

## Adult Education Subvention Scheme 2024/25

### Purview

To equip adults with daily living skills, the Adult Education Subvention Scheme (“AESS”) provides subvention to non-government organisations to operate basic informal adult education courses.

Eligible courses that may be considered for subvention under AESS are as follows –

- (a) Basic Chinese Literacy Course;
- (b) Basic Putonghua Courses;
- (c) Basic English Literacy Courses;
- (d) Basic Computer Courses;
- (e) General Education Courses;
- (f) Courses of Social, Moral and Family Education;
- (g) Reorientation Courses for New Arrivals and Ethnic Minorities; and
- (h) Special Education Courses.

The enrolment requirements for individual course types and other details are set out at **Annex**.

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**Types of eligible courses under AESS**

Category	Purview	Descriptions	Examples of course name <sup>1</sup>	Duration	Enrolment per class <sup>2</sup>	Remarks
A	Basic Chinese Literacy Courses	The courses aim to enhance the basic Chinese proficiency level of participants, such as reading and writing their name and address, so that they can apply the knowledge acquired in daily life and at work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Chinese from Zero</li> <li>• Basic Chinese Pronunciation and Characters</li> <li>• Basic Literacy in Chinese for the Elderly</li> <li>• Introduction to Chinese Writing Skill in Office</li> </ul>	Not more than 24 hours per class	At least 15 per class	
B	Basic Putonghua Courses	The courses aim to enhance the basic Putonghua proficiency level of participants for day-to-day and work-place communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Putonghua for Daily Communication</li> <li>• Elementary Course on Putonghua Pinyin</li> <li>• Putonghua Oral Course for the Elderly</li> <li>• Basic Putonghua for Retail Salesperson</li> </ul>	Not more than 24 hours per class	At least 15 per class	

<sup>1</sup> Examples of course name are provided for reference only.

<sup>2</sup> The enrolment requirement for courses for **new arrivals** and **persons with disabilities** is **10 per class**, while the enrolment requirement for courses for **ethnic minorities** is 7 per class

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C	Basic English Literacy Courses	The courses aim to enhance basic English proficiency level of participants, such as learning phonics and vocabularies, so as to facilitate their day-to-day and workplace communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic English for Daily Communication</li> <li>• Basic English Phonetics and Pronunciation</li> <li>• Learning basic English sentence structure</li> <li>• Basic English for Catering industry</li> </ul>	Not more than 24 hours per class	At least 15 per class	
D	Basic Computer Courses	The courses aim to teach participants basic knowledge on information technology or computer skills for application in daily life and at work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Chinese Chang Jie Input</li> <li>• Basic IT application</li> <li>• Basic use of Microsoft Office</li> <li>• Smartphone Application for the Elderly</li> </ul>	Not more than 24 hours per class	At least 15 per class	

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E	General Education Courses	The courses aim to enrich participants' knowledge in certain subjects up to Junior Secondary Level, including Languages, Mathematics and General Studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Basic Mathematics (Primary One)</li> <li>• General Chinese Language Course for Adults (Primary Six)</li> <li>• General English Language Course (Secondary Three)</li> <li>• Elementary Japanese for Travel</li> <li>• Elementary Sign Language Course</li> </ul>	No more than 50 hours per class	At least 15 per class	A modular approach can be adopted so that participants can attend the subject classes at different levels to suit their individual abilities and needs.
F	Courses of Social, Moral and Family Education	The courses aim to enhance participants' (a) inter-personal skills including parental skills; (b) civil awareness and adaptability to society; and (c) sense of belonging to the society, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Relationship and Communication Training Course</li> <li>• Guide Your Children in Proper Way</li> <li>• Retirement Life Course – How to communicate well with the society</li> <li>• Women Emotion Regulation Course</li> </ul>	Not more than 24 hours per class	At least 15 per class	

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G	Reorientation Courses for New arrivals and Ethnic Minorities	The courses aim to help new arrivals and ethnic minorities to adapt and adjust to the living environment in Hong Kong.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptation Course for new arrivals/ ethnic minorities</li> <li>• Daily Cantonese for new arrivals/ ethnic minorities</li> <li>• Understand your District and Hong Kong</li> </ul>	Not more than 24 hours per class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses for <b>ethnic minorities: at least 7 per class</b></li> <li>• <b>Other courses under this category: at least 10 per class</b></li> </ul>	
H	Special Education Courses	The courses enable persons with disabilities (including physically or mentally challenged) to acquire skills and knowledge for (a) enjoying a more independent life; and (b) integrating into the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Skills Training Course for Adults with Mentally challenged</li> <li>• Sign Language Training Course for the Hearing Impaired</li> </ul>	Not more than 24 hours per class	At least 10 per class	Organisations applying for operating these courses should be providing services for persons with disabilities.