



# Bachelor of Science in Applied Child Development (A202)

Admissions Talk (October 2025)



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# Short survey

- Q: Where did you learn about the BSc(ACD) programme?
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# Programme Overview

- The BSc (Applied Child Development) [(ACD)] programme is a **two-year top-up degree** for holders of Higher Diplomas or Associate Degrees in the field of Early Childhood Education to upgrade their academic qualifications.
- Successful applicants shall be admitted directly to **Year 3** (i.e. there is no Year 1 or Year 2 admission).



# Professional Recognition

Graduates of the BSc(ACD) programme will:

(i) be eligible for registration as **Child Care Workers** and **Child Care Supervisors** under the Child Care Services Regulations;

(ii) be considered to have met the required BEd(ECE) requirement for **new KG principal appointment**\*.

\* Based on EDB's official document, "[Professional Upgrading for Newly-appointed Kindergarten Principals](#)", a locally recognised Bachelor Degree / higher degree plus a locally recognised Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education [PGDE(ECE)] or C(ECE) qualification can be considered to have **met the required BEd(ECE) requirement for new KG principal appointment**.



# Special Features

- The BSc (ACD) programme
  - provides students with a strong foundation in the **knowledge, skills and attitude** required for working with a wide diversity of children and families.
  - allows students to gain insights into the theories of **child development** and acquire deep understanding of the interrelationships among **theory, research, practice and policy**.



# Programme Structure (120 credits)



Major in  
Applied Child  
Development



Language  
Enhancement



Common  
Core



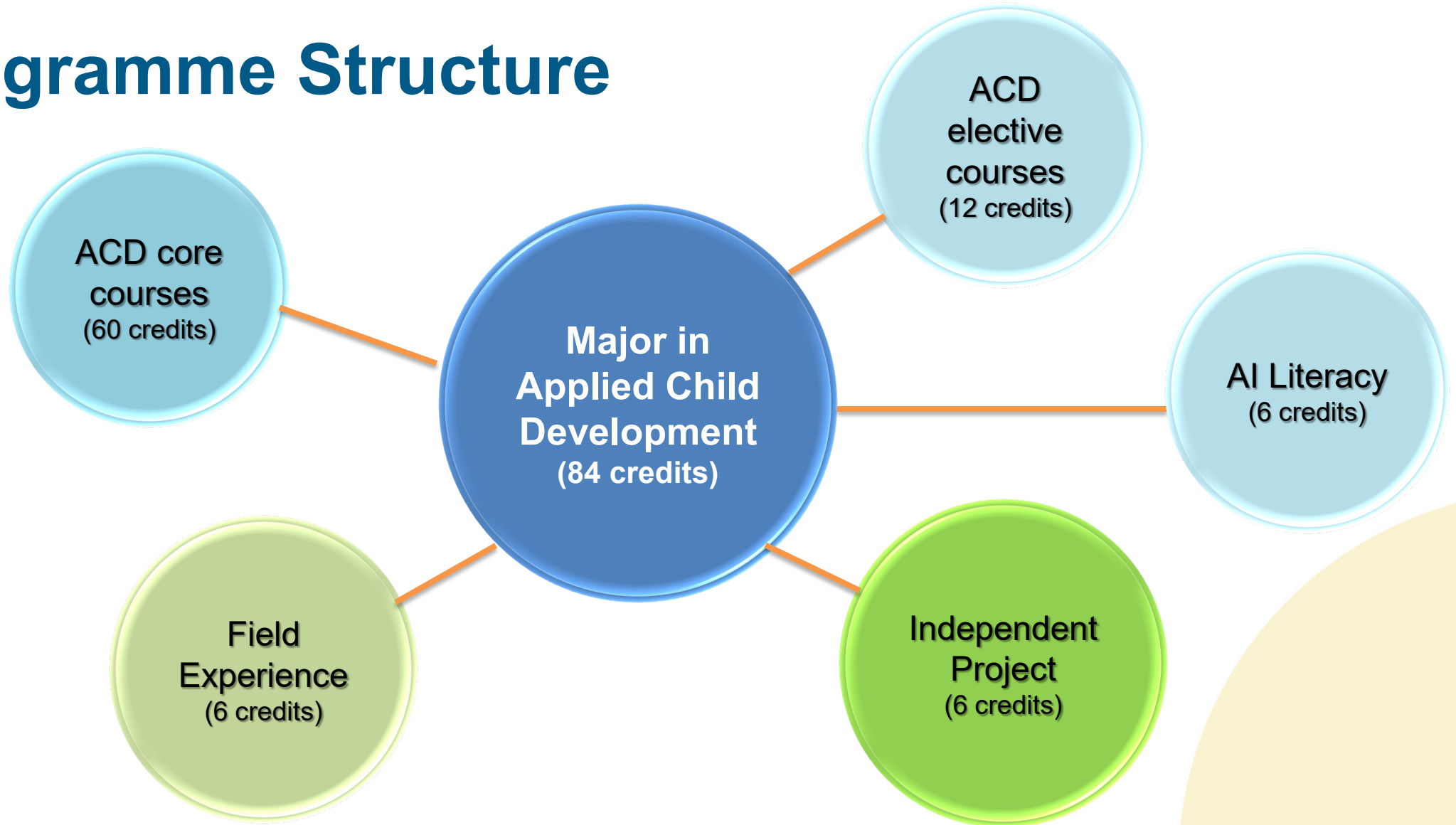
Electives



AI Literacy



# Programme Structure



# ACD Core Courses

- The programme offers courses that cover a variety of topics including:
  - Perspectives on Early Childhood Development and Learning
  - Cognitive and Language Development
  - Social and Emotional Development
  - Physical Development
  - Introduction to Research Methods
  - Observation and Assessment of Children and Early Childhood Programmes
  - Development and Education of Young Children with Special Needs
  - Child Development and Public Policy
  - Developmental Neuroscience





# ACD Elective Courses

- The programme offers elective courses that cover a variety of topics. Examples of elective courses offered include:
  - Bilingualism in Young Children
  - Children, Arts and Technology
  - Children's play and learning
  - Guidance and Counseling
  - Contemporary Issues in Child Development



# Field Experience

- Field experience provides students with the opportunity to **apply and integrate** the knowledge gained from coursework to research and practice.
- Field experience sites include **research organisations, non-profit organisations and other professional settings**.
  - Special educational needs, family support services, children's rights and protection
- Your work will be supervised by the Field Supervisor at the placement site and by the Faculty Supervisor through a series of seminar meetings.



# Independent Project

- In second year of study, students complete an **independent research project** under the supervision of a Faculty mentor in a self-selected area of interest.



# Other Learning Opportunities

- [Experiential Learning](#) in the summer
- Exchange programme in the summer
  - Universities attended by BSc(ACD) students before:
    - University of California, Los Angeles
    - The University of British Columbia, Canada
    - Yonsei University, Korea
    - University of Helsinki, Finland



# Other Learning Opportunities

- Study trip/ visits/ seminars









# Why choose HKU?

- Internationally, HKU Faculty of Education ranks:
- No. 6 in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject
- No. 1 among Asian universities

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Rank	Name Country/Region	No. of FTE Students	No. of students per staff	International Students	Female:Male Ratio	
1	University of California, Berkeley United States	39,991	17.9	22%	52 : 48	
2	Stanford University United States	14,517	6.4	23%	47 : 53	
3	University of Oxford United Kingdom	21,750	10.9	42%	49 : 51	
4	University of Cambridge United Kingdom	20,565	11.5	38%	48 : 52	
5	Harvard University United States	20,050	9.0	25%	51 : 49	
6	University of Hong Kong Hong Kong <a href="#">Explore</a>	18,103	18.3	43%	55 : 45	
7	Tsinghua University China	38,518	11.2	10%	n/a	

# Why choose HKU?

- **Internationally, HKU Faculty of Education ranks No. 3 in the QS World University Rankings for Education 2025**
- Well established **reputation** in early childhood education
- **Freedom** to explore and **broaden** opportunities
- **Supportive** learning environment
- **Flexible** career and study pathways
- Programme instructors with **extensive local and international teaching and administrative experience in early childhood settings**

# Learning experience in HKU

Sharing by current ACD student



# Career Prospects

**Teaching positions** in schools and child care centres, special schools and other educational settings

Teaching

Administration

**Administration** in NGOs, family and children's agencies and other educational bodies

Research

**Research opportunities** in organisations and tertiary institutions

Further studies

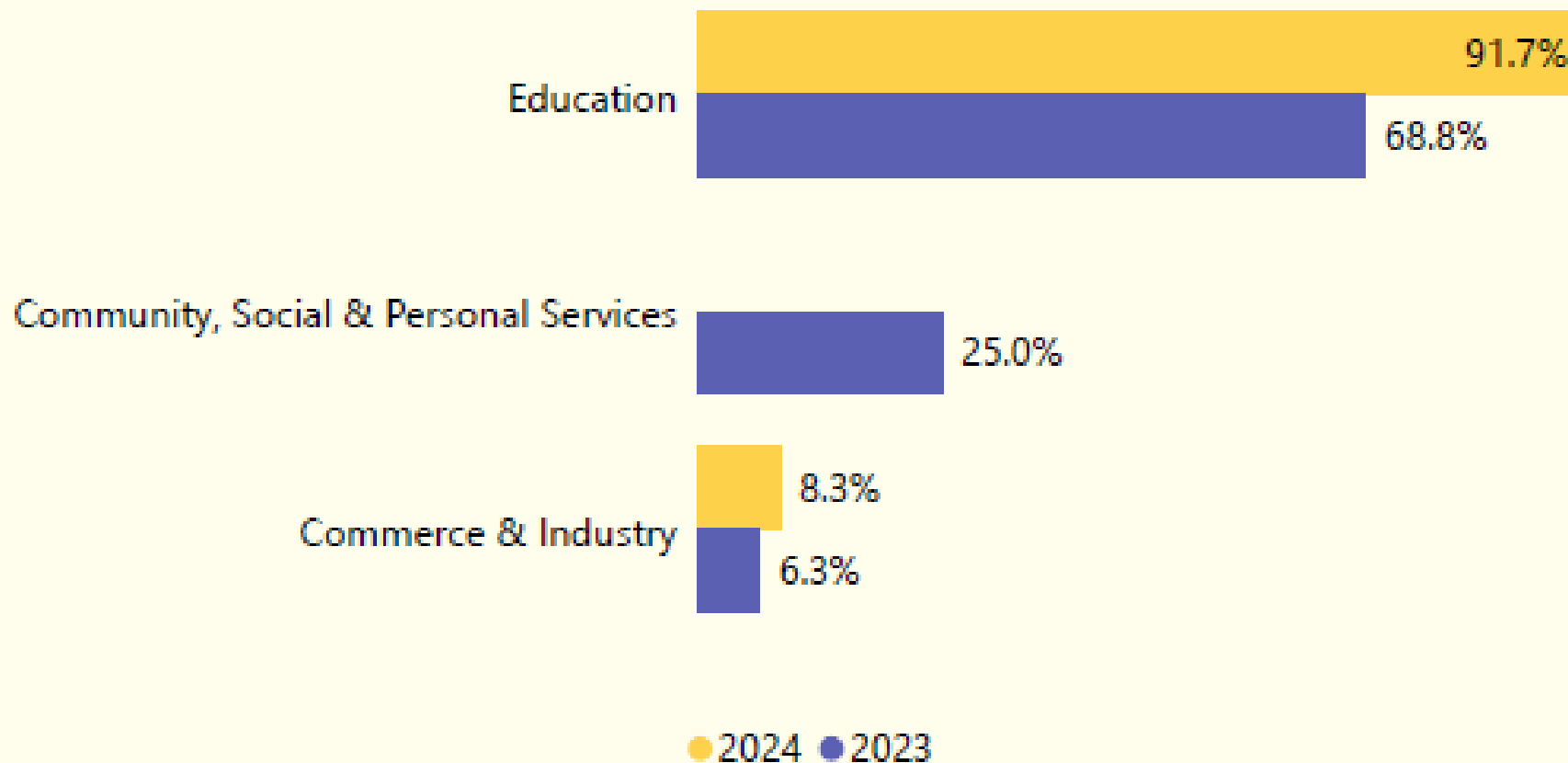
**Further studies** in the field of early childhood education and related areas



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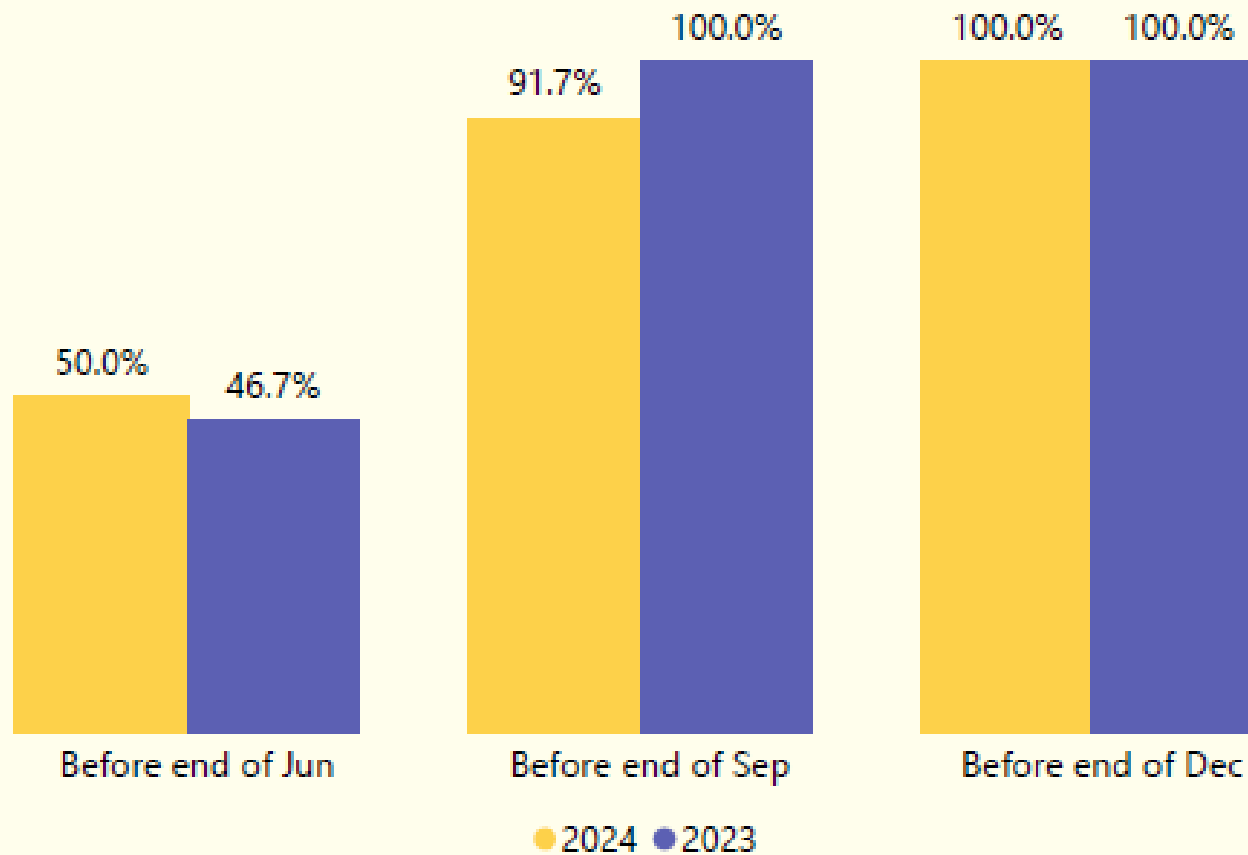
## Employment Sector

Kindergarten Teacher  
Native English Teacher  
Teacher Assistant  
Tutor Centre (Manager)  
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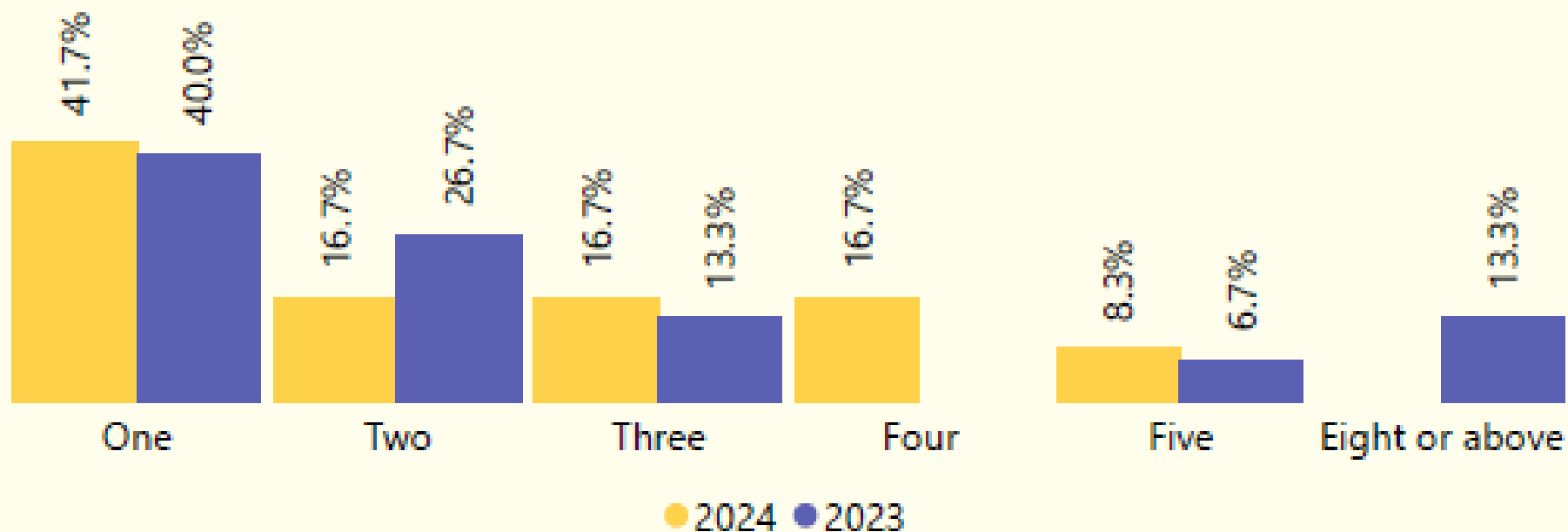
## Time to Receive First Job Offer





# Career Prospects

## Number of Job Offer Received



# Career Prospects

Sharing by ACD graduates



# Admission Requirements

- Candidates holding a recognised **Higher Diploma/Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education** of at least two years in duration from a community college in Hong Kong are eligible to apply.
- Final-year students on such programmes can also apply and their applications will be considered subject to their completion of the programme by August 2026.
- There are **20 places for admissions** to the BSc(ACD) programme for the September 2026 intake.



# Application Process

- Applicants should submit their applications through "[Admissions to Senior Year Places](#)".
- Programme Code: A202
- You are strongly advised to put this programme as your **1<sup>st</sup> choice**.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an **interview and a written test in February – early April 2026**.
- Admission decision will be announced on a rolling basis starting from February / March 2026 up till the end of August 2026.



**To conclude...**

Possibility  
(Potential)

Opportunity

# Further Information

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# Thank you!

# Q & A

