

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 187/2015

From: Secretary for Education

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To: Supervisors/Heads of all aided, government and caput secondary schools, secondary schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme and special schools with secondary classes

NAS Medium-term Review: Updated Curriculum and Assessment Guides for Senior Secondary Subjects

Summary

Subsequent to the New Academic Structure (NAS) Medium-term Review recommendations on curriculum and assessment announced in June 2015, the updated Curriculum and Assessment (C&A) Guides for the 24 Senior Secondary (SS) subjects and Applied Learning have been uploaded to the NAS Web Bulletin (www.edb.gov.hk/nas/en) and the webpages of the respective Key Learning Areas/subjects for schools' reference.

Background

2. The C&A Guides, jointly prepared by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) in 2007, are important references for schools in implementing the SS curriculum and assessment as they provide the rationale and aims of the curriculum with explanations on the curriculum framework, curriculum planning, pedagogy and assessment, where curriculum, pedagogy and assessment are well aligned. Since the implementation of the NAS in 2009, the CDC and the HKEAA have been keeping the subject curricula under ongoing review in the light of classroom experiences, students' learning and the changing needs of students and society. Please refer to the Education Bureau (EDB) Circular Memorandum No.106/2015 for details of the recommendations of the NAS Medium-term Review.

Details

3. Following the medium-term recommendations on curriculum and

assessment, relevant chapters on curriculum and assessment of the C&A Guides, mainly Chapter 2 (Curriculum Framework) and Chapter 3 (Curriculum Planning), are updated. To align with the changes in the content of assessment, Chapter 5 (Assessment) is also updated in collaboration with the HKEAA. Apart from these chapters, there are updates on curriculum and assessment in other chapters as deemed necessary by individual subjects.

4. The updated C&A Guides have been uploaded to the NAS Web Bulletin (www.edb.gov.hk/nas/en) and the webpages of the respective Key Learning Areas/subjects for schools' reference. Checklists of major updates of the respective subjects are also available on the webpages for teachers' easy reference.

5. School heads are requested to circulate this CM among all teaching staff members to keep them informed of the updated C&A Guides to ensure a smooth implementation of the SS curriculum and assessment.

6. We encourage teachers to visit the NAS Web Bulletin (www.edb.gov.hk/nas/en) or the designated webpage (www.edb.gov.hk/nas/review/en) for any latest developments. The design of the public assessment is subject to continuous refinement in the light of feedback from each year's public examinations. Full details are provided in the Regulations and Assessment Frameworks for the year of the examination and other supplementary documents, which are available on the HKEAA website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/assessment_framework/).

Enquiries

7. If you have any enquiries, please contact Council and Secondary Section of the EDB at 2892 5895.

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