



## **basic education**

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### **CIRCULAR E3 OF 2022**

#### **SPECIAL MINISTERIAL DEVIATIONS RELATING TO THE 2021 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER AND THE 2022 MAY/JUNE EXAMINATIONS.**

- 1. ALLOWING NSC LEARNERS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS TO WRITE THE 2022 MAY/JUNE EXAMINATION**
  - 1.1. The May/June examination up to 2021 was regarded as a supplementary examination and hence only candidates that registered for the October/November examination of the preceding year, could register to write the May/June examination.
  - 1.2. However, with the opening up of the May/June examination and the May/June examination being regarded as an independent, standalone examination with effect from May/June 2022, candidates that wrote previous October/November examinations, in the subject concerned, from 2008 would be allowed to write the 2022 May/June examination
  
- 2. WRITING BOTH OR ALL THREE PAPERS IN CASES WHERE THE CANDIDATE MISSES ONE PAPER IN A SUBJECT DUE TO A VALID REASON IN THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EXAMINATION**
  - 2.1. Currently, a candidate who did not write or complete the October/November NSC examination in one more question papers in a specific subject based on a valid reason has the choice to write the examination in the entire subject or only in the outstanding question paper/s in the subsequent May/June examination.

- 2.2 However, the 2022 May/June examination being a standalone examination, cannot be linked to the previous examination.
- 2.3 Therefore, a candidate who due to a valid reason missed one paper in the October/November examination, must during the 2022 May/June examination write both papers or all three papers (in the case of Languages) and not just the one or two papers that were missed, as was the case in previous years.
3. **RESULTING OF NSC PART-TIME REPEAT CANDIDATES THAT WROTE THE 2021 NSC EXAMINATION IN TECHNICAL MATHEMATICS, WHEN THE PAT WAS INTRODUCED**
- 3.1 Part-time NSC candidates that registered to re-write Technical mathematics in the 2021 NSC examination, when the Practical Assessment Task (PAT) was introduced in this subject, will be resulted excluding the PAT, for the October/November 2021 NSC candidates. This is however a once-off concession.
- 3.2 All part-time candidates registered to re-write Technical Mathematics in the October/November 2022 Examination must ensure that they complete the PAT for Technical Mathematics. Provincial Education Departments are encouraged to identify and advise those candidates accordingly.
4. These concessions are granted as an interim measure until the policy relating to these issues are amended.
5. For any enquiries, please contact the Chief Director: National Assessments and Public Examinations, Dr RR Poliah, Tel: (012) 357 3900.



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