

# Important Instruction for All HSK Candidates

HSK Toronto Centre [www.hsktoronto.ca] was established as the first certified test centre in GTA in March 2000 by Chinese Hanban, and became registered non-profit Canadian multicultural organization in May 2012.

For the past ten years, HSK Toronto Centre has successfully held a variety of levels and types of Chinese proficiency tests for thousands candidates, including HSK, HSKK, BCT, YCT, etc. It offers candidates a quiet and comfortable environment, the efficient and quality organization for the tests, and the responsible and professional examination team which has provided candidates great environment to obtain excellent results and has been approved by teachers, candidates and their parents.

HSK Toronto Centre has become the heart of Chinese language teaching, testing, and researching in GTA region. We welcome people from all communities to come here to learn this beautiful language, discuss with each other and take the tests. In order to help candidates understand the purpose and usage of the tests and know how to prepare and complete the tests effectively, we prepared this "Rules for All HSK Candidates" for your reference.

## [Purpose and Usage of HSK]

- 1. To provide reference to universities or colleges for their enrollment, class placement, course exemption and credit transfer.
- 2. To provide reference to employers for hiring, training and promoting their employees.
- 3. To provide reference to Chinese language learners for understanding and improving their Chinese language proficiency.
- 4. To provide reference to Chinese language teaching and training institutions for evaluating the effectiveness of their teaching or training.

\* Notice:

- The HSK certificate is the proof of Chinese language proficiency when candidates plan to study undergraduate and postgraduate programs in China.
- The previous HSK has eleven levels, and Level 3-8 were considered beginner and intermediate levels while Level 9-11 were considered advanced level. It is now replaced by the current HSK. The current HSK contains six levels, and Level 6 is the Advanced level (highest).

### [Important Information]

The latest tests information can be found by log in HSK Toronto Centre website: <u>www.hsktoronto.ca</u>. If you have any questions regarding the HSK tests registration and preparation, please contact Ms. Shubo Yang by E-mail: <u>contact@hsktoronto.ca</u> or call: 416-266-8668 / 416-266-8878 ext. 363.

1. Monthly Internet-based HSK Tests

In order to offer GTA candidates more opportunities and more flexibility to take HSK tests, besides traditional paper and pencil tests, HSK Toronto Centre has started Internet-based HSK tests (IBT) approved by Hanban / Confucius Institute Headquarters since July 2013. Therefore, we now have all kinds of HSK tests on monthly basis. All candidates need to complete the whole registration process online, including online payment of examination fees.

2. Check Test Dates

http://www.chinesetest.cn/gonewcontent.do?id=12765048

3. Online Registration

http://www.chinesetest.cn/index.do

4. Test Fees

The test fees of HSK/HSKK/YCT/BCT will automatically show on the website after registration is completed via <u>http://www.chinesetest.cn/uregisterstart.do</u>.

- 5. Test Preparation Materials
  - 1) Practice Tests Are Available

HSK Toronto Centre carefully selected some of the excellent practice tests of HSK/YCT/BCT that will be very helpful for your test preparation. Please contact us if you would like to order them.

- *http://www.bondalumni.ca/index.php/chinese-exam/2014-11-25-21-37-23*
- 2) Online Source
  - Syllabus and Sample Questions: <u>http://www.chinesetest.cn/godownload.do</u>
  - Previous Tests Download: <u>http://www.chinesetest.cn/gonewcontent.do?id=6428777</u>
  - HSK Self-Assessment on Confucius Institute Online Test System: <u>http://www.chinesecio.com/page/testhome?test=53</u>
  - HSK/YCT Mock Tests: <u>http://www.chinesecio.com/page/testhome?test=54</u>

[Information about Writing HSK Tests]

1. Check Admission Ticket

One week before the tests, HSK Toronto Centre sends out admission tickets and instructions to candidates' registered e-mail address.

- 2. Location of HSK Toronto Centre
  - > Address: 1500 Birchmount Rd., Scarborough, M1P 2G5 [inside Bond Academy]
  - Test Room: Room 129
  - > Parking: Please use the south side parking lot, Birchmount Rd @ Laura Secord Walk
- 3. on the Day of the Tests
  - > Arrival time: 15 minutes before the tests start.
  - Tests Schedule and Duration

# A, Current HSK Tests & HSKK Tests Schedule

	Time	Levels		
AM	09:00	2	4	6
	Duration	55 minutes	105 minutes	140 minutes
PM	13:30	1	3	5

Duration	40 minutes	90 minutes	125 minutes
16:30	HSKK	HSKK	HSKK
	(Beginner)	(Intermediate)	(Advanced)
Duration	17 minutes	21 minutes	24 minutes

### B, YCT Schedule

	Time	Levels			
AM	09:00	1	2	3	4
AM	Duration	35	50	60	85
		minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes

C, **BCT** includes BCT(A) and BCT(B). It is paper and pen test.

(Please see a separate document for details)

- 4. Essential Items
  - (1) Admission Ticket (2) Photo ID (Mandatory) (3) Pen or pencil
- 5. Emphasis of Taking the Tests

Candidates can choose one of the two options to complete "Writing" section.

- A. Use "Sougou Pinyin" to type answers on the computer (Default);
- B. Handwriting on answer sheet; paper and pencil will be provided.

## [Appendix: Information about Studying in China]

1. Criteria of "International Students" status defined by Chinese Ministry of Education

According to the Regulation of Chinese Universities and Colleges Accepting Foreign Students announced by Chinese Ministry of Education, the additional requirements for Chinese universities and colleges to accept residents from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan are as follows:

Since 2010, international students who plan to study in China must have a valid passport or citizenship documents for four years (or more), and must have records of physical living abroad for more than two years for the past four years (school year ended before April 30<sup>th</sup>). Physical living abroad for nine months can be considered as one full year. The days will be calculated based on the entry and exit stamps.

- 2. Admission Requirements for International Students (Some Chinese Universities)
  - Tsinghua University

Undergraduate:

◆ Science Programs: Previous HSK – Level 3 (or more)

or Current HSK – Level 5 (score 180 or more).

Arts Programs: Previous HSK – Level 6 (or more)

or Current HSK – Level 5 (score 180 or more).

Postgraduate:

• Chinese language proficiency for academic purpose.

- Arts and Management Programs candidates should pass previous HSK Level 6 or current HSK Level 5 (score 180 or more) before applying.
- Science Programs candidates should pass previous HSK Level 4 or current HSK Level 4 (score 195 or more) before applying.
- Peking University

Undergraduate: Entrance Examination

•	Arts Programs:	1 Chinese	② English	③ Mathematics
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◆ Science Programs: ① Chinese ② English ③ Mathematics

Postgraduate:

Candidates, who plan to study the programs in Chinese, must hand in the original or photocopy of their standard scripts. Requirements are as follows:

- Science Programs: Current HSK – Level 6 (score 200 or more) while Writing not below score 65.
- Humanities and Social Science Programs:
  Current HSK Level 6 (score 200 or more) while Writing not below score 65.

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