

Chinese Proficiency Test

The Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester is an official **HSK test centre** in the UK for the HSK Department, National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, the People's Republic of China (Hanban).

HSK Test Dates 2011

- 23rd October 2011 (Application deadline: 12 noon on 26th September 2011)
- 4th December 2011 (Application deadline: 4 November 2011)

Applications received after the deadline will not be processed. As places are limited, early registration is recommended. The exact test time and venue will be confirmed by email at a later date.

HSK Test

A new HSK Test level system was introduced in 2010. The new system has six levels for the paper test and three levels for the oral test.

Written Exam

WRITTEN EXAM	LEVEL INSTRUCTION	FEES (including £10 registration fees)
HSK level 1 (150 Characters)	Can understand and use simple words and sentences to fulfill specific communication needs and have a foundation for the further study of Chinese	20
HSK level 2 (300 Characters)	Can communicate simply and directly on daily topics; can reach the advanced stage of beginner level	30
HSK level 3 (600 Characters)	Can complete basic communication tasks in daily life, study and work; can handle most communication tasks if traveling in China	40
HSK level 4 (1200 Characters)	Can discuss a relatively wide range of topics in Chinese and be able to communicate with native speakers	50
HSK level 5 (2500 Characters)	Can read Chinese newspapers and magazines, appreciate Chinese films and television, and be able to write and deliver a full speech	60

HSK level 6 (5000+ Characters)	Can easily understand what they read and listen and express themselves fluently in written and oral Chinese	70
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Oral Exam

ORAL EXAM	EXAM SECTIONS	FEES (£)
Basic (200 words)	A.listen and repeat; B.listen and answer questions; C. answer questions	35
Elementary/ Intermediate (900 words)	A.listen and repeat; B.speak according to pictures; C. answer questions	45
Advanced (3000 words)	A.listen and retell; B.read the paragraph; C. answer questions	55

Students having registered and paid for the HSK exam are offered HSK preparatory classes at the Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester free of charge. Although the classes are mainly focused on written exam, we can run a preparatory class for the oral exam the week before the exam if there are demands. You can register at Confucius Institute (S3.13 in Samuel Alexander Building) or email confuciusinstitute@manchester.ac.uk.

How to Register

To register for the HSK test you will need to send the following:

- A completed registration form.
- 2 recent passport size photographs with your name written on the back
- A photocopy of your passport or your student ID with the registration form
- Fees (We accept cash or cheque payment. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to: The University of Manchester).

To:

Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester

S3.13, Samuel Alexander Building, University of Manchester

Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL

Or email them to confuciusinstitute@manchester.ac.uk

Contact us on 0161 275 8667/0161 275 3698 if you have any queries about the HSK test.

You will be issued with an **HSK permit** and directions to the test centre at the Confucius Institute after we have processed your registration form. You will need to bring the HSK permit and ID when coming to sit for the HSK test. You will also need pencils and eraser for the test. No dictionaries or other written materials are allowed in the room where the test takes place. Note that the test paper will be in *Simplified Character* format.