

**Primary One Admission System**  
**(Admission to Primary One in September 2024)**  
**Information Note**

**The Primary One Admission System**

- ◆ The Primary One Admission (POA) System is divided into two stages: “Discretionary Places Admission” stage and “Central Allocation” stage.
- ◆ Direct Subsidy Scheme primary schools, private primary schools and primary schools of the English Schools Foundation are excluded from the POA System. Parents who wish to send their children to these schools may apply direct to the schools.
- ◆ When choosing a primary school for children, parents should first identify children's characteristics, personalities, abilities and interests, and then consider various factors such as the sponsoring body, history, location and religion of a school.

**“Discretionary Places Admission” Stage**

- ◆ During the stage of “Discretionary Places Admission”, parents may apply to only ONE government or aided school which may be within or outside the school net in which they reside.
- ◆ If more than one application is submitted, the applications for Discretionary Place will be rendered void.
- ◆ There are two categories of Discretionary Places Admission:
  - (A) Applicant children with sibling(s) studying or parent(s) working in the school
    - This category will take up about 30% of a school’s Primary 1 (P1) places.
    - All applicant children of this category will be admitted by the school.
  - (B) Selection of applicant children according to the Points System
    - Each primary school will allocate not less than 20% of its P1 places to applicant children according to the Points System.
    - Schools must not conduct tests or interviews on the applicant children’s acquired curriculum knowledge.
- ◆ Names of successful applicant children for the discretionary places admission will be posted up at the schools concerned. Parents should register their child with the school on the specified dates. Failure to register with the school within the specified period would lead to forfeiture of the discretionary place offered to them. If it happens that a school eventually does not operate any subsidized P1 class in the 2024/2025 school year, alternative P1 places will be arranged by the Education Bureau for the pupils admitted by the school during the “Discretionary Places Admission” stage.

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## The Points System

- ◆ If the number of applications for discretionary places in Category (B) received by a school exceeds its quota, the school should admit the applicant children according to the Points System below:

1. Parent(s) teaching or working full-time in the kindergarten or secondary section (20 points) if it is of the same address as the primary school
2. Sibling(s) studying in the secondary section if it is of the same address as the primary school (20 points)
3. Parent(s) being a school manager of the primary school (20 points)
4. Parent(s) or sibling(s) being a graduate of the primary school (10 points)
5. First-born child (the eldest child in the family irrespective of sex) (5 points)

***[Applicant children may claim only one of the relationships from 1 to 5.]***

6. Same religious affiliation as the sponsoring body which operates the primary school [See Note] (5 points)
7. Parent(s) being a member of the same organisation which sponsors the operation of the primary school [See Note] (5 points)

***[Applicant children may claim only one of the relationships from 6 to 7.]***

8. Applicant child of the right age (5 years 8 months to 7 years old) (10 points)

[Note: Parents are advised to consult the school direct about the definition of 'same religious affiliation' / 'a member of the same organization' before submitting the application form.]

***Applicant children will be awarded the appropriate points for the relationships claimed upon verification.***

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## “Central Allocation” Stage

- ◆ Children who have not been offered a discretionary place will participate in the Central Allocation (CA).
- ◆ Parents will make choices of schools under 2 categories, namely unrestricted school choices (Part A) and restricted school choices (Part B). The computer-programmed CA will process the school choices in Part A first, and then Part B.

### Part A

- 10% of a school’s P1 places for Central Allocation are earmarked for this part.
- Parents may choose up to 3 schools from any school nets.

### Part B

- 90% of a school’s P1 places for the Central Allocation are earmarked for this part.
  - Parents should choose schools in their own net. However, if parents have indicated on the application forms that their children cannot use Chinese as a learning medium, they may choose schools in their own net and schools traditionally admitting more non-Chinese speaking students in any school nets.
- ◆ The ‘Primary One Registration Form’ with CA results will be delivered to parents by door-to-door delivery from 5 June to 6 June 2024 through the ‘Local CourierPost’ service provided by Hongkong Post. If no one is present to receive the mail item at the time of delivery by Hongkong Post, a ‘Mail Collection Notification Card’ will be left for parents to collect it from the designated post office starting from the afternoon of the following working day. If parents have not received the ‘Primary One Registration Form’ or the ‘Mail Collection Notification Card’ issued by Hongkong Post by 7 June 2024, they could collect the ‘Primary One Registration Form’ at the designated ‘Collection Centre’ from 8 June to 9 June 2024. Parents should register the child with the allocated school within the specified period.

Parents should keep abreast of the latest press releases of Education Bureau and the messages posted on the Education Bureau's POA Website [Path: Education Bureau website ([www.edb.gov.hk](http://www.edb.gov.hk)) > Education System and Policy > Primary and Secondary Education > School Places Allocation Systems > Primary One Admission System].

### **Enquiries**

Parents seeking further information may contact Mr W H SETO(Tel: 2832 7640) or Mrs S L LEUNG (Tel: 2832 7636) of the School Places Allocation Section, EDB.

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# Primary One Admission (POA) for September 2024

Intend to study in a government / an aided primary school

Participate in POA System

Parents are required by law to send their children aged six or above to school.

To be eligible for participation, the child must

- ◆ reach the age of 5 years 8 months when he/she is enrolled in P1 in September 2024;
- ◆ be a Hong Kong resident;
- ◆ not be attending any primary schools; and
- ◆ have never been allocated a P1 place

## Obtain an Application Form

- ◆ during the period from 1 to 29 September 2023
- ◆ from the kindergarten or kindergarten-cum-child care centre the child is attending, District Offices (Home Affairs Enquiry Centre), the School Places Allocation Section or the Regional Education Offices of the Education Bureau

With no particular school in mind

With a particular school in mind

- ◆ Submit the Application Form during the period from 25 September 2023 to 26 January 2024 to the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau

Office 2, 2/F, Manulife Financial Centre,  
223 Wai Yip Street,  
Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

Note: School Places Allocation Section is scheduled to be relocated to Podium Floor, West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon in the fourth quarter of 2023. The details will be announced on the Education Bureau's website.

## Apply for a Discretionary Place

- ◆ submit the Application Form via POA e-Platform (ePOA) from 21 to 29 September 2023 or to the school **DIRECT** from 25 to 29 September 2023.
- ◆ submit the Application Form to **ONE** school only (the application is not subject to restrictions on school nets)
- ◆ There are two categories of discretionary places admission:  
(A) applicant children with sibling(s) studying or parent(s) working in the school (All applicant children of this category will be admitted by the school.)  
(B) selection of applicant children according to the Points System

Schools release discretionary places admission results on 20 November 2023. Parents can check the results via ePOA from 10 am on that day.

Participate in "Central Allocation" Stage

Unsuccessful applicant children to participate in the "Central Allocation" Stage

Successful applicant children to register with the school on 22-23 November 2023

- ◆ Parents to submit the Choice of Schools Form via ePOA on 22 to 28 January 2024 or to make choices of schools on 27 to 28 January 2024 at designated Central Allocation Centre.
- ◆ Parents will receive the central allocation results by post on 5 to 6 June 2024, or they can check the results via ePOA from 10 am of 5 June 2024.

Updated information on POA application procedures may also be obtained through the EDB's 24-hour Automatic Telephone Enquiry System at 2891 0088 or the EDB Homepage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>)