



**2021 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS –
INSTRUCTION TO SCHOOL CANDIDATES ON QUARANTINE ORDER (QO) TO SIT FOR
EXAMINATION UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Candidates under QO would be given Special Consideration for their affected National Examination papers. Those who still wish to sit their national examination are given an option to apply for leave from quarantine to do so.

This arrangement is applicable to all School Candidates sitting for GCE Examinations starting from 4 October 2021. This arrangement **does not apply** to the following candidates and SC would be granted.

- a. Candidates sitting for GCE O/A-Level Science Practical Examinations; and
- b. Candidates with access arrangements that require scribe / reader/ prompter / exam assistant / practical assistant who would need to be in close contact with the candidate; and
- c. Candidates sitting for examinations that have mask-off activities (eg. music performing examinations that require candidates to play wind instruments or sing).

School candidates who are placed on Quarantine Order (QO) and are granted approval to sit for the examination under special arrangements will sit the examination at their own schools. The approval will apply to all papers that they are sitting for, from the date that they have been granted approval from QO to the end date of their QO, i.e. there is no need to apply multiple times.

Candidates on QO who are sitting for the examination must adhere to and follow the instructions and procedures that are 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 and you may be banned from registering for future examinations, as well as possible actions taken by MOH where appropriate for violations of COVID-19 regulations.

Immediate Action When Placed on QO

1. You are to inform school of your QO status and take the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test as soon as possible. Candidate can only apply for leave from quarantine to sit for examinations with a negative entry PCR test result.
 - immediately inform school of your QO status;
 - inform your school whether you would like to sit for the National Examination (SC will apply by default) and the person accompanying you (please include name and contact number) to the school (if any) [Note: The accompanying adult or caregiver must be from the same household];
 - indicate whether you have approved Access Arrangement for your examination.
2. Your school will advise you on the procedures to apply leave from quarantine. You will be scheduled for your PCR entry swab soonest (if you have not been scheduled), and your school will also inform you when you are approved to sit for your examination papers.



3. Do note that you will require a negative entry Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test result to be allowed to sit for the examination; and a **negative ART result taken the night before examination paper**. The ART can be the same daily ART that is required by MOH and you must update MOH of your ART result after each swab test as per MOH instructions as well.

Please note the following illustration:

	2 Oct 2021	3 Oct 2021	4 Oct 2021 (Day 1)	5 Oct (Day 2)
Status of student	Quarantine orders issued <u>prior to 12 noon 2 Oct 2021</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform school if you wish for leave from Quarantine to sit for exams before 12pm • Take entry PCR test (if have not), or have received a negative PCR result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive PCR result if have not (negative to be allowed to sit for exams) • ART after 6pm (evening before exam) and receive negative result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed to sit for exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed to sit for exam
	Day X	Day X+1 [can be Sat and Sun]	Day X+2	Day X+3
Status of student	Issued with Quarantine orders after 12noon 2 Oct, or if issued with QO earlier but had applied to school for leave from QO only after 12noon 2 Oct 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be scheduled for entry PCR test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting entry PCR test or take PCR test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not allowed to sit for exam; SC will apply • Receive PCR result in the day (negative result) • ART after 6pm (evening before exam) and receive negative result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed to sit for exam

On the day of examination

4. Reporting for Examination

- 4.1 You are required to report to the examination, 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of the examination to avoid any contact with other students who will report 45 mins before start time. You will start your examination, 30 minutes later than the scheduled timetable and will be given full duration.

For example, if the start time for the examination is 8am, you will report at your examination centre at 7.45am and you will start your examination at 8.30am. This is to avoid mingling with the main cohort who would be reporting at 7.15am.

- 4.2 **Please adhere to the reporting time and do not report earlier than 15 minutes before the official start time of the examination.**

5. Travelling to the Examination Centre

- 5.1 If you are walking to your examination centre, **you must not detour or mingle with others. You must return home immediately after your examination has ended.** You may be accompanied by one of your parents/caregiver **from the same household.** Your parent/caregiver should only send you to the gate and return home immediately. Please also note that your parent/caregiver must also be tested PCR negative, and ART negative the day before the examination to be allowed to leave the residence if they are also on QO.

- 5.2 If you need to take transport to the examination centre, you must use private transport (i.e. either personal vehicle driven by the parent or caregiver from the same household; or by taxi, if personal vehicle is not available). If you are travelling by taxi, you must identify yourself as a person under QO when making the booking and when boarding the vehicle. When travelling in the taxi, you should sit alone in the back seat, with windows down and the air-conditioning turned off.

- 5.3 You must only travel between your place of residence and your examination centre with no additional stops in between. You must not travel by public transport such as buses or MRT/LRT.

- 5.4 When you arrive at your examination centre, you must report directly to the designated reporting venue (as advised by your school). Do not walk to other areas of the examination centre or mingle with other students.

- 5.5 In addition to bringing your identification document (e.g NRIC or Student Pass) and entry proof, you must **present a photo of the ART indicator, clearly showing the following:**
- **Your Name (marked on the indicator)**
 - **Date of the ART done (should be after 6pm on day before the exam day)**
 - **Test result (should be negative)**

or bring the used ART test kit in a plastic sleeve.

- 5.6 **If you had tested ART positive, do not go to the school. Inform your school and MOH immediately. If the indicator is unclear, the school may not allow you to enter the examination venue and to conduct a supervised self-swab.**

6. Safe Management Measures at the examination centre

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. You will be seated with other candidates on QO (if there are any), in a different examination room from other candidates. Do not mingle with any candidates in the school.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. You are not allowed leave the examination room without the permission of the invigilator. If you are sitting for two or more papers on the same day, you are advised to bring your food/snacks to eat at your seat during the break in between the examinations. Please inform the invigilator if you need to go to the toilet so that you can be escorted to the designated toilet.

After the examination

7. You will be dismissed from the examination room at staggered timing to avoid mingling with other candidates.
8. You must follow the procedures stated in paragraph 5 to make the transport arrangement to go back to your place of residence.

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