

Annex 1 – Updated 2020 National Examination Information

Removal of Common Last Topics

In light of the impact that the extended Circuit Breaker period has on curriculum time and to further allay students' concerns and anxiety about catching up with the curriculum, the Common Last Topics (CLT) will be removed from the national examinations this year. The CLT is a set of topics from a syllabus identified by MOE that would be taught last by all schools towards the end of the academic year. The CLT provides MOE and SEAB with the flexibility of reducing the scope covered in national examinations should an unforeseen situation occur that does not allow schools to complete their teaching for the graduating cohorts. The CLT will still be taught, but not be examinable.

For skill-based subjects such as English Language and MTL, it will not be meaningful and practical to identify CLTs. In such instances, SEAB will take the disruption to curriculum time into consideration during marking and grading to ensure that all students are fairly assessed.

Rescheduling of GCE-Level MTL Examinations

In view of the changes to the academic calendar, the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) will reschedule the Mid-Year Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Written Examinations as follows:

Subject Examined	Original Date	Rescheduled Date
O-Level MTL (Papers 1 and 2)	1 June 2020, 8 am	18 June 2020, 2 pm
O-Level MTL B (Papers 1 and 2)	2 June 2020, 8 am	19 June 2020, 2.30 pm

Taking into consideration the Term 3 mid-term break from 20 July to 26 July, the listening comprehension for O-Level MTL and MTL B will be rescheduled as follows:

Subject Examined	Original Date	Rescheduled Date
O-Level MTL and MTL B Listening Comprehension	21 July 2020	27 July 2020

The revised 2020 GCE O-Level examination timetable is available at the SEAB website: www.seab.gov.sg.

Coursework Subjects

The two tables below summarise the measures taken by SEAB to address coursework in response to Covid-19. With these measures, close to 80% of the students offering coursework would have benefitted with either extension of submission deadlines and/or reduced task requirement. For coursework subjects which SEAB is not able to extend the deadlines or reduce the task requirement, SEAB will apply special considerations during grading to ensure that students are fairly assessed.

Level	Subject	New Submission Deadline (after 2 weeks extension from original date)	Remarks
NT	Element of Business Skills	29 Jun	Further extension from 29 May to 29 Jun (total: 6 weeks extension)
NT	FOOD STUDIES	27 JUL	Reduce task (1 dish instead of 3-4 dish)
NA	F&N	27 JUL	
O	ESS	11 Aug	Reduce from 2 to 1 task
O	D&T (REVISED)	13 AUG	Remove submission of prototype
O	F&N	18 Aug	Reduce task (1 dish instead of 3-4 dish)

Level	SUBJECT NAME	Original Deadline (no extension)	Remarks
NA	ART SYLL A	4 AUG	Will apply special consideration
O	D&T (LEGACY)	1 SEP	Remove submission of artefacts
O	ART	22 SEP	Will apply special consideration