

FAQs about Repeating S6

1 Q: If students are not satisfied with their HKDSE examination results, can they repeat S6 or sit for the HKDSE examination as private candidates? If yes, what do they need to pay attention to? What is the difference between repeating S6 at a school and being a private candidate? Besides repeating S6, do they have other options?

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- Before deciding whether to repeat S6, students should think and consider:
 - (i) the reasons for the unsatisfactory results;
 - (ii) the confidence of making improvement in the new attempt;
 - (iii) the advice and suggestions of teachers and family; and
 - (iv) whether there are other study pathways.
 - The arrangements on SBA for repeaters are as follows:
 - School candidates who repeat Secondary 6 in schools have to be re-assessed in S6 and meet the SBA requirements of the respective subjects entered. If the schools do not offer the elective subject(s) that the candidates wish to re-take in the examination, the candidates may apply for exemption from the SBA for the particular subject(s). For details, please visit the web page of HKEAA (<http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/>).
 - Private candidates are not required to complete the SBA component of the subjects entered (except Visual Arts). Their subject marks will be based entirely on their public examination results. For Visual Arts in which the SBA component carries a weighting of 50%, candidates will be required to submit a portfolio in lieu of the SBA.
 - Applicants with JUPAS applications in the previous cycle(s) can apply via JUPAS again in the current cycle on the basis of their past and / or current HKDSE Examination results, provided that they are **NOT** enrolled in full-time bachelor's degree programmes offered under JUPAS at the time they submit their JUPAS applications.
 - Repeating S6 is definitely not the only option. Student can consider applying for sub-degree programmes or other pathways, including Diploma of Applied Education (DAE) programmes, Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) programmes, Youth Employment and Training Programme (YETP) of the Labour Department or employment. For more information, please visit (www.edb.gov.hk/s6/en).

2 Q: Will there be any penalty in the calculation of admissions scores for applicants with HKDSE Examination results obtained in more than one sitting?

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- The 9 JUPAS participating-institutions and the SSSDP institutions may consider the HKDSE Examination results obtained by the applicants in different sittings when assessing their eligibility for admission. Some institutions' programmes may impose penalties on applicants with HKDSE Examination results obtained in more than one sitting. In this regard, applicants should consult the general entrance requirements and individual programme requirements (<https://www.jupas.edu.hk/en/programmes-offered/by-funding-category/>) and the websites of the respective institutions for further information.