

Recruitment arrangement for Government Counsel applicants  
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The Department of Justice will conduct a recruitment exercise for the post of Government Counsel (GC) around October this year.

A spokesman for the Department of Justice today (August 4) said, "Similar to the recruitment exercise in 2010, GC applicants will be required to obtain a Level 2 result in the Use of English (UE) paper and a Level 1 result in the Use of Chinese (UC) paper in the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE). In this connection, grade C or above in Use of English in the Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (HKALE) will be accepted as equivalent to Level 2 in the UE paper in the CRE, and grade D or above in Chinese Language and Culture or Chinese Language and Literature in the HKALE will be accepted as equivalent to Level 1 in the UC paper in the CRE.

"In exceptional circumstances, candidates may be exempted from compliance with the Chinese language requirement."

Since 2008, candidates applying for the GC post should also take a Basic Law Test (BLT). While not mandatory, the results of the BLT will be taken into account in considering the suitability of a candidate for appointment.

The next CRE and BLT will be held on October 8 and 15, 2011. Candidates without the requisite results in the CRE or equivalent and/or who wish to sit the BLT, are invited to apply between August 5 and 18, 2011, to sit the relevant test(s).

Further information on the CRE and BLT is available on the homepage of the Civil Service Bureau (under the 'Recruitment' section) at [www.csb.gov.hk](http://www.csb.gov.hk) .

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