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## **NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS WILL PROCEED AS SCHEDULED ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2015**

### ***ALL NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED IN ENCLOSED SPACES; PROCESSES IN PLACE FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE UNWELL DUE TO HAZE-RELATED ILLNESSES***

1. The National Environment Agency (NEA)'s 24-hour PSI forecast for Thursday, 1 October, is expected to be in the high end of the 'Unhealthy' range and low end of the 'Very Unhealthy' range, and may deteriorate to the mid-section of the 'Very Unhealthy' range if denser haze is blown in. Schools will remain open and national examinations will proceed as scheduled.
  2. The safety and well-being of all examination candidates remain our top priority. Schools have made arrangements for all national examinations candidates to take their papers in enclosed spaces. Air purifiers will also be provided so that it is safe for the examinations to continue without disruption, even if haze conditions unexpectedly worsen during the period of the examinations.
  3. Candidates with underlying medical conditions or who feel unwell should seek medical attention. Those who are medically certified unwell and are unable to sit for the examinations should inform their schools. Private candidates should inform the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board through the Ministry of Education's Customer Service Hotline at 6872 2220. Hotline operating hours are 8am to 6pm on Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.
  4. Currently, there are already processes in place for candidates who are ill during the national examinations. The same set of processes will be activated for candidates who are unable to take the examinations due to haze-related illnesses. Candidates who feel unwell while taking the examinations should inform the examination invigilators immediately. Schools and examination centres are prepared and ready to handle such situations.
  5. Candidates can be assured that they will not be penalised or disadvantaged if they are unable to take or complete the examinations due to haze or other medical conditions.
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