

Online Chinese Test (Home Edition)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Confucius Institute at DMU and many other testing sites have had to cancel in-person HSK testing and replace it with the Online Chinese Test (Home Edition) to allow students to take HSK exams at home on their computers with remote monitoring from test centers.

2021 HSK test dates (Home Edition):

Saturday 24 April, 2021 Local time: open for registration from 1st March; Registration deadline: Sunday 12th April

Saturday 5 June, 2021 Local time: open for registration from 12th April; Registration deadline: Sunday 24th May

HSK1, HSK3 and HSK 5 starts at 13:30 (entry/login from 12:30).

HSK2, HSK4 and HSK 6 starts at 09:00 (entry/login from 08:00).

Available tests: HSK 1-4

Please note we can only offer 20 places each level for Home-based testing. These places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. After you have registered, your registration will be confirmed in 5 working days by email.

Please also note that cross-border registration is not allowed. For instance, test takers who register for the online test with a test center in the UK must connect from the UK on the day of the test.

Requirements for the Online Chinese Test (Home Edition)

Important!

Before registration, please make sure that your system and environment meet the test requirements below. The test fee will not be refunded if the test environment, test equipment, or other conditions are found to violate the requirements.

Equipment requirements

1. **Computer:** A computer running Windows 7/10. Screen resolution suggested setting 1440*900 + (minimum setting 1366*768 +). **Mac OS operating systems and mobile devices are not supported.**

2. **Software:**
 - 1) Download and install the **Chinese network test system client**. The download link for the test client is: <https://test.chinesetest.cn:36165/client.html>.
 - 2) Download Chinese keyboard in advance if you are taking HSK3 test or above.
3. **Network:** Network bandwidth should be 20M and speed 150KB/s or above.
4. **Camera:**
 - 1) High-definition PC camera (built-in or external; 300,000 pixels or above). The camera should be working properly.
 - 2) Mobile phone with camera. Ensure the phone is fully charged.
5. **Headphones:** You should have a good headset or earphones to reduce the interference of other noises. HSKK test takers should have good-quality headphones with a microphone, which should be excellent in acoustic insulation and transmission.

To test your system, please download the Chinese network test client (The download link: <https://test.chinesetest.cn:36165/client.html>), extract the zip folder and click the file named **ExamClient** to run it, test the network speed, which needs to reach to 150KB/s or above.

If you can't run the Client, please stop running any anti-virus software and make sure the operating system installed on your device is 64 bits (path: control panel – system and safety – system).

To quit the Client, please use the key **Alt+ F4**. Or click the “quit” button at the right bottom of the page and **type “quit” in the passcode box**.

Please do not register for the test if your equipment or network does not meet the requirements.

Environment requirements

1. The test should be undertaken in a safe and enclosed room which must remain free from any disturbance. The room should also be quiet and well-lit, places such as parks, Internet cafés, restaurants and other open places are forbidden.
2. Computer/laptop, keyboard, mouse and other testing articles should be placed in plain sight on the table. All prohibited items such as mobile devices, handwritten notes or textbooks are not allowed in the testing room.
3. No other people are allowed to enter the test room during the test.

4. Communication with any other persons is forbidden during the test.
5. Any entry, exit or walking around the room is forbidden after your entrance to the test (after opening the online Chinese test the system's interface) until your exit from the test. Otherwise, the test will be considered as a failure.
6. No paper is allowed during the test. It is prohibited to copy or record the test questions and themes.

The test result shall be rendered invalid if the test taker is seen to violate any of these regulations.

Please note that to ensure the safe operation of the test, CTI (Chinese Testing International) and/or the test centre may need to collect the testing information from you, including name, photo, identification information and audio or video monitoring recording during the test. Candidates should keep their shoulders and above within the range of the computer camera. Information will only be collected and used for the legitimate business purposes of CTI and in accordance with all relevant data protection laws.

How to register?

1. Visit www.chinesetest.cn, switch to English version and log in as a test taker. If you don't have an account, click on 'New User' to create one.
2. Select the test you would like to register for and complete the registration steps. Please note that you need to select "**online Chinese Test (Home Edition)**" instead of "internet-based" as test format and "**De Montfort University Confucius Institute**" as your test centre. In this process, a step called "pay online" will appear: please ignore it as this is designed only for those who take exams in China.
3. When registering for the exam, you must upload an electronic photo that meets the requirements as follows:
 - Recent passport size ID photo (taken within 6 months before the exam date; standard two inches).
 - Daily life photos and landscape background photos are not accepted.
 - Black and white photo or colour photo is acceptable, with a white background preferred.Should you experience difficulty in doing so, please email ci@dmu.ac.uk for support.
4. Once you are registered on the Chinese Test website, you need to pay the test fee

to our test center via the <https://store.dmu.ac.uk/product-catalogue/dmu-confucius-institute>. The fees are the same as paper test. You will need to adjust the amount to pay for your chosen level(s).

5. Candidates will receive the admission ticket in 5 days before the exam. Please confirm your personal information (name, nationality, gender, certificate number) and exam information (exam subjects, test time, test centre name, test notes, etc) on the admission ticket.
6. Mock Test: Each candidate will have free mock test opportunities before the exam date. The mock test will be closed 2 days before the test date.

On the test day

1. One hour before the test:

Mobile phone

- Enter the designated meeting room one hour before the test starts (meeting information will be sent to you later).
- Show your identity card and the environment around you via the invigilation app upon request.
- Place the mobile phone one meter behind you and slightly to the left or the right, so that the invigilator can see both the computer screen and the test taker.
- Ensure the mobile phone is connected to WiFi and turned on flight mode and is fully charged to ensure normal operation for the full duration of the test.
- Turn on your microphone and turn off your speaker.

Computer/laptop

- Log in to the online Chinese test system to get prepared for the test (no later than 10 minutes before the test). There will be no supplementary time if you are late for the test because of personal, equipment or network issues.
- Complete the instructions after logging in on the online Chinese test system.

You cannot take the test and there's no refund if the personal identification fails or the test environment does not meet the requirements.

2. During the test

- Computer/laptop, keyboard and mouse and other testing articles should be on the table, and recording the test by any form is forbidden.
- Do not plug or unplug the computer /laptop and/or other test articles after the test begins. CTI is not responsible for testing failures caused by candidate behaviour.
- Timing is controlled by Online Chinese test system and the remaining time will be shown on the screen.
- The system will login to the test automatically one minute before the test. The content of listening options is available but not allowed for answering until the test begins.
- Constructing sentences in writing parts of HSK 3-5 can be completed by dragging and dropping the mouse. Please do not click too frequently to increase the loads of the server. The Writing Part of the test must be typed in Chinese with the Chinese *Pinyin*.
- The system will enter the next part of the test automatically after the current part finishes. You won't be able to continue your answer if you click the button "submit" at the upper right corner of the interface for ending the test.
- The system will submit the answers automatically after the whole test finishes.
- The testing time is in GMT.

Score report

Result inquiry: You can log in to the website (www.chinesetest.cn) 10 days after the HSK exam and 25 days after the HSKK exam to check your scores. Enter your test admission ticket number and name to get the report. The report can be printed **once** by yourself.

Applying for official score report: After the results are announced, you can log in to the website (www.chinesetest.cn), select the button "**Apply for Extra Score Report**".

Please note that any enquiries regarding the test report and/or certificate should be directed to the Chinese test administrators and not our test centre as we are unable to help with these queries.