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 :

Overall qual	ny prome 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-p	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
Environmen	t 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

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 -

1 star

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 reassignment 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.

an environment that is conducive to producing research of limited quality, in terms of its vitality and sustainability

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.

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles		Percent neet the	00	0		■ 4* ■ 3* ■ 2* ■ 1* ■ u/c ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	No. of eligible
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		staff
Sector-wide	Overall	17	40	37	5	1		464
	Outputs	13	39	40	7	1		
	Impact	26	50	24	0	0		
	Environment	24	40	30	б	0		
City University of	Overall	14	42	37	5	2		85
Hong Kong	Outputs	9	36	45	7	3		
	Impact	29	57	14	0	0		
	Environment	20	60	20	0	0		
Hong Kong Baptist University	Overall	13	41	43	3	0		67
	Outputs	15	39	42	4	0		
	Impact	17	50	33	0	0		
	Environment	0	40	60	0	0		
Lingnan University	Overall	8	30	55	7	0		27
	Outputs	12	37	47	4	0		
	Impact	0	25	75	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	75	25	0		
The Chinese University of Hong	Overall	23	45	29	3	0		98
Kong	Outputs	15	42	38	5	0		
	Impact	33	56	11	0	0		
	Environment	50	50	0	0	0		
The Education	Overall	8	30	52	9	1		50
University of Hong Kong	Outputs	5	29	52	13	1		
Tiong	Impact	33	34	33	0	0		
	Environment	0	25	75	0	0		
The Hong Kong Polytechnic	Overall	12	51	29	6	2		38
University	Outputs	10	37	42	8	3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
U	Impact	33	67	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The Hong Kong University of	Overall	29	47	21	3	0		19
Science and	Outputs	31	46	19	4	0		
Technology	Impact	0	50	50	0	0		
	Environment	50	50	0	0	0		

Panel 10 - Social Sciences

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles	Percentage judged to meet the standard of :					∎ 4* ■	∎3* ■	■ 2* ■	• 🗆 1* □	□u/c □	No. of eligible
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c						staff
The University of Hong Kong	Overall	22	45	25	7	1						80
Hong Kong	Outputs	14	45	33	6	2						
	Impact	33	56	11	0	0						
	Environment	50	33	0	17	0						

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Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles		Percentaneet the	00	0		■4* ■3* ■2* ■1* ■u/c ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	No. of eligible
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		staff
Sector-wide	Overall	16	36	42	6	0		71
	Outputs	9	36	47	8	0		
	Impact	25	50	25	0	0		
	Environment	40	20	40	0	0		
City University of Hong Kong	Overall	19	18	53	10	0		12
Hong Kong	Outputs	6	25	54	15	0		
	Impact	100	0	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0 [
Lingnan University	Overall	0	20	72	8	0		6
	Outputs	0	29	59	12	0		
	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0 [
The Chinese	Overall	22	45	31	2	0		20
University of Hong Kong	Outputs	10	43	44	3	0		
ixing	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		
The Education University of Hong	Overall	5	39	48	8	0		16
Kong	Outputs	7	24	57	12	0		
8	Impact	0	50	50	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	Overall	34	42	22	2	0		17
	Outputs	16	50	31	3	0		
	Impact	50	50	0	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles		Percent neet the 3*		-	u/c	■ 4* ■ 3* ■ 2* ■ 1* ■ u/c ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	No. of eligible staff
Sector-wide	Overall	19	39	37	5	0		105
	Outputs	13	42	38	7	0		
	Impact	20	50	30	0	0		
	Environment	43	14	43	0	0		
City University of	Overall	22	39	35	3	1		34
Hong Kong	Outputs	10	41	43	5	1		
	Impact	0	67	33	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		
Hong Kong Baptist University	Overall	11	40	45	4	0		8
c · c _ c _ c _ c _ c _ c _ c _ c _	Outputs	16	36	42	6	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
Lingnan University	Overall	6	28	63	3	0		7
	Outputs	9	39	48	4	0		
	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
The Chinese University of Hong	Overall	9	66	22	3	0		14
Kong	Outputs	13	51	31	5	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The Education University of Hong	Overall	15	18	54	13	0		17
Kong	Outputs	0	26	55	19	0		
	Impact	100	0	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
The Hong Kong University of	Overall	42	28	27	3	0		12
Science and	Outputs	38	41	17	4	0		
Technology	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	Overall	28	54	17	1	0		13
HVIIg KUIIg	Outputs	19	55	24	2	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		

UoA 25 - political science (incl. public policy & administration & international relations)

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles			age jud standa 2*	-	u/c	4* 3* 2* 1* u/c 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	No. of eligible staff
Sector-wide	Overall	15	50	32	2	1		44
	Outputs	12	47	36	4	1		
	Impact	20	60	20	0	0		
	Environment	25	50	25	0	0		
Hong Kong Baptist University	Overall	11	45	44	0	0		14
Oniversity	Outputs	15	44	41	0	0		
	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The Chinese University of Hong	Overall	29	38	27	6	0		16
Kong	Outputs	9	44	39	8	0		
B	Impact	50	50	0	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		
The Education University of Hong	Overall	6	56	32	6	0		6
Kong	Outputs	8	59	25	8	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	Overall	11	65	22	0	2		8
mong mong	Outputs	16	50	31	0	3		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		

UoA 26 - geography

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles	I	Percent neet the	standa	rd of :		■4* ■3* ■2* ■1* ■u/c ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	No. of eligible
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		staff
Sector-wide	Overall	16	44	37	2	1		81
	Outputs	18	41	36	4	1		
	Impact	22	45	33	0	0		
	Environment	0	57	43	0	0		
City University of Hong Kong	Overall	27	45	20	7	1		12
Hong Kong	Outputs	17	43	29	9	2		
	Impact	100	0	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
Hong Kong Baptist University	Overall	8	36	50	6	0		10
	Outputs	11	31	50	8	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
Lingnan University	Overall	19	44	37	0	0		6
	Outputs	27	41	32	0	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
The Chinese University of Hong	Overall	18	55	26	1	0		19
Kong	Outputs	25	47	27	1	0		
	Impact	0	50	50	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The Education University of Hong	Overall	6	16	68	9	1		11
Kong	Outputs	9	23	54	12	2		
0	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
The Hong Kong University of	Overall	13	70	14	3	0		7
Science and	Outputs	18	57	21	4	0		
Technology	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The University of	Overall	20	46	33	1	0		16
Hong Kong	Outputs	18	44	36	2	0		
	Impact	50	0	50	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		

UoA 27 - sociology & anthropology

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles	r	Percentaneet the	standa	-		■ 4* ■ 3* ■ 2* ■ 1* ■ u/c ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	No. of eligible
		4*	3*	2*	1*	u/c		staff
Sector-wide	Overall	13	40	39	7	1		108
	Outputs	10	35	47	6	2		
	Impact	22	56	22	0	0		
	Environment	17	50	16	17	0		
City University of Hong Kong	Overall	8	48	36	5	3		15
Hong Kong	Outputs	12	25	51	7	5		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
Hong Kong Baptist University	Overall	0	14	83	3	0		12
Chiversity	Outputs	0	20	75	5	0		
	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	100	0	0		
Lingnan University	Overall	9	29	47	15	0		8
	Outputs	13	41	46	0	0		
	Impact	0	0	100	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	0	100	0		
The Chinese University of Hong	Overall	27	41	27	5	0		14
Kong	Outputs	17	37	39	7	0		
8	Impact	100	0	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The Hong Kong Polytechnic	Overall	12	51	29	6	2		38
University	Outputs	10	37	42	8	3		
J	Impact	33	67	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The University of	Overall	20	47	30	3	0		21
Hong Kong	Outputs	7	46	43	4	0		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		

UoA 28 - social work and social policy

Sector-wide / university	Quality profile & sub-profiles			age jud standa 2*	-	u/c	4* 3* 2* 1* u/c	No. of eligible staff
Sector-wide	Overall	23	39	25	10	3		55
	Outputs	14	37	36	9	4		
	Impact	60	40	0	0	0		
	Environment	25	50	0	25	0		
City University of	Overall	1	57	34	4	4		12
Hong Kong	Outputs	2	38	48	6	6		
	Impact	0	100	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
Hong Kong Baptist University	Overall	24	57	16	3	0		23
University	Outputs	24	49	22	5	0		
	Impact	50	50	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	100	0	0	0		
The Chinese University of Hong	Overall	40	21	36	2	1		15
Kong	Outputs	14	30	51	3	2		
nong	Impact	100	0	0	0	0		
	Environment	100	0	0	0	0		
The University of Hong Kong	Overall	15	7	11	53	14		5
mong mong	Outputs	0	10	15	55	20		
	Impact	100	0	0	0	0		
	Environment	0	0	0	100	0		

UoA 29 - communications & media studies