Results of the Research Assessment Exercise 2020

Reading Guide

1. The order of RAE 2020 results in which they are given is alphabetical by the full official name of universities.

Universities	
CityU	City University of Hong Kong
HKBU	Hong Kong Baptist University
LU	Lingnan University
CUHK	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
EdUHK	The Education University of Hong Kong
PolyU	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
HKUST	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
HKU	The University of Hong Kong

2. The results are not for comparison purposes and not to be used in a standalone manner. This should be read in conjunction with the Guidance Notes, General Panel Guidelines and Panel-specific Guidelines on Assessment Criteria and Working Methods for the RAE 2020.

3. A Panel produced an overall quality profile by assessing three distinct elements of the assessment – research outputs, impact and environment – to produce a sub-profile for each element. The three sub-profiles of a unit of assessment will be aggregated to form the overall quality profile for the unit of assessment, with the research outputs weighted 70%, impact weighted 15% and environment weighted 15%. The overall quality profile and the sub-profiles shows the proportion of research activity in the submission judged to meet the definitions of starred levels. The sector-wide results and the results at university level by panel in the tables are computed by aggregating the results based on number of submissions.

Overall quality profile categories :

4 star	world leading
3 star	internationally excellent
2 star	international standing
1 star	limited standing
unclassified	

Outputs sub-profile categories :

4 star	world leading in terms of originality, significance and rigour
3 star	internationally excellent in terms of originality, significance and rigour
2 star	international standing in terms of originality, significance and rigour
1 star	research outputs of limited originality, significance and rigour
unclassified	not reaching the standard of 1 star; or not regarded as research outputs in the RAE 2020; or missing item in the submission

Impact sub-profile categories :

4 star	outstanding impacts in terms of their reach and significance
3 star	considerable impacts in terms of their reach and significance
2 star	some impacts in terms of their reach and significance
1 star	limited impacts in terms of their reach and significance
unclassified	the impact is of either no reach or no significance; or the impact was not eligible; or the impact was not underpinned by research produced by the submitting unit; or nil submission

Environment sub-profile categories :

4 star	an environment that is conducive to producing research of world-leading quality, in terms of its vitality and sustainability
3 star	an environment that is conducive to producing research of internationally excellent quality, in terms of its vitality and sustainability
2 star	an environment that is conducive to producing research of internationally recognised quality, in terms of its vitality and sustainability
1 star	an environment that is conducive to producing research of limited quality, in terms of its vitality and sustainability
unclassified	an environment that is not conducive to producing research of 1 star quality; or nil submission

4. In accordance with Guidance Notes paragraph 4.4 –

Universities' assignment of eligible academic staff to a research area and respective units of assessment can be subject to re-assignment by the UGC in case of an anomaly, such as the assignment of certain staff members to a research area and unit of assessment and yet a major part or even all of their research outputs are in the field of other research area(s) or unit(s) of assessment or RAE panel(s). The re-assignment will be based on the recommendations of relevant RAE panel(s) and clarifications made by universities concerned, if any. The re-assignment made will be final in forming the RAE results and no appeal on this will be considered.

The numbers of eligible staff shown in the tables have incorporated re-assignments by the UGC based on the recommendations of relevant RAE panels after considering the clarifications made by the universities concerned.

5. The number of staff covered by each panel varies significantly. The largest panel covers 650 or more eligible staff, while the smallest only covers about 100. The number of eligible staff in each university and each panel also varies.

6. Universities have made submission to different number of units of assessment in each panel. For example, University A has made submission to only one unit of assessment in the Biology Panel, while University B two.

7. In view of (5) and (6) above, it is neither fair nor appropriate to compare the quality profiles of different universities.

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Panel 7 - Built Environment

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles	Percentage judged to meet the standard of :						No. of eligible staff
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		
Sector-wide	**Overall**	**20**	**51**	**24**	**3**	**2**		237
	Outputs	18	53	26	2	1		
	Impact	26	48	15	0	11		
	Environment	25	45	24	6	0		
City University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**8**	**40**	**38**	**7**	**7**		43
	Outputs	11	54	30	5	0		
	Impact	0	0	50	0	50		
	Environment	0	18	62	20	0		
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**14**	**59**	**25**	**2**	**0**		10
	Outputs	16	46	35	3	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	20	80	0	0	0		
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	**Overall**	**26**	**47**	**25**	**1**	**1**		91
	Outputs	14	53	30	1	2		
	Impact	50	33	17	0	0		
	Environment	58	35	7	0	0		
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	**Overall**	**31**	**51**	**17**	**1**	**0**		28
	Outputs	18	56	25	1	0		
	Impact	50	50	0	0	0		
	Environment	70	30	0	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**26**	**58**	**13**	**2**	**1**		65
	Outputs	30	50	16	2	2		
	Impact	17	83	0	0	0		
	Environment	15	70	15	0	0		

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UoA 16 - civil engineering (incl. construction engineering & management) and building technology

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles	Percentage judged to meet the standard of :					4* 3* 2* 1* u/c	No. of eligible staff
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		
Sector-wide	**Overall**	**18**	**55**	**25**	**1**	**1**		145
	Outputs	12	57	30	1	0		
	Impact	30	50	10	0	10		
	Environment	35	50	15	0	0		
City University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**7**	**50**	**34**	**2**	**7**		28
	Outputs	10	59	29	2	0		
	Impact	0	0	50	0	50		
	Environment	0	55	45	0	0		
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	**Overall**	**24**	**52**	**23**	**1**	**0**		69
	Outputs	12	53	34	1	0		
	Impact	50	50	0	0	0		
	Environment	55	45	0	0	0		
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	**Overall**	**31**	**51**	**17**	**1**	**0**		28
	Outputs	18	56	25	1	0		
	Impact	50	50	0	0	0		
	Environment	70	30	0	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**10**	**72**	**17**	**1**	**0**		20
	Outputs	11	66	22	1	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	15	70	15	0	0		

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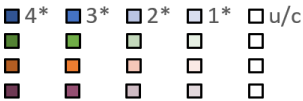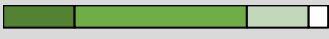
UoA 17 - architecture

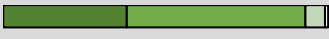| Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles	Percentage judged to meet the standard of :					4* 3* 2* 1* u/c	No. of eligible staff
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		
Sector-wide	**Overall**	**23**	**42**	**29**	**3**	**3**		35
	Outputs	30	35	27	4	4		
	Impact	0	75	25	0	0		
	Environment	12	45	43	0	0		
City University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**14**	**35**	**48**	**3**	**0**		5
	Outputs	20	50	25	5	0		
	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**14**	**59**	**25**	**2**	**0**		10
	Outputs	16	46	35	3	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	20	80	0	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**30**	**41**	**21**	**2**	**6**		20
	Outputs	40	25	23	4	8		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	15	55	30	0	0		

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UoA 18 - planning and surveying (land and other)

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles	Percentage judged to meet the standard of :						No. of eligible staff
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		
Sector-wide	**Overall**	**28**	**46**	**17**	**5**	**4**		57
	Outputs	26	53	16	3	2		
	Impact	40	20	20	0	20		
	Environment	25	37	18	20	0		
City University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**6**	**30**	**31**	**18**	**15**		10
	Outputs	8	43	36	13	0		
	Impact	0	0	0	0	100		
	Environment	0	0	40	60	0		
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	**Overall**	**32**	**41**	**23**	**0**	**4**		22
	Outputs	22	53	19	0	6		
	Impact	50	0	50	0	0		
	Environment	60	25	15	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	**Overall**	**36**	**59**	**4**	**1**	**0**		25
	Outputs	38	55	6	1	0		
	Impact	50	50	0	0	0		
	Environment	15	85	0	0	0		

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