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Dear Principal,

I am writing to inform you that the academic score conversion scales for Alternative Chinese Language (ACL) subjects and Other Languages (Category C subjects) for admission of HKDSE students to HKBU will be revised **with effect from the 2025 entry. New conversion scales are attached for your reference.**

A) Change of the Academic Score Conversion Scale for the Alternative Chinese Language (ACL) subjects

In the 2024 entry and before, HKBU adopts a standardised conversion score which is equivalent to Level 3 in HKDSE Chinese subject for ACL subjects, irrespective of the levels of attainment. **With effective from the 2025 entry**, a non-linear grade point conversion system will be adopted to fully recognise students' different attainments in ACL subjects.

All HKBU programmes, except those offered by the School of Chinese Medicine, will accept the Alternative Chinese Language (ACL) subjects and the revised conversion scales.

Please be reminded that the eligibility to use ACL subjects to replace HKDSE Chinese is *only* applicable to the Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) students fulfilling the specified conditions below set by the Education Bureau:

(a) *Students who have learned Chinese Language for less than 6 years while receiving primary and secondary education; or*

(b) *Students who have learned Chinese Language for 6 years or more in schools, but have been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in our local schools.*

B) Change of the Academic Score Conversion Scale for Other Languages (Category C subjects)

As informed by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, there will be new arrangements for Other Languages (Category C Subjects) for the 2025 HKDSE examinations and beyond.

HKBU has taken the opportunity to review the academic score conversion scale for Other Languages (Category C Subjects), resulting in the adoption of a new scale as

shown in the attachment. Kindly note that individual programmes may consider Other Languages (Category C Subjects) for fulfilment of the second elective subject requirement.

Please kindly inform your students of the above changes, which are also available at the following HKBU website:

<https://admissions.hkbu.edu.hk/uploads/en/download/pdf/Changes-for-JUPAS-Admissions-from-2025-Entry-onwards.pdf>

Should there be other changes related to the HKDSE entrance requirements for the 2025 entry, we will announce the information before the next academic year. Up-to-date information will also be made available at the HKBU Information Day 2024, which is scheduled for 5 October 2024 (Saturday).

If you have any queries or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Alice Lee, Head of Admissions Office, at aliceleemw@hkbu.edu.hk or 34117928.

Yours faithfully,



Sally Ching
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Changes for JUPAS Admissions from 2025 Entry Onwards



Conversion scores of Other Languages (Category C subjects) as one of the unspecified electives:

Year of Entry	HKDSE Category C Subjects	Conversion Scores		
		7	5.5	4
2025	Japanese	N1	N2	N3
	French, German and Spanish	C1, C2	B1, B2	A2
	Korean	Level 6	Levels 4, 5	Level 3



Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students - Conversion scores of the alternative qualifications for HKDSE Chinese Language subject

For Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) students fulfilling one of the [specified conditions](#), HKBU will accept the following alternative Chinese language qualifications for meeting the entrance requirement for HKDSE Chinese Language (except for the School of Chinese Medicine).

- Grade E or above in GCE A/AS Level Chinese; or
- Grade C/ Grade 4 or above in GCSE/IGCSE/GCE O-Level Chinese/ Chinese Language; or
- "Attained" in Applied Learning Chinese (ApL(C)).

Please refer to the table for score conversion scale of respective exam results for 2025 entry

Exam	Grade	2025 Conversion Scores
GCE (A-Level)	A*	6
	A	6
	B	5
	C	4
	D	3
GCE (AS-Level)	E	3
	A	6
	B	5
	C	4
	D	3
GCE Ordinary Level	E	3
	A	4
	B	3
IGCSE/ GCSE (2020 onwards)	C	3
	9	4
	8	4
	7	4
	6	3
	5	3
IGCSE/ GCSE (before 2020)	4	3
	A*	4
	A	4
	B	3
Applied Learning (Chinese)	C	3
	Attained with Distinction	3
	Attained	3

