

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is currently seeking to make the appointment of:

## Chief Examiner for Mandarin **ab initio**

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is currently seeking an experienced individual to take on the role of **Chief Examiner** for its **Mandarin ab initio** course.

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation offering challenging programmes for a worldwide community of schools. It is now represented in over 150 countries and in over 5,000 schools. The IB provides an international pre-university curriculum and an international university entry qualification, which gives access to higher education on a worldwide basis. You may be interested to visit the public website at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) for more details.

One of the characteristics of the IB Diploma Programme is that students are required to study a second language, in addition to their “mother tongue,” as one of six subjects that constitute the diploma. The IB’s **language ab initio** course is a language acquisition course designed for students with no or little previous experience of the target language.

The Chief examiner is principally responsible for setting and maintaining the academic standard for their subject(s). They are therefore closely involved in setting question papers, marking candidates’ work, and determining the final grades of candidates.

As such the position of Chief examiner entails a commitment to attend meetings for activities such as question paper editing, examiner standardization and grade awarding. These meetings may be face-to-face or held online.

As a Chief examiner the post holder is also a member of the examining board for the IB. The examining board ensure that the IB programmes as a whole are coherent and fit for purpose.

A Chief examiner may also be invited to participate in curriculum and assessment development alongside teachers, external consultants, and IB academic staff. However, the IB currently operates a seven year cycle of curriculum review for individual subjects and courses, therefore the exact nature of this involvement will vary according to timing.

**All essential and desirable skills, qualifications and experience are listed in the recruitment policy available on the IB senior recruitment pages.**

The position is normally held for a period of five years, with an annual review.

The closing date for applications is **6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

Successful applicants will be notified by early December 2021.

Appointments will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

Enquiries should be directed to: [examiners@ibo.org](mailto:examiners@ibo.org)

For more information and to apply, please visit: [Senior Examiner vacancies](#)