

Basic Law and National Security Law Test (non-degree level) (October 2024)

organised by the Education Bureau

Notes for Applicants

Please read these notes carefully before completing the application form for the Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) (non-degree level) (October 2024) organised by the Education Bureau (EDB). Please keep these notes for reference until the test results are available.

Date of Test: 26 October 2024 (Saturday)

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on 19 September 2024 (Hong Kong time)

- Notes:
- (a) Please ensure that all parts in the application form are completed (except those items marked as “Optional”) and the information is accurate. **Your application will not be considered** if you fail to provide all information as requested.
 - (b) Places for the test are limited. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. These applicants will be notified of the application results and test details **by e-mail** on or before 17 October 2024. An SMS message will also be sent to applicants to remind them of the e-mail. **Any requests for change of test date/ time/ venue will not be considered.** Persons who wish to take the coming BLNST should visit the EDB webpage at www.edb.gov.hk/en/blnst regularly to check for updates on the test and refer to the relevant details.
 - (c) Candidates will be notified of their test results **by post** within one month after the test.
 - (d) In case unforeseeable changes to the test arrangements are required, announcement will be made through the EDB webpage at www.edb.gov.hk/en/blnst.
 - (e) For enquiries, please contact the Teacher Professional Development Special Duty Team by phone at 2892 5709, or by e-mail to tpdsdt@edb.gov.hk, or by post to Room 1110, 11/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen’s Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.


Eligibility

A pass result in BLNST (non-degree level) is only applicable for applying for non-graduate teaching posts. For those who have passed the BLNST (non-degree level) and subsequently attained a degree qualification, they will be required to take the BLNST (degree level) if they wish to apply for graduate teaching posts. Persons who possess a bachelor’s degree or will have attained a bachelor’s degree in the 2024/25 academic year or 2025/26 academic year may apply for the BLNST (degree level) to be organised by the EDB on 15 December 2024, 12 April 2025 and 19 July 2025.

- 1) Applicants -
 - (a) should be a serving teacher who does not possess a bachelor’s degree and plans to change to another public sector school or Direct Subsidy Scheme school to take up a non-graduate teaching post, or be a teacher in another kindergarten joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme; **or**
 - (b) should be a person who does not possess a bachelor’s degree and plans to take up a non-graduate teaching post in public sector schools or Direct Subsidy Scheme schools, or be a teacher in kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme and will have attained relevant qualification in the 2024/25 academic year (e.g. Diploma/Higher Diploma in Early Childhood Education or equivalent); **or**
 - (c) should be a person who does not possess a bachelor’s degree and plans to take up a non-graduate teaching post in public sector schools or Direct Subsidy Scheme schools, or be a teacher in kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme.

[Note: Before submitting applications, please refer to the EDB Circular No.13/2022, the EDB Circular Memorandum No.186/2024 and the EDB webpage at www.edb.gov.hk/en/blnst for information about the relevant details.]

Application Procedures

- 2) Applicants should submit an application for the BLNST before the application deadline through the on-line application system (<https://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/edb039-JkYbas3V6Z7Iy/en/>) or through scanning the QR code on the right.
- 3) Each applicant should submit only **one** application. **For applicants submitted duplicate applications, only the most recent application (i.e. the last submission) will be processed.**
- 4) Submissions by post, fax or e-mail will **not** be accepted. Applications with incomplete or unclear information will **not** be considered.
- 5) Late applications will **not** be accepted. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to submit their applications early in order to avoid the last-minute rush of applications which may overload the on-line application system and thereby render applicants unable to complete their on-line applications on time.
- 6) Upon successful submission of an on-line application, an acknowledgement file with an application number (a transaction reference number in the format “EDB039xxxxxxxx”) will be provided **immediately** to applicants. Applicants who wish to receive an e-mail acknowledgement **must** provide a correct e-mail address in their application. **Applicants are required to record and keep the application number properly until the test is over.** If applicants are unable to obtain the application number after submitting the application, please submit the application again.
- 7) An **e-mail** will be sent to applicants notifying them of the results of their application and relevant test details on or before 17 October 2024 if the application is successful. An SMS message will also be sent to applicants to remind them of the e-mail. To avoid missing any notification, applicants are responsible for providing an accurate email address in their application and ensuring that their email accounts can receive emails from the EDB, and checking each incoming mailbox (including the folders for spam, bulk and junk mails) regularly. Applicants who do not receive the e-mail by **17 October 2024** should contact the Teacher Professional Development Special Duty Team by phone at 2892 5709 or by e-mail to tpdsdt@edb.gov.hk.

BLNST and Recruitment of Teaching Staff in Schools

- 8) Starting from the 2023/24 school year, all newly-appointed teachers in public sector schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and kindergartens joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme are required to pass the BLNST in order to be considered for appointment. For details, please refer to the EDB Circular No. 13/2022.
- 9) The BLNST is a bilingual paper (in both English and Chinese) assessing candidates’ knowledge of the Basic Law (including its annexes, instruments, attachments and appendices) as well as the National Security Law. Candidates have to answer 20 multiple-choice questions within 35 minutes. Candidates who score at least 10 out of 20 questions will be deemed to have a pass result. More details about the BLNST can be found on the EDB webpage.
- 10) The acquisition of the BLNST pass results does not imply that a candidate has fully met the entry requirements of any teaching post. Persons who wish to apply for teaching posts should follow the job application procedures as stipulated by the respective recruiting schools. Verification of academic and / or professional qualifications will be carried out by the schools which will handle according to their school-based mechanism.

Data Privacy

- 11) The information provided by applicants and their test results may be provided to government departments and other organisations or agencies authorised to process such data for purposes relating to the BLNST and recruitment by schools. Requests for correction of or access to personal data after the submission of an application form should be addressed in writing to Teacher Professional Development Special Duty Team at Room 1110, 11/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong or by e-mail to tpdsdt@edb.gov.hk.

*** Applications with incomplete or unclear information, late applications or applications submitted by post, fax or e-mail will not be processed.**

*** This application form is NOT a job application for employment with the schools in Hong Kong. Persons who wish to apply for teaching posts should follow the job application procedures as stipulated by the respective recruiting schools.**