

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 112/2025

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To : Supervisors/Heads of all Aided (including Special Schools), Government, Caput, Private Secondary Schools, and Secondary Schools under the Direct Subsidy Schemes offering the local senior secondary curriculum

(Please circulate this Circular Memorandum to Geography panel heads and teachers)

Optimisation of Senior Secondary Geography and Release of the Supplementary Notes of Geography Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6) (2025)

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to announce the optimising measures for the Senior Secondary Geography (“Optimising Measures”) and the release of the Supplementary Notes of the Geography Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6) (2025) (“Supplementary Notes”). The “Optimising Measures” related to assessment will be applicable to the 2027 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Geography Examination and thereafter, while the “Supplementary Notes” will be applicable to all senior secondary levels effective from the 2025/26 school year.

Background

2. The Education Bureau (EDB) announced the measures to optimise the four senior secondary core subjects in the EDBCM No. 39/2021 “Measures to Optimise the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects” following the recommendations made by the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum in the report “Optimise the curriculum for the future, Foster whole-person development and diverse talents” in order to create space for students and cater for learner diversity. Subsequently, optimising measures have been explored in other elective subjects (including Senior Secondary Geography).

3. The optimising measures for the Senior Secondary Geography were proposed by the joint working group under the “Curriculum Development Council – Hong Kong Examination and Assessment Authority Committee on Geography” and the “HKDSE Geography Subject Committee”. After thorough deliberations in relevant committees as well as school consultation through a school questionnaire survey, the “Optimising Measures” were endorsed by the “CDC – HKEAA Committee on Geography”, the “HKDSE Geography Subject Committee”, the “Curriculum Development Council Committee on Personal, Social and Humanities Education” as well as the “Public Examinations Board of the HKEAA”, and finally accepted by the Curriculum Development Council.

Details

4. The optimising measures for the Senior Secondary Geography are as follows:

- **Curriculum:**

The Supplementary Notes for the Geography Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6) has been developed to specify clearly the fieldwork skills involved in the HKDSE Geography Examination. This will help teachers and students understand the relevant requirements for compliance, and to help students better achieve the expected learning outcomes. The “Supplementary Notes” is applicable to all senior secondary levels effective from the *2025/26 school year*.

For details, please refer to the following website:

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/curriculum-documents.html>



- **Assessment:**

Section B of Paper 1 of the HKDSE Geography Examination: Compulsory Fieldwork-based Question	
<u>Present practice</u>	<u>Optimising measure</u>
Choose 1 out of 3: Select 1 out of the 3 assigned modules in the compulsory part for assessment	<i>Choose 1 out of 2:</i> Select 1 out of the <i>2 assigned modules</i> in the compulsory part for assessment
	This measure is applicable to the <i>2027 HKDSE Geography Examination</i> and thereafter.

Support Measures

5. The EDB will continue to develop learning and teaching resources and provide teacher professional development programmes to support schools in implementing the Senior Secondary Geography curriculum.

Enquiry

6. For enquiries, please contact Ms WU Shuk-ting Connie (Tel.: 2892 6654) and Ms YUEN Ka-man Carmany (Tel.: 2892 5898) of the Personal, Social and Humanities Education Section, Curriculum Development Institute, EDB.