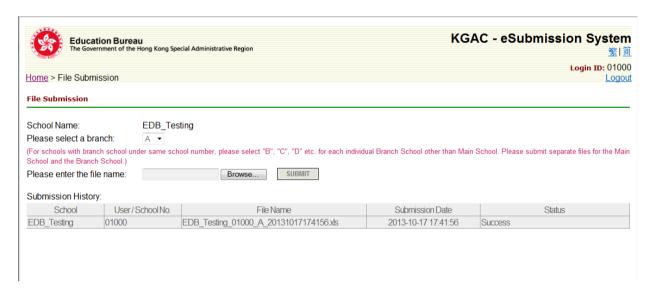
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(3) Select Option 1 for downloading the template for the preparation of Audited Accounts.



Click on the filename under "Template" to download the excel template.

(4) Select Option 2 for the submission of file.



- (5) Click the "Browse" button to locate the softcopy of the audited accounts.
- (6) For schools having more than 1 branch under the same school number, please select different values (say "B", "C", "D" etc. for each individual Branch School other than Main School). Please submit separate files for the Main School and the Branch School.
- (7) Click "Submit" to send the file.

(IMPORTANT: Please only use the Excel template provided by EDB. The submission file format should be "School No. + Branch ID (Default "A") + date (ddmmyy). For example, 123456A050313.xls. Only file extension of ".xls" or ".xlsx" is allowed.)