



## Academic Year 2026/2027 'Central Registration for Children Entering Kindergarten for the First Time' Q&A

### 1. How do parents obtain and use the 'Interview QR Code' and the 'First-Time Enrolment QR Code'?

	Interview QR Code	First-Time Enrolment QR Code
<b>Sample</b>	 <p>Academic year 2026/2027 Interview QR Code CHAN MAN MAN • M • 1119</p>	 <p>Academic year 2026/2027 First-time enrolment QR code CHAN MAN MAN • M • 1119</p>
<b>Way to obtain</b>	<p>① If you register on the DSEDJ website, please prepare the mobile phone verification code and scan the QR code on the right.</p> <p>② Select 'General Login' and fill in the information.</p> <p>③ Select the QR code that you need and take a screenshot of it for later use.</p> <p>Note: If you register through Macao One Account, you can simply login to your child's Macao One Account and select 'Central Registration for Children Entering Kindergarten for the First Time' to obtain the codes.</p>	
<b>Period of using the QR code</b>	<p>March 2026 During the interview period</p>	<p>April 2026 During first-time enrolment / school transfer period</p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The screenshot of the interview QR code can be reused.</p>	<p>Each first-time enrolment QR code can be used once only. Parents can obtain the QR code again if needed.</p>

### 2. What is the procedure for 'Central Registration', from registration to enrolment?

- Parents should check the admissions information of the schools to which they want to apply. After conducting online registration via 'Macao One Account' or on the DSEDJ website, the schools that parents have selected will inform parents of the interview date and time. After attending the interviews, the admission lists will be posted on 'Macao One Account' or the DSEDJ website and at school simultaneously within the specified period of time. Parents can check the admission status of all schools on the DSEDJ website. After careful consideration, parents of admitted children must confirm their desired school online and go

to the school in person to process enrolment within the period of time informed by the school.

- In order to shorten the waiting time for parents of waitlisted students to know the result, schools will release the admission list of waitlisted students before parents of admitted students register at school in person. Parents can pay attention to the admission status of waitlisted students, and go to the school in person to register or apply for school transfer within the period of time informed by the school.

**3. How do parents conduct ‘Central Registration’? If they cannot register online, how can they seek help?**

- Parents should conduct registration on the webpage of ‘Central Registration’ on the DSEDJ website between 6 and 16 January 2026, input the ‘basic information’ such as the child’s name, gender, date of birth, identity document number, grade to enrol, the ‘supplementary information’ required by the preferred schools and father’s, mother’s or guardian’s Macao mobile number, and upload a child’s recent photo with the correct specification (softcopy). Parents can select 6 schools in Macao and 1 ‘school for Macao children’ in Hengqin. A confirmation SMS will be sent to parents after successful registration.
- If children have opened ‘Macao One Account’ by 16 January 2026, ‘Central Registration’ can be processed via their ‘Macao One Account’.
- Parents who cannot conduct online registration can register their children at one of the DSEDJ counters (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ or Parenting Education Centre).
- If there are any queries about ‘Central Registration’, parents can get information through attending briefing sessions, reading the leaflets, visiting the webpage of ‘Central Registration’ on the DSEDJ website or calling 83972309 for inquiries during office hours.

**4. What are the requirements for a child’s photo to be uploaded to ‘Central Registration’ system? How can the registration information be amended?**

- Specification of a child’s recent photo: ID photo taken in full face, front view without wearing a hat or headgear (for sample, please visit <http://www.dsedj.gov.mo>).
- If there is a need to amend the registration information, parents can update the information in the column of ‘inquiring/modifying information’ on the webpage of ‘Central Registration’ or ‘Macao One Account’ during ‘Central Registration’ period (between 6 and 16 January 2026). Parents can use the verification code (the 6-digit number in the SMS message) to log in. They can also go to one of the DSEDJ counters in person (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ or Parenting Education Centre) to make amendments.

**5. Does ‘Central Registration’ allocate school places according to parents’ priority of choice of schools? Will school places be allocated on a first come, first served basis?**

Parents only need to select the preferred schools from the school list in the ‘Central Registration’ system. There is no priority or sequence order given; the chances are equal for registration on the first day or on the last day. Therefore, parents do not need to rush to register.

**6. For children who have returned to live in Macao and wish to enrol in K2 or K3 for the academic year 2026/2027, do their parents need to conduct ‘Central Registration’ for them?**

‘Central Registration’ is for children who enrol in kindergarten in Macao for the first time. It is suitable for all children meeting the age requirement for entering kindergarten and enrolling in K1, K2 or K3 in Macao for the first time to apply for admission to a local school through ‘Central Registration’.

**7. Can grandparents conduct ‘Central Registration’ for children?**

Parents can authorise another person to handle ‘Central Registration’, if necessary. The authorised person must bring the letter of authorisation, his/her own original identity documents, a copy of the identity documents of the child’s father or mother (the one who signed the letter of authorisation), original identity documents and a recent photograph of the child (for photo sample, refer to the guidelines at <http://www.dsedj.gov.mo>). Parents should first select the preferred schools for their children to attend, and then request the authorised person to conduct the registration at one of the DSEDJ counters (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ or Parenting Education Centre).

**8. For children who have not applied for or obtained a Macao Resident Identity Card during the ‘Central Registration’ period, can they be registered?**

If children meet the age requirement for entering kindergarten (to enrol in K1, children must have reached the age of 3 as at 31 December of the enrolment year) and they are applying for, but have not yet obtained, a Macao Resident Identity Card during the ‘Central Registration’ period, or if they are not Macao residents but holders of a stay or residence permit for over 90 days issued by the competent entity of Macao, parents can bring along their own identity documents as well as their children’s identity documents to one of the DSEDJ counters (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ or the Parenting Education Centre) within the specified period in order to conduct registration.

**9. Will children who have attended child care centres get priority admission to kindergartens? Can child care centres conduct registration on behalf of kindergartens?**

The DSEDJ has issued guidelines for all schools in Macao stating that schools cannot make admission of children depend on whether they have attended a child care centre or not. In addition, child care centres cannot collect application information from parents or carry out procedures relating to admission, such as collecting school place reservation fee, tuition fees and copy of passbook on behalf of schools in advance.

**10. After parents of admitted children have confirmed their desired school online, can they change their decision?**

If parents of admitted children wish to reverse their decision after confirming their preferred school online, they must update the information on ‘Macao One Account’ / the DSEDJ website between 8 and 10 April 2026.

**11. If a child is admitted by 2 or more schools, can his/her parents register him/her at all the schools at the same time?**

- Parents must give serious consideration to selecting one school for their child to attend, and confirm the preferred school on ‘Macao One Account’ / the webpage of ‘Central Registration’ between 8 and 10 April 2026; after that, parents can process enrolment at the preferred school within the specified period of time.
- In order to allow schools to know the demand for school places as early as possible, ‘Central Registration’ sets a timeline for enrolment for all schools in Macao. Once parents have confirmed enrolment in one school online, places at other schools will be withdrawn.

**12. If parents of admitted students forget to confirm their preferred school on ‘Macao One Account’ / the DSEDJ website or they do not process enrolment at the school after confirmation online, will the school place still be granted?**

Parents must confirm their desired school on ‘Macao One Account’ / the DSEDJ website and go to the school in person to process enrolment within the specified period of time. Belated confirmation or enrolment at school will lead to the cancellation of the school place.

**13. If children have enrolled at one school and are accepted on or after 16 April 2026 by another school that is more preferred, how should their parents process re-enrolment?**

Parents can log in to ‘Macao One Account’ / the webpage of ‘Central Registration’ to obtain the first-time enrolment QR code again, or bring along their children’s identity documents, and apply for a transfer at the new school in accordance with the requirements of the school.

**14. After conducting ‘Central Registration’ for their children, can parents go to other schools for registration?**

From 16 April 2026 onwards, parents can visit the DSEDJ website to check the availability of K1 places at different schools and enrol their children at the schools that still accept admissions.

**15. What should parents do if they have not conducted ‘Central Registration’ for their child, or their child is not accepted by any school after schools have posted the admission lists of waitlisted students?**

- Parents do not need to worry as there are enough K1 places for the academic year 2026/2027. If a child has not been admitted to any school, parents can visit the DSEDJ website to check the availability of K1 places at different schools and enrol their child at a school that still accepts admissions from 16 April 2026 onwards.
- The DSEDJ provides a ‘Service of consultation and arrangement of school places’ to parents who are in need so as to ensure school-aged children’s access to education. Parents can bring the original and copy of their child’s Macao Resident Identity Card (for Macao residents) or the stay or residence permit (for Macao non-residents) to the DSEDJ headquarters in person to apply for the service during office hours. Address: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, No. 7-9, Avenida de D. João IV, Macao; tel. number: 8397 2309.

**16. Can children who were born in December 2023 not start kindergarten in the academic year 2026/2027? Can their parents register them through ‘Central Registration’ for the academic year 2027/2028?**

If children have not enrolled in any school in Macao before, they can be registered through ‘Central Registration’ for the academic year 2027/2028. Parents should check the enrolment information and regulations of different schools in Macao in order to plan their children’s school education.