

#6 WORRIED SICK

Johnny has to sit for his national examinations tomorrow. He is still sick and does not look well enough to sit for his papers.

Hey papa, what's on your mind?



What if he misses his papers tomorrow? He has already missed today's. Would he be marked as absent? It's not his fault.

I wonder if SEAB would allow him to take his papers on another day. Is there a make-up for students who miss their exams?



Hmm...let us take a look at Examination Rules and Regulations booklet. I recalled something about special consideration for those who miss their examinations with valid reasons.



Special consideration?
What is the criteria to be
eligible to apply?

Would Johnny's illness be
considered a valid reason?



If you sat for your national examination under adverse circumstances or miss your national examination paper(s) with valid reasons*, you can apply for special consideration.

If you are a GCE-Level examination candidate, you must have completed at least 50% of the component weighting of the affected subject for special consideration to be applied.

Supporting documents must be provided along with your application.

* such as medical leave, temporary injury, compassionate reasons



What is special consideration?

FAIR & EVIDENCE-BASED

Special consideration is a well-established procedure which awards candidates with projected grades through a fair and rigorous evidence-based methodology.



MULTIPLE SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

In instances where grade projection is necessary, SEAB considers multiple sources of data, such as

- the candidate's performance in the subject papers that he/she managed to sit for in the national examination;
- the candidate's performance in the school-based assessments; and
- the school cohort's performance in the national examinations and school-based assessment for the subject(s).



Why are make-up examinations not considered for those who miss the national examinations?

The national examinations are conducted once a year with all candidates sitting for the same paper. Make-up examinations for all subjects will lengthen the duration of national examinations and impact downstream processes such as marking, results release and posting to schools.

If candidates miss any examinations with valid reasons, they can apply for special consideration, which will ensure that a fair grade is awarded.

** GCE-Level examination candidates must have completed at least 50% of the component weighting of the affected subject for special consideration to be applied.*



All special consideration applications are assessed on each case's merit, to ensure that grades awarded are accurate and fair to all candidates.

