



The Confucius Institute at The UWI, St. Augustine Campus is a non-profit educational institution for Mandarin Chinese language teaching and the promotion of Chinese culture. It is operated in partnership with Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) and China Agricultural University (CAU). Officially launched on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013, it is the first institute of its kind in Trinidad and Tobago, and the second in the Caribbean region.

Our goal is to teach and provide educational resources for learners of the Mandarin Chinese language, and to encourage and strengthen cultural exchange and co-operation between China and Trinidad and Tobago. As our organization grows, we will become a focal point for cultural exchange, a fully operational HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test) examination centre and a training centre for Chinese language instructors.



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# HSK

Chinese Proficiency Test

汉语水平考试

The Chinese Language Proficiency Examination

## WHAT IS THE HSK TEST?

The HSK, which is administered by HANBAN (The Office of Chinese Language Council International), is the official test of Mandarin Chinese as a second or a foreign language, similar to other standardized international language tests as IELTS (English), DELE (Spanish), French (DELF) and CELPE-BRAS (Brazilian Portuguese). This written test is designed to assess language skills across a wide range of levels. The test is usually offered twice a year.

## TEST LEVELS

### HSK Level 1

Vocabulary requirement: 150 words

Description: Candidates can understand and use very simple Chinese words and phrases, meet basic needs for communication and possess the ability to further their Chinese language studies.

### HSK Level 2

Vocabulary requirement: 300 words

Description: Candidates have an excellent grasp of basic Chinese and can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters.

### HSK Level 3

Vocabulary requirement: 600 words

Description: Candidates can communicate in Chinese at a basic level in their daily, academic and professional lives. They can manage most communication in Chinese when travelling in China.

### HSK Level 4

Vocabulary requirement: 1200 words

Description: Candidates can converse in Chinese on a wide range of topics and are able to communicate fluently with native Chinese speakers.

### HSK Level 5

Vocabulary requirement: 2500 words

Description: Candidates can read Chinese newspapers and magazines, enjoy Chinese films and plays, and give a full-length speech in Chinese.

### HSK Level 6

Vocabulary requirement: Over 5000 words

Description: Candidates can easily comprehend written and spoken information in Chinese and can effectively express themselves in Chinese, both orally and on paper.

## WHO WILL GRADE THE TEST?

The Confucius Institute at the UWI St. Augustine will not be responsible for the grading of examination scripts. All scripts are sealed and mailed to the HSK Testing Centre Headquarters for grading.

## RESULTS

Test takers will receive results of the HSK online approximately one month after sitting the test via their account on [chinesetest.cn](http://chinesetest.cn). Physical certificates are issued at a later date for successful candidates and can be collected at the Confucius Institute's office. Test takers will be informed of the certificate's arrival via email.

## USE OF THE TEST RESULTS

The results of the test can serve several purposes:

- A reference for entry into Chinese universities
- A method for Chinese language learners to assess and improve their proficiency in Chinese
- A reference for employment

## REGISTRATION

To register for the HSK examinations, please complete the following steps:

Step #1: Fill out the Confucius Institute's HSK test registration form

Step #2: Create an account on the following website: [www.chinesetest.cn](http://www.chinesetest.cn)

Step #3: Pay the test fee (please consult the table below)

LEVEL	FEE
HSK Level 1	TT \$400
HSK Level 2	TT \$500
HSK Level 3	TT \$600
HSK Level 4	TT \$700
HSK Level 5	TT \$800
HSK Level 6	TT \$900

Payments can be made at:

Cashier  
Ground Floor,  
Bursary  
UWI St. Augustine Campus

Step #4: Present payment receipt at the Confucius Institute (CI) office.

Step #5: Collect admission ticket at the CI office. The admission tickets are issued a few days prior to the date of the HSK exam. You will be informed of the collection date via email.

## PREP CLASSES

The Confucius Institute can offer HSK prep classes for test takers. The classes are, however, subject to demand.