

「 Stage 1: Online Learning Programmes for Screening 」

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. About HKAGE

The HKAGE operates independently of Government bureaux to provide for flexibility of management and operations.

Specifically, our mission is to secure appropriate learning and development opportunities for gifted students, aged 10 to 18 years, to enable them to realise their potential in a wide range of learning domains including academic areas such as STEM, humanities and languages and non-academic areas including leadership, creativity and interpersonal skills, and to cater for their social and emotional needs as well as their sense of commitment to the local community.

Q2. How to become an HKAGE member

There are different ways for students to become HKAGE members. HKAGE admits student members of appropriate ages mainly through the “School Nomination” and “Self Nomination” schemes every school year. Gifted students interested in being members of HKAGE are required to pass “Stage 1: HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening” before they can submit their nomination profiles in “Stage 2: Submit Nomination Profiles” for further screening.

Q3. When is the appropriate time for students to apply for the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening?

Students aged 10 -18 by the time of admission in **June 2022** are eligible for applying for the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening.

Q4. Are students under the age of 10 eligible to apply for the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening?

Students who are under the age of 10 in June 2022 may also apply for the Online Learning Programmes for Screening. However, these under-aged students, upon passing the Online Learning Programmes for Screening and the nomination screening, will receive **tentative offers** only. Their HKAGE membership will only be activated in the following month after they have reached the age of 10.

Q5. Are students currently in Secondary 6 (or equivalent to the last year in secondary school) eligible to apply for the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening?

Students who have successfully passed all screenings will become HKAGE student members only by the end of the school year in June when Secondary 6 (or equivalent to the last year in secondary school) students will be graduating from secondary schools. Therefore, applications for the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening from students currently in Secondary 6 will not be accepted.

Q6. Is there any other restriction on the application for the Online Learning Programmes for Screening?

Originally, each student can only apply for the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening once either via school or self-nomination during primary school study and twice during secondary school study but this restriction will be lifted from the 2021/22 school year.

Q7. How many students can be nominated by each school?

Each school can nominate up to 50 students per year via School nomination. Application of Self Nomination is not counted.

Q8. Can a student apply for more than one Online Learning Programme for Screening?

Each student may only apply for **ONE** appropriate Online Learning Programme for Screening in each application.

Q9. The student is bright in many aspects. Which Online Learning Programme for Screening should I nominate him/her to?

School Coordinators/Parents should only apply for **ONE** appropriate Online Learning Programme for Screening for each student according to his/her ability, potential and particular interest. Admitted student members can apply for most of the HKAGE programmes without domain-specific requirements.

Q10. Are there any differences in the content of the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening for students in different class levels?

The HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening are divided into primary and secondary programmes, which are not further categorised according to students' class level.

Q11. Are there any specific requirements for the final assessment of the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening?

The time limit allowed for the final assessment is 60 minutes. Students may only attempt the final assessment two times at most before the deadline. Only the higher score will be counted. The questions for the second attempt (if taken) may be different from the first one.

Q12. Is it necessary to submit students' profiles at this stage?

No. It is not necessary to submit students' profiles at this stage. Students are required to pass "Stage 1: HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening" before they can submit their nomination profiles in "Stage 2: Submit Nomination Profiles" for further screening."

Q13. Is it compulsory to submit softcopies of intellectual assessment reports in "Stage 2: Submit Nomination Profiles" ?

No. The intellectual assessment report is not a compulsory document.

Q14. How can I get an intellectual assessment report?

Through the psychological assessments conducted by registered psychologists. The Hong Kong Psychological Society has a list of its registered members (<http://www.hkps.org.hk>).

Q15. What are the screening criteria for HKAGE student membership?

Screening by the HKAGE is based on Dr Joseph Renzulli's Three-Ring Conception of Giftedness, taking into consideration whether the student could benefit from the HKAGE programme provision:

1. Above Average Abilities:
General abilities: processing information, integrating experiences, and abstract thinking
Specific abilities: the capacity to acquire knowledge and perform in an activity
2. Creativity:
Fluency, flexibility, and originality of thought, openness to experience, sensitivity to stimulations, and a willingness to take risks
3. Task Commitment:
Perseverance, endurance, hard work, self-confidence, perceptiveness and a special fascination with a special subject

Q16. Do student nominees nominated via Self Nomination and School Nomination enjoy equal opportunities to become HKAGE members?

Yes. They enjoy equal opportunities to become HKAGE members.

Q17. How many new members are admitted every year?

In general, the HKAGE admits around 1300 new members annually but this is subject to

adjustment in certain circumstances

- Q18. For Primary 6 student nominees who will be in Secondary 1 in the next school year upon admission, which common-core programme should they complete in the first membership review period?**

As these student members will still be studying in Primary 6 on admission to the HKAGE, they should successfully complete the **primary common-core programme 「Let Us Shine!」** during the first membership review period.

- Q19. Does my child have to be nominated again when he/she moves on to secondary school?**

If a Primary 6 student member fulfils the first review requirement OR yearly requirement on programme/activity completion, he/she will automatically become our secondary school student member. He/she can then participate in our programmes and activities for secondary student members.

- Q20. How much does the HKAGE charge for its programmes?**

Apply for the HKAGE Online Learning Programmes for Screening, all student programmes and services are free of charge except for certain specified activities (e.g. overseas study programmes).

- Q21. When and where do the HKAGE programmes usually take place?**

Most of the programmes are held at weekends or on school holidays at the HKAGE premises or venues provided by the training service providers (e.g. universities, secondary schools, etc.).

- Q22. What language is used as the medium of instruction in the programmes offered by the HKAGE?**

Most of the programmes are conducted in Cantonese, but there are also programmes taught in English.

- Q23. Can primary student members apply for secondary programmes?**

Depending on their ability and interest, primary student members may apply for secondary programmes which have no class level restriction for enrolment.