

# Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who have completed or are undertaking the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and intend to seek admission to undergraduate study at The University of Queensland (UQ).

## ABOUT THE HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) is a secondary qualification awarded to students who have completed three years of secondary education in Hong Kong.

The HKDSE program comprises of core and elective subjects. Most school candidates may take four core subjects (Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Liberal Studies), plus two to three elective subjects from Category A Senior Secondary subjects; Category B Applied Learning subjects or Category C Other Language subjects. Students then undertake the Hong Kong Diploma Secondary Education Examination.

Upon successful completion students are issued with the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry to all undergraduate programs at UQ applicants must meet two basic entry requirements:

1. Eligibility (i.e. satisfy the subject prerequisites and other requirements)
2. Merit (i.e. possess a selection rank high enough for a place in the program<sup>†</sup>)

<sup>†</sup> Selection ranks range from 1 to 99 (maximum). As admission is competitive the minimum selection thresholds for programs can fluctuate from year to year.

For detailed program information, including prerequisite requirements and minimum selection thresholds from previous admission periods, please refer to [future-students.uq.edu.au](http://future-students.uq.edu.au).

## SATISFYING SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

The successful completion of the following HKDSE subjects will meet the listed subject prerequisites for entry to most UQ undergraduate programs\*.

HKDSE Subjects	QLD Year 12 Subject Prerequisites
English Language (grade of 4 required)	English (4,SA)
Maths Compulsory	Mathematics A (4,SA)
Maths Compulsory plus Ext Module 1 (Calculus and Stats)	Mathematics B (4,SA)
Maths Compulsory plus Ext Module 2 (Algebra & Calculus)	Mathematics C (4,SA)
Biology	Biological Science (4,SA)
Chemistry or Intergrated Science or Combined Science <sup>#</sup>	Chemistry (4,SA)
Physics or Combined Science <sup>#</sup>	Physics (4,SA)

Minimum grades required to pass prerequisites: Grade of 3 required (unless specified)

\*Contact UQ Admissions if applying for an Education program with this qualification.

<sup>#</sup>Combined Science may be used to meet one of Physics or Chemistry.

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## GAINING A SELECTION RANK

The successful completion of the HKDSE may derive a selection rank as per the following table.

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Aggregate <sup>a</sup> of best 5 subjects <sup>b c</sup>	Rank
29	99
27	98
26	97
25	96
25	95
	94
24	93
23	92
	91
22	90
	89
21	88
	87
	86
20	85
	84
	83
19	82
	81
18	80
	79
17	78
16	77
	76
	75
	74
	73
	72
15	71

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<sup>a</sup> Where 5\*\* = 7, 5\* = 6, 5 = 5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2 =, 1 = 1  
A\* = 6, A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1  
Attained with Distinction = 3, Attained = 1

<sup>b</sup> Subjects can be from any Category (ie Category A, B or C)

<sup>c</sup> For all subjects with the exception of Mathematics, the Subject Result must be used.

### Assessment of Mathematics subjects:

**Most UQ preferences:** if two maths modules are undertaken, use the average of the two reported Subject Results. The compulsory module, taken on its own, will count as a full subject.

### Exceptions:

*UQ Preferences with Maths A prerequisite:* if two maths modules are undertaken, use the average of the two reported Subject Results, however include result from Extended Maths Module **only** if this advantages the applicant. The compulsory module, taken on its own, will count as a full subject.

*Programs with Maths A prerequisite:* 766101, 787109, 787409, 787309, 787209, 709001, 777001, 742401, 720102, 729402, 725002, 766101, 766401, 766301, 766501, 711501, 711511, 710301, 710601, 711101, 711401, 707701

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