

Primary One Admission (POA) 2025

Notes on How to Complete the Choice of Schools Form

(For applicant children who have indicated on the POA application form that they cannot use Chinese as a learning medium.)

Please read the following carefully and complete the ‘Choice of Schools Form’ with **BLUE** or **BLACK** ballpen:

- (1) Parents of applicant children who have not been offered a Discretionary Place, or wish to apply for Central Allocation (CA) only, are required to fill in this ‘Choice of Schools Form’.
- (2) The ‘POA Application No.’ and the ‘POA School Net No. of Home Address’ (thereafter called ‘home net’) should be identical to the numbers on the ‘Application Form for Admission to Primary One’.
- (3) The Government is committed to encouraging and supporting the integration of NCS students into the community, including facilitating their early adaptation to the local education system and mastery of the Chinese language. The Government ensures NCS students enjoy equal opportunities for admission to public sector schools and learning of Chinese on par with their Chinese-speaking counterparts. The Education Bureau (EDB) has been providing NCS students with all-encompassing learning support from pre-primary to secondary levels through diverse strategies, including curriculum development, learning and teaching resources, teacher training, professional support, additional funding, multiple pathways, parent education and support for parents, etc., to help NCS students master the Chinese language and integrate into the community. These measures vastly benefit schools, teachers, NCS students and their parents. Parents / Guardians of NCS applicant children are encouraged to study in schools with an immersed Chinese language environment to facilitate them to learn the Chinese language and immerse to the society. Most of the public sector schools including the list of schools in the applicant children’s residing school nets have an immersed Chinese language environment. For school-based support measures for NCS students provided by individual schools, please refer to the column on “Education Support for NCS Students” in the Primary School Profiles (<https://www.chsc.hk/primary/en>) published by the Committee on Home School Co-operation. Having due regard to the aforementioned, in case parents / guardians consider that the applicant children may still have difficulties studying in a school with an immersed Chinese language environment at this stage, and indicate on the application form that the applicant children cannot use Chinese as the learning medium, when filling in Part B of the Choice of Schools Forms for CA, they can choose from the list of schools in the applicant children’s residing school nets and make reference to the list of schools traditionally admitting more NCS students in Appendix 3 to the “Notes on How to Complete the ‘Application Form for Admission to Primary One’ for POA 2025”.
- (4) The CA is composed of 2 parts: Part A of ‘Unrestricted School Choices’, i.e. any government or aided primary schools in Hong Kong; and Part B of school choices confined to schools on the ‘Choice of Schools List’ of their home net and schools traditionally admitting more NCS students in any POA School Nets. Parents are required to fill in their school choices in both parts.
- (5) Part A (10% of the Primary One places earmarked for CA): Parents can enter the choice code of up to 3 schools of any government or aided primary schools in Hong Kong, including schools on the ‘Choice of Schools List’ of their home net and schools traditionally admitting more NCS students in any POA School Nets, in order of preference. Each school is represented by a four-digit choice code. Parents have to check carefully the choice codes before filling in. Parents may make reference to the choice codes published at the CA Centre or at the EDB’s POA Website.
- (6) Part B (the remaining 90% of the Primary One places earmarked for CA): When filling in Part B, parents are to make their choices strictly from the ‘Choice of Schools List’ of their home net, and schools traditionally admitting more NCS students in any POA School Nets. Parents should enter as many choice codes as possible. Any remaining spaces should be left blank. Please note: In the allocation process, the computer programme will consider the selected schools in the indicated order of preference. However, when vacancies in the selected schools are filled up, the applicant child may be allocated to a school on the ‘Choice of Schools List’ of his / her home net which has not been chosen.

- (7) **If the 1 to 3 schools entered in Part A are schools on the ‘Choice of Schools List’ of their home net or schools traditionally admitting more NCS students, parents can repeat choosing the schools concerned in Part B.** However, parents should not repeat the same school choice(s) within either Part A or Part B as the computer programme will process each choice code of the same part only once.
- (8) The computer programme will first process Part A of ‘Unrestricted School Choices’ and then Part B, i.e. school choices from the ‘Choice of Schools List’ of their home net or schools traditionally admitting more NCS students. The computer programme will assign a ‘Random Number’ to each applicant child. The allocation of school places will be based on parental choices and the order of the ‘Random Numbers’ of the applicant children to ensure fairness. The computer programme will process all applicant children’s first choice in Part A according to the order of their ‘Random Number’, and then repeat the same procedure to process the second choice of the applicant children who have not been allocated a school place in the first choice, and so on. Similarly, for applicant children not allocated a place in Part A, the computer programme will follow the aforesaid procedure to process their school choices in Part B.
- (9) If a parent with more than one child participating in the CA wishes to have his / her children allocated to the same school, he / she is advised to make identical choices on the ‘Choice of Schools Forms’ for all his / her children. The computer programme will assign the same ‘Random Number’ for all his / her children.
- (10) **NO RE-ALLOCATION ONCE ALLOCATION IS COMPLETED.** Parents should be prudent when making school choices, giving due consideration to any transport problem of their children going to and from school.
- (11) 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.
- (12) EDB will arrange to deliver the “Primary One Registration Form” with the result of CA by post to your correspondence address provided in the POA application form from 4 June 2025 to 5 June 2025 through the “Local CourierPost” service provided by Hongkong Post. The letter will be delivered to door. If attempt of door delivery by Hongkong Post fails, 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 6 June 2025, they could collect the “Primary One Registration Form” at the designated “Collection Centre” from 7 June to 8 June 2025 (For the latest arrangements, please refer to EDB POA Website). Please register at the allocated school from 10 June to 11 June 2025. Parents are advised to be kept abreast of the latest arrangements from EDB POA Website. In the event of tropical cyclone or heavy persistent rain during the period of release of CA results or registration, please pay heed to radio or television announcements on any special arrangements.
- (13) Apart from issuing the “Primary One Registration Form” by post, if parents wish to receive the results of the CA for POA 2025 of their applicant children via SMS message on 4 June 2025, they may provide a mobile phone number which can receive SMS message on the Choice of Schools Form and indicate their consent to receive the results of the CA via this mobile phone number. If parents have registered as POA e-platform users and bind their accounts to “iAM Smart+”, they may also choose to submit the “Choice of Schools Form” and view the result of CA through electronic means.
- (14) The provision of personal data on this form is obligatory. Without sufficient information, the EDB may not be able to process your child’s application for allocation of a school place. The personal data provided on this form will be used for school places allocation and other education-related purposes. Data collected may also be disclosed to other government departments or the school to which your child is allocated / transferred for verification of information and other education-related purposes.
- (15) For enquiries, please contact the staff at the CA Centre, refer to the EDB’s POA Website [Path: EDB

website (www.edb.gov.hk) > Education System and Policy > Primary and Secondary Education > School Places Allocation Systems > Primary One Admission System] or contact Mr Jimmy WAN (Tel: 2832 7640), Ms Esther CHAN (Tel: 2832 7645) or Ms M C LO (Tel: 2832 7636) of the School Places Allocation Section.

[In case of discrepancies between the English and Nepali/Urdu/Hindi/Tagalog/Thai/Bahasa Indonesia/Punjabi (Indian)/Vietnamese versions, the English version shall apply and prevail.]

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