

Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK)

<https://www.chinesetest.cn/HSK>



The HSK Chinese Proficiency Test is an international standardized test that assesses learners' proficiency levels in Mandarin Chinese and their ability to use the language in their daily, academic, and professional lives. The HSK follows Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education and aligns with assessment standards established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Test-taker levels are assigned based on test scores, with Level 9 being the highest. These results are internationally recognized for certificates, scholarships, and study-abroad opportunities.

ACTFL	LEVEL	ABILITY DESCRIPTION
Novice Low	HSK 1	Able to understand and use a limited number of memorized words and phrases in Chinese.
Novice Mid	HSK 2	Able to understand use a growing number of memorized words and phrases in Chinese.
Novice High	HSK 3	Able to understand and use Chinese words, phrases, and simple sentences.
Intermediate Low/Mid	HSK 4	Able to use Chinese sentences to communicate to meet immediate personal and social needs.
Intermediate High	HSK 5	Able to use Chinese to communicate and complete basic tasks in life, studies, and work.
Advanced	HSK 6	Able to use Chinese to tell stories, describe settings and people, and handle most social/work needs.
Superior, Distinguished	HSK 7-9	Able to understand and use complex language across various topics and genres and engage in in-depth discussion.

*HSK (Levels 7-9) is one test divided into three levels according to the test results.

HSK SPEAKING TEST

The HSK Speaking Test assesses the test takers' oral Chinese abilities. It consists of three levels, including elementary, intermediate, and advanced. The HSK speaking test is conducted in the form of an audio recording.

SPEAKING TEST RANK	LEVEL	ABILITY DESCRIPTION
Novice Level	HSK 1	Be able to understand and use simple oral expressions in Chinese on familiar and routine matters.
	HSK 2	
	HSK 3	
Intermediate Level	HSK 4	Be able to understand and use sentences in Chinese to meet routine personal and social needs.
Advanced Level	HSK 5	Be able to understand and use Chinese to handle most social and work situations.
	HSK 6	

TEST PURPOSE

HSK is the world's third-largest language test brand after IELTS and TOEFL. HSK scores have become required to prove Chinese language proficiency for international students to apply for admission, graduation, and funding support in China. For those looking to work in China, a high HSK score can help demonstrate sufficient proficiency to employers and government officials and better chances of obtaining a working visa. Support college enrollment, placement, course exemption, and credits. Earn scholarships and enroll in study abroad opportunities. Enable employee recruiting, training, and advancement. Enable evaluation of the quality of teaching at colleges, schools, and other educational institutions. Support Chinese language learners' self-evaluation.

Testing Fees (USD)

HSK Level 1 (40 mins) \$35
HSK Level 2 (55 mins) \$45
HSK Level 3 (90 mins) \$55
HSK Level 4 (105 mins) \$65
HSK Level 5 (125 mins) \$75

HSK Level 6 (140 mins) \$85

HSK Speaking Novice (20 mins) \$35
HSK Speaking Intermediate (23 mins) \$45
HSK Speaking Advanced (25 mins) \$55