



**2021 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS -  
INSTRUCTIONS TO PRIVATE CANDIDATES ON SAFE MANAGEMENT  
MEASURES DUE TO COVID-19 [Version dated 26 August 2021]**

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, your safety is our priority. Please read these instructions. **The following is applicable to GCE Examinations from Sep 2021.**

You are required to adhere to the procedures spelt out in this document. Appropriate actions will be taken against those who made false declarations or violate any of the instructions/procedures, and this may include having your examination results annulled.

In addition, candidates found to have breached their Quarantine Order (QO) / Stay Home Notice (SHN) may be prosecuted under Section 21A of the Infectious Diseases Act.

***Safe Arrangements for Candidates for the National Year-End Examinations***

1. Please **do not report for examination** if you are:
  - a. A COVID-19 Confirmed case
  - b. On Quarantine Order (QO)
  - c. 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. You can write to SEAB at [seab\\_gce\\_admin@seab.gov.sg](mailto:seab_gce_admin@seab.gov.sg), and produce the relevant supporting documents (e.g. certifying letter from doctor/death certificate of next-of-kin) at least 1 week before your examination.
  
3. If you are **required by MOH to go for mandatory testing or you are issued with a Health Risk Warning (HRW) by MOH**, you are not allowed to sit for the examination unless you have received a negative COVID-19 PCR test result.
  - (a) You must inform SEAB immediately by writing to [seab\\_gce\\_admin@seab.gov.sg](mailto:seab_gce_admin@seab.gov.sg) if you need to go for mandatory testing as required by MOH or you are issued with a HRW, during the examination period.



- (b) You must present your COVID-19 PCR test results to the Chief Presiding Examiner of your examination centre when you report for examination. Only candidates with negative PCR test result will be permitted to sit for their examinations.
  - (c) You will sit the examination in a separate room.
4. If you are **on medical leave due to Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI)**, you are not allowed to sit for the examination unless you have received a negative COVID-19 PCR test result.
- (a) Candidates who are unwell, especially if displaying respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, cough or sore throat, should see a doctor at a designated General Practitioner (GP) clinic participating in the Swab-and-Send-Home (SASH) initiative, or a polyclinic, preferably in the morning. A list of GP clinics participating in the SASH initiative can be found at the following website: [www.phpc.gov.sg](http://www.phpc.gov.sg).
  - (b) If you **display symptoms less than four days before the examination**, as well as in **between different examination dates**, you should seek medical attention at polyclinics to ensure timely diagnosis.
  - (c) While awaiting notification of the COVID-19 PCR test results, you must stay at home, and will not be allowed to enter the examination venue.
  - (d) If you are below 16 years of age, you must be accompanied by an adult (preferably parent/guardian) for the PCR test. After being tested, you or your parent/guardian may be notified via SMS notification or call by the doctor on the outcome of the test, typically within a few working days. Some results may take longer if additional verification is needed. Alternatively, you can check the test result via HealthHub online or through mobile application.
  - (e) You must present your COVID-19 PCR test results to the Chief Presiding Examiner of your examination centre when you report for examination. Only candidates with negative PCR test result will be permitted to sit for their examinations.
  - (f) You will sit the examination in a separate room.
5. If you are unable to sit for papers in the national examinations, you may apply for special consideration. For more information on the eligibility criteria and application procedures for special consideration, you can refer to para 5.2 of the “Examinations Rules and Regulations for Private Candidates” document which is available online at .

### ***Safe Management Measures (SMM) for the Conduct of National Examinations***

6. If you are not well, such as having a fever (38°C and above) and flu-like symptoms, do not report for your examination and inform SEAB at [seab\\_gce\\_admin@seab.gov.sg](mailto:seab_gce_admin@seab.gov.sg).
7. Follow the SMM that are implemented by the examination centre, such as temperature taking, declaration of personal information, travel history/health condition before you enter the examination venue. You are required to have the TraceTogether App for SafeEntry check-in at the examination centre. You can obtain information on how to download the TraceTogether App via [www.tracetgether.gov.sg](http://www.tracetgether.gov.sg). It is mandatory that you follow the procedures as only those who have completed the procedures are allowed to enter the examination venue.
8. Please arrive at your examination centre at least 45 minutes before the start of your paper.
9. Please observe all safe distancing measures. You will be seated at least 1.5m apart from another candidate. During the break time between the two 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 at staggered intervals.
10. 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.
11. For examinations that are conducted in shifts/sessions (such as the Science Practical or Computer Applications Practical), you will be instructed to wipe down the apparatus, equipment and the exam desks that may be used by candidates in the next shift/session.
12. 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.
13. If you are unwell during the examination, please inform an examination personnel immediately. You will be accompanied by an examination personnel to a separate room. The examination personnel will assess your condition and will decide on appropriate measures, such as making arrangements for you to see a doctor or to send you home. They will follow up with SEAB.
14. In the event of a major disruption such as a major train service disruption, you should still make your way to your designated examination centre. You will be given the full duration if you reach the examination centre before the end of the examination. If you are unable to reach your examination centre before the end of the paper, you can go to an examination centre nearest to you to take your examination. (This arrangement does not apply to Science Practical/Practical/Computer-based Examinations where candidates must report to their assigned examination centre for the examinations).
15. You can refer to the SEAB website : <https://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.

With the evolving COVID-19 situation, you must also comply with any additional instructions that SEAB may announce nearer to the examination dates. Please refer to SEAB website at <https://www.seab.gov.sg> or updates of procedures before your examination.

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