



Academic Year 2024/2025

“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”
Sample	<p style="text-align: center;">2024/2025 Academic Year Interview QR Code</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHAN MAN MAN • F • 0109</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">• The screenshot of the QR Code can be used repeatedly before 24th March.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2024/2025 Academic Year First-time enrolment QR code</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHAN MAN MAN • F • 0109</p>  <p>•The screenshot of the QR code can be used. •Each QR code can be used once only. Parents can log in to the webpage of the Central Registration to obtain the QR code again if needed.</p>
Way to obtain	After completing Central Registration, parents can log in to the “Macao One Account” of the child or go to the DSEDJ’s “Central Registration” webpage, select “Macao residents” or “Non-Macao residents”, then click “Consult / amend registration information”, enter the information according to the instructions on the webpage and obtain the QR codes. Parents can take screenshots with their mobile phones for later use.	
Period of using the QR code	March 2024 During the interview period	April 2024 During the first-time school enrolment / school transfer period.
Notes	Interview QR code screenshot can be reused.	Each first-time enrolment QR code can be used once only. Parents can log in to the webpage of the Central Registration to obtain the QR code again if needed.

2. What is the procedure for “Central Registration”, from registration to enrolment?

- Parents are advised to check the enrolment information of the schools to which they want to apply first. After conducting online registration on the DSEDJ website, the schools that parents selected will inform parents of the interview date and time. On completion of the interviews, the admission lists will be released on the DSEDJ website and at schools simultaneously within the specified period. 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 informed by the school.
- In order to shorten the waiting time for waitlisted students to know the result, schools will release the admission list of waitlisted students before parents of admitted students register at schools in person. Parents can pay attention to the admission status of waitlisted students, and go to school in person to process enrolment/school transfer within the period 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 DSEDJ website between 5th and 16th January, 2024; input the basic information such as children’s name, gender, date of birth, identity document number, grade to enrol, the “supplementary information” required by the preferred schools, father’s, mother’s, guardian’s Macao mobile number and upload the children’s recent photo with correct specification (softcopy). A maximum of 6 schools can be selected. An SMS will be sent to parents after successful registration.
- If a child opened “Macao One Account” by 16th January 2024, Central Registration can be processed through his/her “Macao One Account”.
- Parents who cannot conduct registration online can register their children at one of the DSEDJ counters (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ, Centre of Moral Education, Parenting Education Centre).
- Should there be any queries about “Central Registration”, parents can learn about the related information through attending briefing sessions, reading the leaflets, visiting the webpage of “Central Registration” on the DSEDJ website, or calling 8397 2309 for inquiries during office hours.

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

- Specification of the child’s recent photo: ID photo taken in full face, front view without wearing a hat. (For sample, please visit <http://www.dsedj.gov.mo>.)
- Should there be a need to amend the registration information, parents have to update it during the “Central Registration” period (between 5th and 16th January, 2024). Parents can process online registration through their children’s “Macao One Account” or use the verification code (the 6-digit number in the SMS message) to log in to the webpage of “Central Registration” on the DSEDJ website and modify the information in the column of “inquiring/modifying information” or alternatively they can go to one of the DSEDJ counters in person (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ, Centre of Moral Education, Parenting Education Centre) for making the amendment.

5. Does “Central Registration” allocate school places according to parents’ priority of choice of schools? Is it 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 2024/2025, 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. All children meeting the age requirement for entering kindergarten and enrolling in K1, K2 or K3 in Macao for the first time should conduct “Central Registration”.

7. Can grandparents conduct “Central Registration” for children?

Parents can authorise other person to handle “Central Registration”, if necessary. The authorised person has to bring the letter of authorisation, his/her own original identity document, a photocopy of the identity document of the child’s father or mother (the one who signed the letter of authorisation), an original identity document and a recent photograph of the child (for photo sample, refer to the guideline at: <http://www.dsedj.gov.mo>). Parents are advised to select the preferred schools for their children to attend first and then request the authorised person to conduct the registration at one of the DSEDJ counters (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ, Centre of Moral Education, Parenting Education Centre).

8. Can a child who has not applied for or obtained a Macao SAR Resident Card during the “Central Registration” period be registered?

If a child meets the age requirement for entering kindergarten (to enrol in K1, a child must reach 3 years old as at 31st December of the enrolment year), and he/she is applying for, but has not yet obtained a Macao SAR Resident Card during the “Central Registration” period; or a child is not a Macao resident, but a holder of a stay or residence permit for over 90 days issued by the authorised entity of the Macao SAR, his/her parents can bring their own identity documents as well as the child’s identity document to one of the DSEDJ counters (located at the headquarters of the DSEDJ, Centre of Moral Education, Parenting Education Centre) for conducting 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 admit a child depending on whether the child has 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 bank book 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 change their decision after they have confirmed their preferred school online, they have to update the information on the DSEDJ website between 9th and 11th April, 2024.

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

- Parents have to give serious consideration to selecting the school for their children to attend and then confirm the preferred school on the webpage of “Central Registration” between 9th and 11th April, 2024; after that, parents can process enrolment at the preferred school within the specified period.
- 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 1 school online, places at other school(s) will be withdrawn.

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

Parents have to confirm their desired school on the DSEDJ website and go to the school in person to process enrolment within the specified period. Belated confirmation or enrolment at school will lead to the cancellation of the school place.

13. A child has enrolled at one school, but from 17th April, 2024 onwards, he/she is accepted by another more favourite school, how should his/her parents process registration?

Parents can log in to the webpage of “Central Registration” to obtain the first-time enrolment QR code again, or bring the child’s identity documents to process school 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?

Starting from 17th April, 2024 onwards, parents can visit the DSEDJ website to check the status of K1 places available at different schools, and go to the schools that still accept admission application for enquiry.

15. What should parents do if they did not conduct “Central Registration” for their children, or their children are not accepted by any school after schools have released the admission lists of waitlisted students?

- Parents do not need to worry as there are enough K1 places for the academic year 2024/2025. If a child has not been admitted to any school, parents can visit the DSEDJ website to check the status of K1 places available at different schools, and go to the schools that still accept admission application for enquiry starting from 17th April, 2024 onwards.
- The DSEDJ provides “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 children’s original and photocopy of Macao ID card (for Macao residents) or the children’s stay or residence permit (for non-Macao residents) to the DSEDJ headquarters in person to apply for the service during office hours. Address: 1st Floor, No. 7-9, Avenida de D. João IV, Macao; Tel number: 8397 2309.

16. Can a child who was born in December, 2021 not start kindergarten for the academic year 2024/2025? Can his/her parents register him/her in “Central Registration” for the academic year 2025/2026?

If a child has not enrolled in any school in Macao before, he/she can be registered through “Central Registration” for the academic year 2025/2026. Parents are advised to check the enrolment information and regulations of different schools in Macao in order to plan their children’s school education.