

## Exemption from CLE Language Enhancement Courses

1. Students may be granted exemption from specific language enhancement courses offered by the Centre for Language in Education (CLE) based on the **requisite grade achieved in the pre-test** for the relevant courses. In such cases, CLE will notify the Registry of the students' exemption status and students are not required to submit a separate application for course exemption to the Registry. Regarding the course exemption criteria, please refer to the announcement issued for the relevant courses.
2. **Unless confirmation of exemption is obtained from CLE, students are required to enrol in and attend the relevant courses as scheduled.** Upon CLE's approval of the exemption, students will be de-registered from the relevant courses.
3. Students who have previously **failed** the course are not eligible to apply for course exemption.

### Chinese and Putonghua Enhancement Courses (For non-Chinese-speaking students)

4. Non-Chinese-speaking (NCS) students who have **little or no knowledge of written Chinese** may be granted exemption from the Chinese and Putonghua enhancement courses. NCS students may submit an application to CLE by emailing [cle@eduhk.hk](mailto:cle@eduhk.hk) **before the commencement of the Semester 1 of Year 1**, together with their high school transcript(s), public exam certificate(s) and any other supporting documents demonstrating that they lacked Chinese literacy and/or Putonghua training prior to their undergraduate studies.
5. Regarding the **credit-bearing** Chinese enhancement course “**CLE1221 Chinese Language I**”, upon CLE's approval of the exemption, students are required to complete another **3-credit “make-up” course**<sup>1</sup> from the pool of courses<sup>2</sup> tabulated in Table 1 below in any semester during their undergraduate studies at the University. After registering for the “make-up” course on their own during the online course registration period (as scheduled by the Registry), students **must report their selected course to CLE** via the e-form: [https://eduhk.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cVbIFvAGU5tPAnH](https://eduhk.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cVbIFvAGU5tPAnH) within the add/drop period of the respective semester. Any late submissions must be supported by a valid justification.

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<sup>1</sup> Same as CLE1221, students should note that the grade of the “make-up” course will not be counted towards their GPA.

<sup>2</sup> Course offerings are subject to change; not all listed courses will be offered each year, and new courses may be added. Please refer to the details available at <https://www.eduhk.hk/cle/CLE1221>.

**Table 1: List of Approved “Make-up” Courses for “CLE1221 Chinese Language I”**

Offering Unit	Course Code	Course Title
CLE	CLE1224	Cantonese for Non-Chinese Speakers
CLE	CLE1225	Putonghua for Non-Chinese Speakers
CLE	CLE1248	Intermediate Chinese for Non-Chinese Speakers
CCA	CAC4016	The Chinese Narrative: Art and Music
LML	LIN1012	Japanese I
LML	LIN1014	French I
LML	LIN1018	Korean I

**English Enhancement Courses** (For students who have met English LER/LGR)

- Students who have met the programme’s English Language Exit Requirement (LER) or Language Graduation Requirement (LGR) within their study period by achieving the required band score in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic module)<sup>3</sup> before taking the **non-credit-bearing courses “CLE2253 University English II” and “CLE2254 Skills for English Language Tests II” (for first-year-first-degree students), or “CLE3274 Skills for IELTS for Senior-Year Students” (for senior-year students)**, may apply for exemption from the course(s).
- Students are required to submit their official IELTS test report form, together with proof of the test venue clearly showing their name, to CLE using the contact details provided below **prior to the commencement of the course**. An earlier application deadline may be set to facilitate timetabling and course registration. Please refer to the announcement issued for the relevant courses.

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Should students have any enquiries regarding CLE course exemption, please feel free to email CLE at [cle@eduhk.hk](mailto:cle@eduhk.hk).

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<sup>3</sup> Only Paper-based/Computer-based IELTS Academic Tests conducted in a single sitting at test centres of officially authorised IELTS testing providers (such as the British Council or IDP Education Pty Ltd) will be accepted.