The Institute’s Language Policy

Under the new language policy of the Institute, all students will be subject to the minimum Language Exit Requirements (LERs) for English and Putonghua¹.

**English Language Exit Requirement**
Students are required to sit the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or equivalent test at their own expense and to obtain overall band score 6.0 or above [or equivalent].

**Putonghua Language Exit Requirement**
Students are required to sit the Putonghua Shuiping Ceshi (PSC, 普通話水平測試) at their own expense and to obtain Level 3B or above.

**Exemption from Language Exit Requirements**
Students are eligible to apply for English/Putonghua LER exemption if they have attained
- IELTS 6.5 [or equivalent] AND at least 80% of the courses within the curriculum are offered in English as the medium of instruction (EMI); or
- PSC 3A

**Alternative measures for fulfilling the Language Exit Requirements**
Students whose IELTS or PSC result falls short of the required standard may choose to fulfil the stipulated LER for English/Putonghua by completing a relevant supplementary language enhancement course offered by the Institute on a fee-paying basis ($2,300 per course subject to adjustment).

**Costs of Language Enhancement Programmes and public examinations in 2015/16**
To meet the LERs for English and Putonghua, students are recommended to take a series of fee-paying language enhancement courses offered by the Institute on an optional basis. A summary table of the costs of optional language enhancement courses and fees for public examinations is provided below.

**English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) [Applicable to Year 1 entry new students only]**
During the four years of studies at HKIEd, students have to take ELPA twice (free-of charge). Students failing to attend the first ELPA before the commencement of the first semester of Year 1 will not be allowed to register for the first credit-bearing English enhancement course, while those who fail to attend the second ELPA before the end of the second semester of Year 2, will be recorded a “fail” grade for the second credit-bearing English enhancement course. Students failing in credit-bearing English enhancement courses will not be allowed to graduate from the programme. Upon the programme registration in August, students should pay due attention to emails in their HKIEd email account and/or SMS for the test date, time and venue.

(As at 24 November 2015)
### (Optional) Language Enhancement Costs for Self-financed Programmes in 2015/16

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<td>2 Optional non-credit-bearing English enhancement courses (60 hours in total)</td>
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**Remarks**

1. For enquiries on the Language Policy, please contact the Centre for Language in Education:
   - English: 2948-7029 or 2948-8044 or cle@ied.edu.hk
   - Putonghua: 2948-7896 or cle@ied.edu.hk
2. For admission enquiries, please contact the Registry at 2948-6886.
3. All the costs stipulated above are not included in the tuition fees and are subject to adjustment.
4. Cantonese courses are recommended for non-Cantonese-speaking students only.

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1 Students admitted to the full-time undergraduate programmes with a normal study period of two years or below (e.g. students who are admitted into year 3 of 4-yr programmes) will be exempted from the language enhancement courses and language exit requirements.