



## **2021 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS - INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOL CANDIDATES ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES DUE TO COVID-19 [Version dated 10 October 2021]**

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, your safety and well-being is our priority. Please read these instructions. **The following is applicable to GCE Examinations (including Science Practical / Oral / Practical Examinations) to be conducted from 11 October 2021:**

### ***Safe Arrangements for Candidates for the National Examinations***

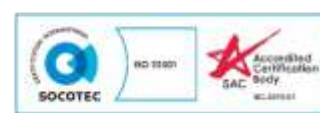
1. Please **do not report for examination** and **do inform** your teacher, if you are:
  - (a) A confirmed COVID-19 case
  - (b) On Stay Home Notice (SHN)
2. If you are on SHN because you needed to travel overseas on compassionate reasons (e.g. attending a funeral of next-of-kin, visiting a critically ill next-of-kin), you may be permitted to take the written examinations (not applicable for Science Practical/Listening Comprehension/Practical/e-Examination) under special arrangements. Inform your teacher immediately and produce the relevant supporting documents (e.g. certifying letter from doctor or death certificate of next-of-kin).
3. If you are notified by MOH to be close contact of a Confirmed COVID-19 case (i.e. issued with Health Risk Warning (HRW)), you must inform your school immediately. You will be **allowed to sit for** the examinations if you meet the following conditions :
  - (a) a negative ART result upon receiving the HRW notice, and
  - (b) a negative ART result before you leave your place of residence on each examination day, during the 7-Day HRW period), in adherence to MOH guidelines

Note: You are required to present a photo of your ART result that was done on the day of examination before you leave your place of residence, to the invigilator when you report for examination. The photo must clearly show your identity card (placed next to the ART test kit) and the following :

- Date of the ART done (marked on the ART test kit)
- Test result (should be negative)

#### 4. On Medical Leave due to Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) and/or fever (non-ARI)

You will be allowed to sit for the examination if you have fully recovered and are visibly well (no fever and/or not showing ARI symptoms) and you do a self-swab ART before you leave your place of residence on each examination day (until the end of your MC period) and have a negative ART result.



You are required to present a photo of the ART result that was done on the day of examination before you leave your place of residence, to the invigilator when you report for examination. The photo must clearly show your identity card (placed next to the ART test kit) and the following :

- Date of the ART done (marked on the ART kit)
- Test result (should be negative)

**If you are symptomatic and you have been prescribed a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by a healthcare professional to assess for COVID-19 infection, you must continue to self-isolate till your PCR result is out and is negative. Until then, you will not be allowed to sit for examination.**

5. If you are unable to sit for papers in the national examinations with valid reasons, special consideration will be granted. Your school will make the application for you. In awarding a grade, we will take into consideration multiple sources of evidence, such as your performance in the other papers for that affected subject in the national and school-based examinations as well as the school cohort's performance in the national and school-based examinations.

Note: As candidates on HRW are allowed to sit for the national examinations if their ART results are negative, HRW will no longer be a valid reason for candidates to miss the examinations unless there is evidence to show that their ART results are positive or that they are unwell on the day of examination.

### ***Safe Management Measures for the Conduct of National Examinations***

6. If you are not well, such as having a fever and flu-like symptoms, do not report for examination and inform your teacher. There will be visual screening and temperature taking at the examination venues before the start of the examinations. You must bring your TraceTogether token when you report for examination. Please arrive at your examination centre at least 45 minutes before the start of your paper.
7. You will be seated at least 1.5m apart from another candidate. During the break time between papers, invigilators will allow candidates to visit designated toilets in small batches. You will also be dismissed from the examination venue in smaller groups and staggered.
8. You must wear surgical masks or reusable masks of equivalent effectiveness at all times. Refusal to put on a face mask is an offence in Singapore under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act. Do note that the invigilator may ask you to remove your mask to verify your identity when taking attendance.
9. If you are unwell during the examination, please inform an examination personnel immediately. The school leaders will assess your condition and decide on appropriate measures such as making arrangement for you to see a doctor or to send you home.

10. For examinations that are conducted in shifts/sessions (such as the Science Practical or Computer Applications Practical), you will be instructed to wipe down apparatus, equipment and exam desks that may be used by the next shift/session.
11. If you are sitting for a Science Practical examination, please take note of the following additional arrangements:
  - a) The interval between consecutive shifts has been extended by 20 mins. The time extension is to ensure that there is sufficient time for candidates to wipe down the apparatus/equipment after their practical exam and also to cater to the 10-min wet contact time for effective disinfection to take place.
  - b) Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after the Science Practical examination.
  - c) Wear your face mask at all times during the Science Practical examination. Face shields should not be used in the Science labs as they may not be specifically designed for use in such environments.
12. Invigilators will maintain a safe distance from the candidates, except during issuing of Question Papers, verifying attendance, and collecting answer scripts.
13. You can refer to the SEAB website: [www.seab.gov.sg](http://www.seab.gov.sg) for more information on the examination rules and regulations, as well as the arrangements for candidates who are affected by COVID-19 and other major disruption during examination days.

***Safe Management Measures at the examination centre for candidates on HRW / MC (due to ARI) / MC due to fever (non-ARI)***

14. You will be required to go through screening procedure before you enter the examination venue. Please observe all safe distancing measures. Maintain a safe distance away from other persons at the examination centre. You must wear a surgical mask at all times.
15. When you arrive at your examination centre, you must report directly to the designated reporting venue (as advised by your school). You will be seated in a different examination room. Do not mingle with any candidates in the school.
16. If you are unwell during the examination, please inform an examination personnel immediately. You will be assessed on your condition by the examination personnel who will decide on appropriate measures.
17. You are not allowed leave the examination room without the permission of the invigilator. If you are sitting for two or more papers on the same day, you are advised to bring your food/snacks to eat at your seat during the break in between the examinations. Please inform the invigilator if you need to go to the toilet so that you can be escorted to the designated toilet.

***After the examination***

18. You will be dismissed from the examination room at staggered timing to avoid mingling with other candidates.

With the evolving COVID-19 situation, you must also comply with any additional instructions that SEAB may announce nearer to the examination dates. You should refer to SEAB website at [www.seab.gov.sg](http://www.seab.gov.sg) for updates before you sit for your examination

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