

# Explanation of Adjusting HSK according to *Chinese Level Standard of International Chinese Education*

## What is the relationship between *Standard* and HSK?

*Standard* is for guiding all aspects of international Chinese learning, teaching, testing and evaluation, rather than HSK examination syllabus of proposition and implementation. *Standard* is instructive and non-compulsory, while HSK is instrumental and practical. *Standard* provides the overall guidance for HSK examination, which is mainly reflected in the theory and concept of international Chinese education examination: first, the learner centered concept; the second is to highlight the characteristics of Chinese, emphasizing the "four-dimensional benchmark" of Chinese syllables, Chinese characters, vocabulary and grammar, so as to comprehensively consolidate the foundation of Chinese; The third is to improve the quality of international Chinese education and learners' Chinese level in an all-round way through verbal communication ability, topic task content, language quantitative indicators, and five basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation. From this point of view, HSK examination will be adjusted steadily according to the theory and thought of *Standard*, such as increasing the examination of syllables, Chinese characters and grammar, and strengthening the examination of writing level. These are the directions of

HSK examination adjustment.

### **How has HSK changed in general?**

We are very concerned about whether the vocabulary in *Standard* is the scope of HSK. In fact, syllables, Chinese characters, vocabulary and grammar syllabus in *Standard* are the development goals of foreign Chinese learners in the above four dimensions. The scope of HSK examination needs to refer to the specific situation of Chinese education in various countries. The existing hsk1-6 test basically meets the needs of foreign Chinese learners in elementary and intermediate level tests. However, for foreign Chinese learners studying in China for master's degree, Chinese major and Overseas Sinology research, there is a lack of assessment tools for Chinese advanced level. Therefore, HSK will first increase hsk7-9 on the basis of maintaining the stability of the existing six levels of examination in accordance with *Standard* to form a "three-phase and nine level" examination grade system. The current hsk1-6 level examination will not be adjusted in the near future.

### **When will hsk7-9 be tested? How to test?**

Many candidates see the formal implementation of *Standard* on July 1, 2021, and think that this is the time for HSK to start to adjust. However, the scientific development of hsk7-9 level based on *Standard* needs a process. At present, it is planned to take the test in December 2021 and officially launch the test in March 2022. Hsk7-9 will adopt the form of

"one paper with three levels", that is, one test paper, and the level will be determined according to the results.

### **How to change HSK's current band 1-6 examination?**

Hsk1-6, which is being implemented at present, will not be adjusted in the near future. The examination effectiveness, examination content, reference vocabulary and examination form will remain unchanged, and will continue to be implemented stably. The results of hsk1-6 candidates are still valid, and the validity of the obtained certificate remains unchanged. The textbooks and courses compiled and developed according to hsk1-6 can still be used. In the next 3-5 years, hsk1-6 level will be gradually adjusted according to *Standard* and the actual situation of Chinese learners in various countries. Generally speaking, it will continue to adhere to the concept of "learner centered", adhere to the principle of combination of examination and teaching, step by step, and make appropriate adjustment within the scope specified in *Standard*.

### **Where can I get the latest news from HSK?**

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