



BOWEN EDUCATION · MANCHESTER

HSK & YCT Candidate Guide

Registration · Payment · Exam day · Results and certificates

2026 Edition

For sittings published and confirmed by Bowen Education Manchester Chinese Test Examination Centre

Always follow the final reporting time, venue, delivery mode and admission arrangements in your confirmation email.

01 · CALENDAR AND FEES

Choose the right examination sitting

The dates below are the HSK/YCT dates from August onwards in the 2026 Chinese Testing International calendar. Bowen delivery, capacity and format remain subject to the availability shown online and the final confirmation email.

Exam	Exam date	Registration deadline	Expected result
HSK	23 Aug 2026	27 Jul 2026	23 Sep 2026
HSK	13 Sep 2026	17 Aug 2026	19 Oct 2026
HSK	17 Oct 2026	20 Sep 2026	17 Nov 2026
HSK	7 Nov 2026	11 Oct 2026	7 Dec 2026
HSK	13 Dec 2026	16 Nov 2026	15 Jan 2027
YCT	16 Aug 2026	20 Jul 2026	16 Sep 2026
YCT	17 Oct 2026	20 Sep 2026	17 Nov 2026
YCT	22 Nov 2026	26 Oct 2026	22 Dec 2026

Examination fees

HSK	Fee	YCT	Fee
HSK 1	£20	YCT 1	£5
HSK 2	£30	YCT 2	£10
HSK 3	£40	YCT 3	£20
HSK 4	£50	YCT 4	£25
HSK 5	£60		
HSK 6	£70		

Fee verification

Before payment, the server calculates the amount from the selected level and displays it again on Stripe Checkout.

02 · EXAM DAY

Prepare early and arrive with confidence

Before the examination

- Bring the original passport or valid photo ID used for registration.
- Arrive at least 30 minutes early. Late candidates may not be admitted.
- Bring pencils, erasers or other stationery listed in your confirmation email.
- Check the venue, reporting time, registration number and Candidate ID.

During the examination

- Follow all invigilator instructions and sit in the allocated place.
- Switch off phones, smart watches and other electronic devices.
- Do not use dictionaries, translation devices or unauthorised materials.
- Remain silent and do not communicate with other candidates.

After the examination

- Check results online according to the published result date.
- Bowen will confirm certificate collection or postage arrangements.

Cancellation policy

Fees are non-refundable after the registration deadline. Changes or cancellations before the deadline may incur an administration charge. Exceptional circumstances must be submitted to the centre in writing.

03 · ONLINE REGISTRATION AND REFERENCES

Complete details and payment in one journey

1. Choose an HSK or YCT sitting and level.
2. Enter candidate details exactly as shown on the identity document.
3. Upload a clear passport-style candidate photograph.
4. Add parent or guardian details for candidates under 18.
5. Review the details and server-calculated fee.
6. Continue to secure Stripe Checkout.

Registration number	Example format: HSK2026-00125. Quote this number when contacting the test centre.
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Candidate ID	A Bowen candidate identifier generated for examination administration and list reconciliation.
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Payment Reference	The payment reconciliation reference. Keep it with your Stripe payment receipt.
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Data and privacy

Candidate photographs and identity information are used only for registration, identity checking, examination administration and certification. Photographs are stored outside the public website. Card details are processed by Stripe and do not pass through or remain on the Bowen website.

Exam-day checklist

- Original passport or valid photo ID
- Registration number, Candidate ID and confirmation email
- Stationery listed in the confirmation email
- Arrival at least 30 minutes before the examination

Contact the centre

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