

Digitalised Basic Law and National Security Law Test (Degree / Professional Grades) Notes for Applicants

Before completing the online application form for the Digitalised Basic Law and National Security Law Test (Degree / Professional Grades) (Digitalised BLNST), please read the Notes for Applicants carefully. Applicants should print and retain these notes for reference until the examination result is available.

1. Before using the system, please refer to the [“Frequently Asked Questions”](#) to check the requirements of the online application system and computer configuration.

Eligibility

2. Applicants should be holders of Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID) and aged 18 or above (including those who will turn 18 in the year the applicant will take the examination), and should be –
 - (a) holders of degree (**not** including Associate Degree); or
 - (b) individuals who will have attained a degree (**not** including Associate Degree) in the current or next academic year; or
 - (c) holders of a qualification meeting the entry requirement on professional qualifications for civil service degree or professional posts [only applicable to those who are not in the above two categories of (a) or (b)].

[**Note:** Before submitting application form, applicants should refer to the [“Frequently Asked Questions”](#) for information about the eligibility of applicants for Digitalised BLNST. Applicants under category (c) should check with the government departments / grades concerned to confirm whether the qualification that you are holding is accepted for appointment to the relevant post(s).]

For applicants under category (b), viz. those who will have obtained a degree (not including Associate Degree) in the current or next academic year, the eligible applicants for taking Digitalised BLNST to be held in 2025 and 2026 are as follows –

Examination dates	Eligible applicants who will have attained a degree (not including Associate Degree) in the current or next academic year
First half of 2025 (i.e. on or before 30 June 2025)	Those who will have obtained a degree (not including Associate Degree) in the academic year of 2024-25 (i.e. the current academic year) or 2025-26 (i.e. the next academic year)
Second half of 2025 (i.e. from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025)	Those who will have obtained a degree (not including Associate Degree) in the academic year of 2025-26 (i.e. the current academic year) or 2026-27 (i.e. the next academic year)
First half of 2026 (i.e. from 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026)	
Second half of 2026 (i.e. from 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026)	Those who will have obtained a degree (not including Associate Degree) in the academic year of 2026-27 (i.e. the current academic year) or 2027-28 (i.e. the next academic year)

Applicants who have questions about their attaining the degree qualification in a particular academic year should first confirm with their respective tertiary institutions.

Applicants who fail to meet the above eligibility shall be liable to disqualification from

examination and/or voiding of examination results.

The Civil Service Examinations Unit (CSEU) will conduct random checks after examination. Applicants selected for random checks will receive an e-mail the day after the examination. They should follow the instructions and provide copies of their academic transcripts and / or certificates within the specified timeframe to prove their highest academic qualification / professional qualification reported. Applicants who fail to provide the required proof within the specified timeframe shall be liable to voiding of examination results.

Application Procedure

3. Generally speaking, Digitalised BLNST is held from Monday to Friday (except public holidays) at the Recruitment Centre, General Grades Office of the Civil Service Bureau (Address: 37th Floor, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong). There are six examination timeslots per day. Applications can be made through the Digitalised BLNST online application system. Limited quotas will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. In case of any special event (e.g. system maintenance), no examination will be scheduled on certain days or in certain timeslots.
4. Applicants **must submit application through the Digitalised BLNST online application system**. The time limit for using the online application system after logging in is 30 minutes. If applicants cannot complete their application within the time limit, they need to log in the system again. Applications submitted in person or by mail, fax, or e-mail will **not** be processed.
5. Subject to availability of quota, applicants can choose the timeslot for Digitalised BLNST to be conducted in the coming 8 weeks from the day of application. The earliest date that can be selected is the next working day. New quota on the timeslot after 8 weeks (if it is a working day) will be opened for booking after midnight.

Each applicant can only reserve one examination timeslot. Subject to availability of quota, applicants can amend or cancel the reserved examination timeslot **not later than one day before the scheduled examination date**. If a candidate is absent from the examination or has not attained a pass result in the examination, he / she can only take Digitalised BLNST again after the end of the suspension period (i.e. three months from the examination date; please see paragraph 12 below for details).

6. Upon completion of application procedures, applicant will be provided with an application reference number immediately. A confirmation e-mail will also be sent to the applicant's e-mail address. Applicants should keep the application reference number until the examination result is available. Applicants should contact the CSEU by phone at (852) 2537 6429 during office hours if they do not receive the confirmation e-mail after submitting the application. Applicants should enter their e-mail address correctly. To avoid missing any notification, applicants should ensure that their e-mail accounts can receive e-mails from the CSEU, and check each incoming mailbox (including the folders for spam, bulk and junk mails) regularly.
7. A reminder e-mail will be sent to applicant two days before his / her scheduled examination date. If an applicant submits / amends his / her application in less than two days before the scheduled examination date, the system will not send such reminder e-mail to applicant.

8. If applicants with disabilities require special arrangement for attending the examination (e.g. Braille device), they are required to indicate the details of disability and the required special arrangements in the relevant parts of the application form. The Digitalised BLNST examination system has some built-in features to facilitate candidates to take the examination (e.g. enlargement of font size). Depending on the circumstances of individual cases and the special arrangements required by applicants, applicants may be requested to upload relevant documents (e.g. medical certificate) onto the system to facilitate the CSEU to make appropriate arrangements. Therefore, some applicants with disabilities may not be able to select examination timeslot through the online application system when submitting the application.

Upon receipt of the application, the CSEU will contact the applicant to provide supplementary information (if needed), confirm with the applicant whether the requested special arrangement(s) can be provided, and arrange an examination timeslot. Under such circumstances, before the CSEU confirms the concerned special arrangements (if any) and the examination timeslot, the applicant can, if necessary, amend the special arrangements required in relation to his / her nature and degree of the disability in the online application system himself / herself. After the CSEU confirms the provision of special arrangements (if any) or the examination timeslot for the applicant, if the applicant needs to amend the submitted application (including special arrangement(s) in relation to his / her nature and degree of the disability or the examination timeslot (if any)), the applicant should contact the CSEU **not later than one day before the scheduled examination date** by e-mail to csbcseu@csb.gov.hk or by phone to make the amendment.

9. To enquire the submitted application (including personal information and reserved examination timeslot), please log in the online application system on or before the scheduled examination date and select “Enquire / Amend Application”. Applicants can view the details of their application after entering HKID number, e-mail address and Personal Identification Number (PIN). If applicants want to amend their personal information including name, HKID number, e-mail address and / or contact telephone number, please notify Senior Executive Officer (Examinations) 2 of the CSEU in writing (Address: Room 2511, 25th Floor, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong), or by e-mail to csbcseu@csb.gov.hk, providing name in English and HKID number, as well as the details of the information they want to amend. If applicants want to amend other personal information (e.g. the highest academic qualification, etc.), please log in the online application system **not later than one day before the scheduled examination date**, select “Enquire / Amend Application” and amend the relevant personal information accordingly.
10. If applicants want to amend examination timeslot, please log in the online application system **not later than one day before the scheduled examination date**, select “Enquire / Amend Application”, and amend the examination timeslot accordingly. Subject to availability of quota, the earliest date that the applicants can select an examination timeslot would be the next working day. Once the examination timeslot is amended, the original timeslot will be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.
11. To cancel an application, applicants should log in the online application system **not later than one day before the scheduled examination date** and select “Cancel Application”. Applicants can cancel the application after entering HKID number, e-mail address and PIN. Once the application is cancelled, the original timeslot will be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.
12. To ensure optimal use of government resources, Digitalised BLNST has a three-month

suspension period. If an applicant is absent from the examination or has not attained a pass result in the examination, he / she can only take Digitalised BLNST again three months after the date of absence or the date of failing the examination. To avoid affecting other candidates who have applied for Digitalised BLNST, applicants should attend Digitalised BLNST timely. Otherwise, applicants will not be allowed to sit the examination and will be treated as absentees.

13. The results of Digitalised BLNST in the form of electronic result certificates will be issued on the same day of the examination. The CSEU will send an e-mail to candidates through eproofcseu@csb.gov.hk with the download link of electronic result certificate. For details of electronic result certificate, please refer to the [CSB website](#).
14. Please refer to the [“Guidance Notes for Candidates of Digitalised BLNST”](#) for the examination procedures of Digitalised BLNST.

Basic Law and National Security Law Test (BLNST) and Civil Service Recruitment

15. The BLNST (Degree / Professional Grades) is a 30-minute bilingual test (in both English and Chinese) comprising 20 multiple-choice questions. Answering at least 10 out of 20 questions correct will be deemed to have a pass result. Such pass result has permanent validity and is acceptable for the purpose of applying for all civil service jobs. Candidates who possess a pass result in BLNST (Degree / Professional Grades) will not be arranged to take the BLNST again.

Unless otherwise specified, the result of the BLNST organised by the Independent Commission Against Corruption or other organisations not for civil service recruitment is not acceptable for applying for civil service posts.

16. Digitalised BLNST is held independently of the recruitment process for any civil service post, applicants should apply to the recruiting departments / grades direct in response to recruitment advertisements published in newspapers and on the [CSB website](#). The acquisition of a pass result in Digitalised BLNST does not imply that a candidate has **fully** met the entry requirements of any civil service post at degree or professional level. Vetting of academic and / or professional qualifications will be carried out by the recruiting departments / grades which may also conduct separate examinations / interviews.

Data Privacy

17. The information provided by applicants and their examination results may be provided to government departments and other organisations or agencies authorised to process such data for purposes relating to recruitment by and employment with the Government. Personal data provided in the application form will normally be destroyed one month after the issue of examination results. After this date, personal data related to examination results of candidates including name, e-mail address, identity document number and examination result (Pass or Fail) will normally be retained permanently.

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