



**2021 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS -
INSTRUCTIONS TO PRIVATE CANDIDATES ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES
DUE TO COVID-19 [Version dated 10 October 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 11 October 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.

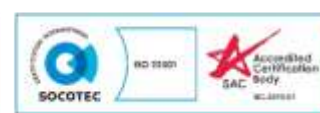
In addition, candidates found to have breached their Stay Home Notice (SHN) may be prosecuted under Section 21A of the Infectious Diseases Act.

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 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_feedback@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 **notified by MOH to be a close contact of a Confirmed COVID-19 case (i.e. issued with a Health Risk Warning (HRW) or if you are on medical leave due to Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) and/or fever (non-ARI)**, you must inform SEAB immediately by filling in this [online Notification Form](#). You will be allowed to sit for your examination if you meet the following conditions :
 - 3.1 If you are issued with HRW, you must have :
 - (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,



3.2 If you are medical leave due to ARI and/or fever (non-ARI), you must be visibly well (no fever, 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.

Note : 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.

3.3 You are required to present a photo of your ART result that you have done on the day of examination before you leave your place of residence, to the invigilator when you report for examination. The photo must show clearly 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)

3.4 If you are sitting for GCE O/A-Level Science Practical Examination, SEAB will notify you, upon receiving your Notification Form, to confirm the exam timing as you may be re-scheduled to sit for your Science Practical Examination at a later shift (and in separate lab) to avoid mingling with other candidates at the examination centre.

3.5 For the other written/Listening Comprehension examinations, you can proceed to your posted examination centre (as shown on your entry proof) on the day of examination, after submitting the Notification Form. There is no need to wait for further instructions or approval from SEAB.

4. If you are unable to sit for papers in the national examinations, you may apply for special consideration. Special consideration will be granted on a case by case basis. We will not be able to provide projected grades based on an evidence-based methodology if you had missed component of weighting 50% or more in the examination for the subject. 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 <https://www.seab.gov.sg>.

Note: As candidates on HRW are allowed to sit for the national examinations if their ART result is negative, HRW will no longer be a valid reason for missing the examinations unless there is evidence that candidate has a positive ART result or that he is unwell on the day of examination

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

5. 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_feedback@seab.gov.sg.

6. 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 / token for SafeEntry check-in at the examination centre. You can obtain information on how to download the TraceTogether App via 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.
7. Please arrive at your examination centre at least 45 minutes before the start of your paper.
8. 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.
9. 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.
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 the apparatus, equipment and the exam desks that may be used by candidates in 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. 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.

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 exam personnel on duty). You will be seated in a different examination room. Do not mingle with any candidates in the examination centre.
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.

After the examination

17. You will be dismissed from the examination room at staggered timing to avoid mingling with other candidates.
18. 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).
19. 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.
20. 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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