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Frequently Asked Questions (HKT)

Q1. Who is eligible to use the HKT?

A1. Only registered users are eligible to use The Hong Kong Test of Specific Learning Difficulties in Reading and Writing (HKT). To be a registered user, you need to be a professional educational or clinical psychologist, eligible for the membership of the Division of Educational Psychology (DEP) or the Division of Clinical Psychology (DCP) of the Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS), the Hong Kong Hong Kong Association of Educational Psychologists (HKAEP) or the Hong Kong Institute of Clinical Psychologists (HKICP). You can download the 'User Registration Form' from our website http://hksld.eduhk.hk/ and email it to the Hong Kong Specific Learning Difficulties Research Team (the Research Team) at hksldteam@gmail.com together with valid proof of eligibility for DEP/DCP/HKAEP/HKICP membership.

Q2. How can I obtain the HKT test set?

A2. Due to the limited supply of the HKT, the Research Team provides the HKT only to organisations on loan basis, and not to individual users. The 'Organisation Application Form' can be downloaded from http://hksld.eduhk.hk/. Due to the huge demand and limited supply of test sets, allocation of the HKT will depend on the nature of service provided by the organisation. In principle, organisations that do not offer direct psychological services to children and youth on a regular basis, or that the organisation is of a private practice nature will only be provided with a set of HKT on short-term loan basis. Please refer to the 'General Information on Application and Renewal Procedure' for details.

Q3. What is a "coordinator" and what is the prerequisite of being one?

A3. The organisation must designate a coordinator, who must be a registered user of the HKT, to be the contact person with the Research Team and to ensure the appropriate use and safekeeping of the HKT within the organisation.

Q4. If I have been approved a test set on short-term loan basis and want to extend the loan period, what should I do?

A4. The short-term loan is renewed on a yearly basis. The organisation should submit an updated 'Organisation Application Form' to the research team between 1 and 30 April annually. If there is a queue for short-term loan, the loan period and conditions may be changed, a waiting time might be incurred.

Q5. What are the procedures if I am new to the organisation and replacing the current psychologist?

A5. You can use the test set immediately if you are a registered user of HKT. You need to fill in the 'Change of Personal Data Form for Registered HKT User', and your organisation should update the test users in the 'Organisation Application Form'. Both forms can be downloaded from our website http://hksld.eduhk.hk/. The updated information should be submitted to the Research Team as soon as possible.

Q6. What should I do if I am the only registered HKT user of an organisation and I am leaving the organisation?

A6. If there is another psychologist replacing you, you should leave behind the test batteries for the replacing psychologist. You need to fill in the 'Change of Personal Data Form for Registered HKT User', and your organisation should submit an updated 'Organisation Application Form' to the research team as soon as possible. Both forms can be downloaded from our website http://hksld.eduhk.hk/. If there is no psychologist replacing you, you should return the test batteries the Research Team.

Q7. What should I do if I am the only registered HKT user of a private organisation and I am going to change the name of my organisation?

A7. You have to fill in the 'Change of Personal Data Form for Registered HKT User', and submit an updated 'Organisation Application Form' to the Research Team as soon as possible.