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# International Secondary Assessment during the COVID-19 Pandemic (2020-2022)

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## A Quick Reference Guide

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## Introduction

This guide provides a summary of disruption to exams and assessment for upper secondary qualifications globally during the COVID-19 pandemic, covering arrangements for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

It is designed as a resource for admissions teams, credential evaluators and those seeking to understand assessment for secondary qualifications awarded between 2020 and 2022.

### How to use this guide

The first section, [index of exams and assessment](#), contains a table indicating whether final exams went ahead for over 150 qualifications from around 110 different countries and territories. For qualifications for which exams were held, the table also indicates whether the exams were delayed and whether assessment was adapted due to the pandemic. For countries where there were changes, a link is provided to the second section of the guide.

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">India</a>	Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) - Indian School Certificate	✗	✗	✓
	Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) - All India Senior School Certificate Examination / Delhi Senior School Certificate Examination	✗	✗	✓ ➡
	National Institute of Open Schooling - Senior Secondary School Examination	✗	✗	✓

Link to further information on arrangements for qualifications from India.

Quick visual guide to exam arrangements for each year.

✓	Exams went ahead / are due to go ahead
📅	Exams postponed or delayed*
➡	Format of exams adapted
✗	Exams cancelled
?	Other**

The second section, [details of changes to exams and assessment](#), provides further information on any disruption. For example, when exams went ahead if they were delayed, or a brief description of any adjustments that were made to assessment.

#### India

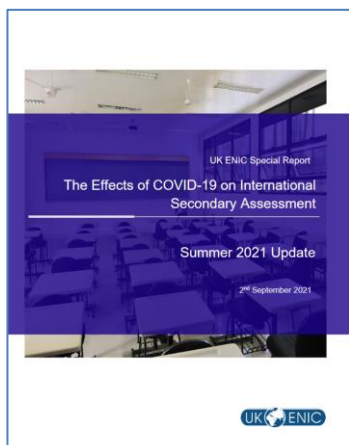
##### Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) - Indian School Certificate

2020: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## Further resources

This guide is intended to complement other UK ENIC resources on assessment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

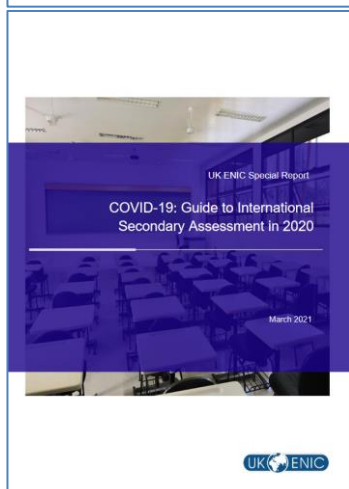
UK ENIC has published a number of special reports, which analyse approaches to assessment in 2020 and 2021, and the impact of the disruption on student performance and grading. These reports also provide more in-depth guidance on alternative assessment in cases where some or all exams were cancelled.



### [The Effects of COVID-19 on International Secondary Assessment: Summer 2021 Update \(September 2021\)](#)

In the first half of 2021, school closures continued to affect learners across the world as countries responded to increases in cases and the emergence of new variants of the virus. Although fewer countries cancelled exams than in 2020, the ongoing disruption has led to changes to examinations and assessment for a second year.

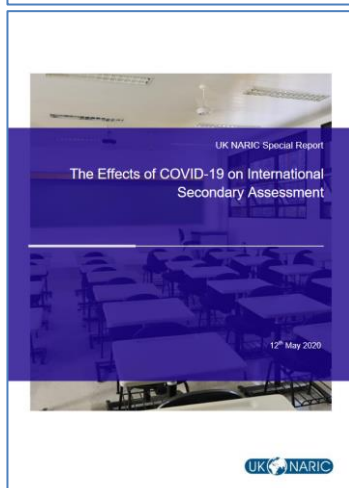
This report summarises exam cancellations and postponements, and other changes to assessment in 2021. It also provides more in-depth guidance on alternative assessment where some or all exams were cancelled, with details of the approaches taken in France, India, Ireland, Italy and the UK.



### [COVID-19: Guide to International Secondary Assessment in 2020 \(March 2021\)](#)

Since March 2020, UK ENIC has been tracking the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education globally. School closures had a significant impact on school examinations and assessment; in many cases, national examinations were postponed, adapted or cancelled.

This report provides an overview of upper secondary assessment for over 120 qualifications worldwide, and analysis of the different approaches adopted globally. It also examines how changes to assessment affected student performance and grading.








### [The Effects of COVID-19 on International Secondary Assessment \(May 2020\)](#)

On 17th March 2020, UK NARIC published its first issue of Charting the impact of COVID-19 on UK admissions and recruitment, summarising school closures and the anticipated impact on examinations in what were then the top four countries for COVID-19 cases – China, Italy, Iran and South Korea.

By early April, over 150 countries had closed schools as a result of the pandemic. This Special Report intends to build upon the global coverage provided by the blog, capturing the different global approaches to secondary assessment and the potential implications of these for further and higher education admissions. It provides a summary of arrangements, covering over 80 countries, with more detailed guidance on the UK, France, India, Ireland, Malta, Pakistan, the Caribbean and the USA.








## Index of exams and assessment











































Key:













































-  Exams went ahead / are due to go ahead
-  Exams postponed or delayed\*
-  Format of exams adapted
-  Exams cancelled
-  Other\*\*












































\*compared to dates originally announced, or compared to the usual timetable

\*\* other arrangement e.g. more than one assessment route available














Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
Albania	Diplomë e Maturës Shtetërore			
<a href="#">Algeria</a>	Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire	 		


















































Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">Anguilla</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">Antigua and Barbuda</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">Armenia</a>	Միջնակարգ (ընդհանուր) կրթության ատեստատ (Certificate of Secondary General Education)			
	ՎԿԱՅԱԳԻՐ (Certificate of Unified Examination)	 		
Australia – ACT	Australian Capital Territory Year 12 Certificate			
<a href="#">Australia – New South Wales</a>	Higher School Certificate		 	
Australia – Northern Territory	Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training			
Australia - Queensland	Queensland Certificate of Education			
Australia – South Australia	South Australian Certificate of Education			
Australia - Tasmania	Tasmanian Certificate of Education			
Australia - Victoria	Victorian Certificate of Education			
Australia – Western Australia	Western Australia Certificate of Education			

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">Austria</a>	Reifeprüfung / Matura	  	 	
<a href="#">Bahrain</a>	شهادة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Education Certificate)			
<a href="#">Bangladesh</a>	Higher Secondary Certificate		 	 
<a href="#">Barbados</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
Belgium – Flemish speaking community	Diploma van secundair onderwijs			
<a href="#">Belgium – French speaking community</a>	Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur (CESS)			
Belgium – German speaking community	Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts			
<a href="#">Belize</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">Bhutan</a>	Bhutan Higher Secondary Education Certificate	 	 	TBC
Botswana	Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education			
<a href="#">Brazil</a>	Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio (ENEM)	 		





































Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">British Virgin Islands</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
Brunei	Brunei / Cambridge GCE A Level			
<a href="#">Bulgaria</a>	Диплома за средно образование (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education)	 		
<a href="#">Cambodia</a>	Diploma of Upper Secondary Education			
<a href="#">Canada – Alberta</a>	Alberta High School Diploma	 	 	 
Canada – British Columbia	British Columbia Certificate of Graduation	No change (no external provincial exams)	No change (no external provincial exams)	No change (no external provincial exams)
<a href="#">Canada - Manitoba</a>	Manitoba High School Diploma			
<a href="#">Canada – New Brunswick</a>	New Brunswick High School Diploma			
<a href="#">Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador</a>	Newfoundland and Labrador High School Graduation Diploma			
<a href="#">Canada – Nova Scotia</a>	Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma			
<a href="#">Canada – Ontario</a>	Ontario Secondary School Diploma		 	 
<a href="#">Cayman Islands</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		



Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">China</a>	普通高等学校招生全国统一考试 (高考) (Gaokao – National College Entrance Examination (NCEE))	 		
<a href="#">Croatia</a>	Svjedodžba o maturi / Svjedodžba o državnoj maturi / Potvrda o položenim ispitima državne mature (Matura Certificate / State Matura Certificate)	 		
<a href="#">Cyprus</a>	Παγκύπριες Εξετάσεις - <i>Pankýpries Exetáseis</i> (Pancyprian Examinations)	 		
<a href="#">Czech Republic</a>	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	 		
<a href="#">Denmark</a>	Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate)	 	 	
<a href="#">Dominica</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">Egypt</a>	شهادة الثانوية العامة (Certificate of General Secondary Education)	 		
<a href="#">Estonia</a>	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus with the Riigieksamitunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate with the State Examination Certificate)	  		
<a href="#">Ethiopia</a>	University Entrance Examination	 	 	TBC
Finland	Ylioppilastutkintotodistus / Studentexamensbetyg (Matriculation Examination)			
<a href="#">France</a>	Diplôme du baccalauréat général		 	

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">Gambia</a>	West African Senior School Certificate Examination	 	 	
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	სრული ზოგადი განათლების ატესტატი (General Education Diploma)			
	Unified National Examinations			
Germany	Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife / Abitur			
<a href="#">Ghana</a>	West African Senior School Certificate Examination	 	 	
<a href="#">Greece</a>	ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΓΕΝΙΚΟΥ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)			
	Panhellenic Examinations	 		
<a href="#">Grenada</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">Guyana</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">Hong Kong</a>	Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education	  	 	
<a href="#">Hungary</a>	Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate / Matura)	 		
Iceland	Stúdentspróf (academic) (Matriculation Certificate)			

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">India</a>	Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) - Indian School Certificate			
	Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) - All India Senior School Certificate Examination / Delhi Senior School Certificate Examination			
	National Institute of Open Schooling - Senior Secondary School Examination			
<a href="#">India – Andhra Pradesh</a>	Intermediate Public Examination			
<a href="#">India – Assam</a>	Higher Secondary Examination			
India – Bihar	Intermediate Examination			
<a href="#">India - Chhattisgarh</a>	Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination			
<a href="#">India – Goa</a>	Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination			
<a href="#">India – Gujarat</a>	Higher Secondary Certificate Examination			
<a href="#">India – Haryana</a>	Senior Secondary Examination			
<a href="#">India – Karnataka</a>	Second Year Pre-University Examination			
<a href="#">India – Kerala</a>	Higher Secondary Examination Certificate			

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">India – Madhya Pradesh</a>	Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination	 		
<a href="#">India - Maharashtra</a>	Higher Secondary Certificate Examination			
<a href="#">India – Odisha</a>	Higher Secondary Certificate Examination			
<a href="#">India – Punjab</a>	Senior Secondary (12th Class) Examination Certificate			
<a href="#">India – Rajasthan</a>	Senior Secondary Examination	 		
<a href="#">India – Tamil Nadu</a>	Higher Secondary Course Certificate			
<a href="#">India – Telangana</a>	Intermediate Public Examination, Second Year	 		
<a href="#">India – Uttar Pradesh</a>	Intermediate Examination			
<a href="#">India - Uttarakhand</a>	Intermediate Examination	 		
<a href="#">India – West Bengal</a>	Higher Secondary Examination	 		
<a href="#">Indonesia</a>	Ijazah - Sekolah Menengah Atas / Madrasah Aliyah (SMA / MA) (Certificate of Graduation from Academic / Islamic Secondary School)		No change (external assessment discontinued)	No change (external assessment discontinued)

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">International</a>	International AS & A Levels (Cambridge International Assessment Education)			
	International AS & A Levels (Oxford International AQA Examinations)			
	International AS & A Levels (Pearson)			
	International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme			
<a href="#">Iran</a>	Konkur			
<a href="#">Iraq</a>	شهادة الدراسة الإعدادية / الثانوية (Certificate of Preparatory Education / Secondary School Certificate / Baccalaureat)			
<a href="#">Ireland</a>	Leaving Certificate			
<a href="#">Israel</a>	בגרות תעודת (Matriculation Certificate / Bagrut)			
<a href="#">Italy</a>	Diploma di Esame di Stato			
<a href="#">Jamaica</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)			
Japan	高等学校卒業証書 (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	No change (no external national exams)	No change (no external national exams)	No change (no external national exams)














































Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
	National Centre Test for University Admissions (大学入試センター試験) (to 2020)		N/A	N/A
	Common Test for University Admissions (大学入学共通テスト) (from 2021)	N/A		
Jordan	شهادة الدراسة الثانوية العامة (Certificate of General Secondary Education)			
<a href="#">Kazakhstan</a>	Сертификат ЕНТ (Единое Национальное Тестирование) (Certificate of UNT (Unified National Testing))			
	Орта білім туралы аттестат (Certificate of Completed Secondary Education)			
<a href="#">Kenya</a>	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education			TBC
<a href="#">Kuwait</a>	شهادة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Education Certificate)			
<a href="#">Latvia</a>	Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību (Certificate of General Secondary Education)			
<a href="#">Lebanon</a>	Baccalauréat			
<a href="#">Liberia</a>	Senior School Certificate			
<a href="#">Libya</a>	شهادة الدراسة الثانوية العامة (Secondary Education Certificate)			
Lithuania	Brandos Atestatas (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)			











































Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">Luxembourg</a>	Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires			
<a href="#">Malaysia</a>	STPM (Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia) (Malaysia Certificate of Education)			
	UEC (Unified Examination Certificate) Senior Middle Level			
	Matrikulasi (Matriculation Certificate)			
<a href="#">Malta</a>	Matriculation Certificate Examination			
<a href="#">Moldova</a>	Diplomă de Bacalaureat			
<a href="#">Montserrat</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)			
<a href="#">Morocco</a>	شهادة البكالوريا (Attestation du Baccalauréat)			
Myanmar	Basic Education High School Examination / Matriculation Examination			
<a href="#">Namibia</a>	Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate			TBC
<a href="#">Nepal</a>	School Leaving Certificate Examination (Grade XI & XII)			
<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO) diploma			


























Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)			
<a href="#">New Zealand</a>	National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3			TBC
<a href="#">Nigeria</a>	Senior School Certificate			
	West African Senior School Certificate			
<a href="#">North Macedonia</a>	Државната матура (Matura)			
<a href="#">Norway</a>	Vitnemål for videregående opplæring (Leaving Certificate from Upper Secondary School)			
<a href="#">Oman</a>	دبلوم التعليم العام (General Education Diploma)			
<a href="#">Pakistan</a>	Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate			
<a href="#">Philippines</a>	Senior High School Certificate / Diploma			
<a href="#">Poland</a>	Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity)			
<a href="#">Portugal</a>	Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação			
Qatar	شهادة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Education Certificate)			



Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
Romania	Diplomă de Bacalaureat			
<a href="#">Russia</a>	Единый государственный экзамен, ЕГЭ (Unified State Examination)			
<a href="#">Sierra Leone</a>	West African Senior School Certificate			
Singapore	Singapore GCE A level			
<a href="#">Slovakia</a>	Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)			
Slovenia	Aturitetno spričevalo (Matura Certificate) Also known as: Splošna Matura (General Matura Certificate) / Spričevalo o splošni maturi (Certificate of General Matura (Examination))			
South Africa	National Senior Certificate			
South Korea	고등학교 졸업증명서 / 고등학교 졸업장 (High School Diploma / High School Certificate of Graduation)	No change (no external national examinations)	No change (no external national examinations)	No change (no external national examinations)
	대학수학능력시험 (College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT / Suneung))			
<a href="#">Spain</a>	Título de Bachiller	No change (no external national examinations)	No change (no external national examinations)	No change (no external national examinations)
	Evaluación de Acceso a la Universidad (EvAU) (university entrance exam)			

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">Sri Lanka</a>	Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (Advanced level)	 	 	TBC
<a href="#">St Kitts and Nevis</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">St Lucia</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">St Vincent and the Grenadines</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
Sweden	Avgångsbetyg / Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)			
	Högskoleförberedande Examen (Higher Education Preparatory Diploma)			
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	Maturitätszeugnis / Certificat de maturité / Attestato di maturità			
Syria	شهادة الدراسة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Certificate)			
Taiwan	指定科目考試 (Advanced Subjects Test (AST))			
	學科能力測驗 (General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT))			
Thailand	Ordinary National Test (O-NET) – Grade 12			
<a href="#">Trinidad and Tobago</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
<a href="#">Tunisia</a>	Baccalauréat	 		
Turkey	Yükseköğretim Kurumları Sınavı (YKS) (university entrance exam)			
<a href="#">Turks and Caicos Islands</a>	Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)	  		
<a href="#">Uganda</a>	Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education	 		
<a href="#">Ukraine</a>	Свідоцтво про здобуття повної загальної (Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education)			
	Сертифікат зовнішнього незалежного оцінювання (Certificate of Independent External Examination)			 
<a href="#">United Arab Emirates</a>	شهادة الدراسة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Education Certificate Examination)	 		 
<a href="#">United Kingdom – England, Wales and Northern Ireland</a>	General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Levels (A levels)			
<a href="#">United Kingdom - Scotland</a>	Highers / Advanced Highers			
<a href="#">United States of America</a>	ACT	 		
	Advanced Placement (AP)	 		

Country	Qualification	2020	2021	2022
	SAT	 		
<a href="#">Uzbekistan</a>	O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodatnoma (Certificate of Completed Secondary Education)	 		
	National university entrance examination		 	
<a href="#">Vietnam</a>	Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Trung Học Phổ Thông (THPT) (Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma)	 		
Zambia	General Certificate of Education			
	School Certificate			
Zimbabwe	A Level			

## Details of changes to exams and assessment

### Algeria

#### Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire

2020: Exams were held later than usual, in September.

### Anguilla

#### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

### Antigua and Barbuda

#### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

### Armenia

#### Միջնակարգ (ընդհանուր) կրթության ատեստատ (Certificate of Secondary General Education)

2020: Exams were cancelled and results were based on students' performance up until March 2020.

### Australia – New South Wales

#### Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)

2021: Exams were held in November after originally being scheduled for October.

### Austria

#### Reifeprüfung / Matura

2020: Exams were held around two weeks later than usual. Students took written exams in three subjects and oral examinations were cancelled.

2021: Exams were held in the usual format, around two weeks later than normal.

## Bahrain

### شهادة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Certificate)

2020: Final written exams were cancelled.

## Bangladesh

### Higher Secondary Certificate

2020: Exams were cancelled. Students were awarded grades based on their previous performance in the Secondary School Certificate and Junior School Certificate.

2021: Exams were held in November / December 2021, around six months later than usual.

2022: Exams are scheduled to take place in late August 2022.

## Barbados

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## Belgium – French speaking community

### Certificat d'enseignement secondaire supérieur (CESS)

2020: Exams were cancelled and results were based on students' achievement throughout the school year.

## Belize

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## **Bhutan**

### **Higher Secondary Education Certificate**

2020: Exams for 2020 were conducted in March 2021.

2021: 2021 exams were held in February 2022.

2022: Dates for the 2022 exams have not yet been announced.

## **Brazil**

### **Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio (ENEM)**

2020: The ENEM, which was due to take place at the start of November 2020, was held in January / February 2021.

## **British Virgin Islands**

### **Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)**

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## **Bulgaria**

### **Диплома за средно образование (Diploma of Completed Secondary Education)**

2020: State examinations took place 1st-4th June, a little later than usual.

## **Cambodia**

### **Diploma of Upper Secondary Education**

2020: Exams were cancelled and students were automatically given a pass grade.

## **Canada – Alberta**

### **Alberta High School Diploma**

2020: Diploma exams were optional in 2020.

2021: Diploma exams were optional in the 2020-21 academic year.

2022: The weighting given to diploma exams was reduced from 30% to 10% for the relevant courses.

## Canada – Manitoba

### Manitoba High School Diploma

2020: Exams were cancelled. (N.B. The majority of courses are internally assessed, with only a small number of provincial exams in specific subjects.)

2021: Exams were cancelled.

2022: Exams were cancelled.

## Canada – New Brunswick

### New Brunswick High School Diploma

2020: Exams were cancelled. (N.B. The majority of courses are internally assessed, with only a small number of provincial exams in specific subjects.)

## Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador

### Newfoundland and Labrador High School Graduation Diploma

2020: Exams were cancelled. (N.B. The majority of courses are internally assessed, with only a small number of provincial exams in specific subjects.)

2021: Exams were cancelled.

2022: Exams were cancelled.

## Canada – Nova Scotia

### Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma

2020: Exams were cancelled. (N.B. The majority of courses are internally assessed, with only a small number of provincial exams in specific subjects.)

## Canada – Ontario

### Ontario Secondary School Diploma

2020: Exams were cancelled. (N.B. The majority of courses are internally assessed, with only a small number of provincial exams in specific subjects.)

2021: Students were not required to take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in order to graduate.

2022: Students were not required to take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in order to graduate.



## Cayman Islands

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## China

### 普通高等学校招生全国统一考试 (高考) (Gaokao – National College Entrance Examination (NCEE))

2020: Gaokao exams were postponed by one month and held in July 2020.

2022: Gaokao exams went ahead as normal, apart from in Shanghai, where they were delayed by one month.

## Croatia

### Svjedodžba o maturi / Svjedodžba o državnoj maturi / Potvrda o položenim ispitima državne mature (Matura Certificate / State Matura Certificate)

2020: Exams were held in June, later than usual, and results were released in July.

## Cyprus

### Παγκύπριες Εξετάσεις - *Pankýpries Exetáseis* (Pancyprian Examinations)

2020: Exams were held in late June, later than usual, and results were released in July.

## Czech Republic

### Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)

2020: Exams were held in June, later than usual, and results were released in July.

## Denmark

### Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate)

2020: The number of exams was reduced.

2021: The number of exams was reduced.

## Dominica

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## Egypt

### شهادة الثانوية العامة (Certificate of General Secondary Education)

2020: Exams were delayed and took place in June and July.

## Estonia

### Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus with the Riigieksamitunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate with the State Examination Certificate)

2020: State examinations were optional.

## Ethiopia

### University Entrance Examination

2020: The 2020 exam was held in February 2021.

2021: The 2021 exam was held in November 2021.

2022: Dates are still to be confirmed for the 2022 exam.

## France

### Diplôme du baccalauréat général

2020: Exams were cancelled and results were based on continuous assessment throughout the final year.

2021: Students only took an oral exam and a written exam in philosophy; other exams were cancelled.

## Gambia

### West African Senior School Certificate Examination

2020: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2020. Results were released in November 2020.

2021: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2021. Results were released in November 2021.

## Georgia

### სრული ზოგადი განათლების ატესტატი (General Education Diploma)

2020: Final exams were cancelled.

## Ghana

### West African Senior School Certificate Examination

2020: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2020. Results were released in November 2020.

2021: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2021. Results were released in November 2021.

## Greece

### ΑΠΟΛΥΤΗΡΙΟ ΓΕΝΙΚΟΥ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)

2020: Final exams were cancelled.

## Panhellenic Examinations

2020: Exams went ahead slightly later than usual.

## Grenada

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

**Guyana****Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)**

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

**Hong Kong****Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)**

2020: Exams were delayed by one month. Speaking exams for English and Chinese were cancelled.

2021: Assessment was streamlined, with the duration and content of some exams reduced.

**Hungary****Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate / Matura)**

2020: Students only sat written exams; oral exams were cancelled.

**India****Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) - Indian School Certificate**

2020: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

**Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) - All India Senior School Certificate Examination / Delhi Senior School Certificate Examination**

2020: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

2022: Exams were held in two sessions, with 50% of the syllabus assessed in each. The first session was in November / December 2021 and the second session in March / April 2022.

**National Institute of Open Schooling - Senior Secondary School Examination**

2020: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Andhra Pradesh**

### **Intermediate Public Examination**

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Assam**

### **Higher Secondary Examination**

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Chhattisgarh**

### **Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination**

2020: Some exams were cancelled. Grades for subjects in which exams were cancelled were based on internal assessment.

2021: Students sat exams in an adapted format at home in June 2021.

## **India – Goa**

### **Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination**

2020: Most exams went ahead in March, with a small number of papers postponed until May.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Gujarat**

### **Higher Secondary Certificate Examination**

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Haryana**

### **Senior Secondary Examination**

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Karnataka**

### **Second Year Pre-University Examination**

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Kerala**

### **Higher Secondary Examination Certificate**

2020: Exams were due to be held in March and were delayed until May.

## **India – Madhya Pradesh**

### **Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination**

2020: Some exams were held in March and others were held in June.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Maharashtra**

### **Higher Secondary Certificate Examination**

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Odisha**

### **Higher Secondary Certificate Examination**

2020: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Punjab**

### **Senior Secondary (12th Class) Examination Certificate**

2020: Some exams were cancelled. Grades for cancelled exams were awarded according to 'best performing subjects formula' – the average of the best three results in exams that went ahead.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Rajasthan**

### **Senior Secondary Examination**

2020: Some exams delayed until June 2020.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Tamil Nadu**

### **Higher Secondary Course Certificate**

2020: Some exams were cancelled.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Telangana**

### **Intermediate Public Examination, Second Year**

2020: A small number of exams were delayed.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Uttar Pradesh**

### **Intermediate Examination**

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – Uttarakhand**

### **Intermediate Examination**

2020: Some exams were delayed.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **India – West Bengal**

### **Higher Secondary Examination**

2020: Some exams were cancelled. Grades for cancelled exams were awarded based on the best marks achieved in exams in other subjects.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on students' past performance.

## **Indonesia**

### **Ijazah - Sekolah Menengah Atas / Madrasah Aliyah (SMA / MA) (Certificate of Graduation from Academic / Islamic Secondary School)**

2020: National exams (Ujian Nasional) were due to be discontinued from 2021 but ended a year earlier due to the pandemic.

## International

### International AS & A Levels (Cambridge International Assessment Education)

2020: Exams were cancelled. Students were awarded centre assessed grades based on teacher assessment. Initially, students were issued the results calculated following a standardisation process. However, after the original standardisation process was judged to be unfair, students were awarded the grades submitted by their schools if they were higher than their standardised grades.

2021: Cambridge Assessment International Education went ahead with exams, apart from in countries and regions where government directives meant that it was possible to hold exams. In these instances, students were awarded school-assessed grades. Countries where exams were cancelled include India, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

2022: Exams went ahead, with the exception of a number of locations in China, including Shanghai. In these instances, students were awarded school-assessed grades.

### International AS & A Levels (Oxford International AQA Examinations)

2020: Exams were cancelled. Students were awarded centre assessed grades based on teacher assessment. Initially, students were issued the results calculated following a standardisation process. However, after the original standardisation process was judged to be unfair, students were awarded the grades submitted by their schools if they were higher than their standardised grades.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Students were awarded teacher assessed grades.

2022: Exams went ahead, with the exception of a number of locations in China, including Shanghai. In these instances, students were awarded school-assessed grades.

### International AS & A Levels (Pearson)

2020: Exams were cancelled. Students were awarded centre assessed grades based on teacher assessment. Initially, students were issued the results calculated following a standardisation process. However, after the original standardisation process was judged to be unfair, students were awarded the grades submitted by their schools if they were higher than their standardised grades.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Students were awarded teacher assessed grades.

2022: Exams went ahead, with the exception of a number of locations in China, including Shanghai. In these instances, students were awarded school-assessed grades.



## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

2020: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on coursework and teacher assessment.

2021: A dual assessment route was offered. Written exams were held where they could be conducted safely; an alternative route based on internal school assessment and coursework was offered where it was not possible to hold exams.

2022: Exams went ahead, with the exception of a number of locations in China, including Shanghai. In these instances, the alternative assessment route was used.

## Iran

### Konkur

2020: The exam was delayed and took place later than usual.

## Iraq

### شهادة الدراسة الإعدادية / الثانوية (Certificate of Preparatory Education / Secondary School Certificate / Baccalaureat)

2020: Exams were delayed by three months and were held in September 2020.

2021: Exams were held in August 2021.

## Ireland

### Leaving Certificate

2020: Exams were cancelled. Students received calculated grades, based on marks submitted by teachers.

2021: Exams went ahead but students could choose whether to sit them or receive grades accredited by the State Examinations Commission (SEC). If they opted to sit an exam, they also received an accredited grade, which stood as the final grade if it was higher than the grade the student achieved in the exam.

## Israel

### תעודת בגרות (Matriculation Certificate / Bagrut)

2020: Students only took exams in up to five subjects, instead of the usual six or seven.

## Italy

### Diploma di Esame di Stato

2020: Written exams were cancelled; students only took an oral exam. Grades were based on the oral exam and performance across the three years of upper secondary.

2021: Written exams were cancelled; students only took an oral exam. Grades are based on oral exam and performance across the three years of upper secondary.

## Jamaica

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## Kazakhstan

### Орта білім туралы аттестат (Certificate of Completed Secondary Education)

2020: Exams were cancelled.

## Kenya

### Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

2020: 2020 KCSE exams were held in March 2021.

2021: 2021 KCSE exams were held in March 2022.

## Kuwait

### شهادة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Education Certificate)

2020: Exams were cancelled.

## Latvia

### Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību (Certificate of General Secondary Education)

2021: The format of the exams was adapted so there was no mandatory fourth exam.

2022: The format of the exams was adapted so there was no mandatory fourth exam.

## Lebanon

### Baccalauréat

2020: Exams were cancelled.

2021: Exams were held in July 2021.

## Liberia

### West African Senior School Certificate Examination

2020: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2020. Results were released in November 2020.

2021: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2021. Results were released in November 2021.

## Libya

### شهادة الدراسة الثانوية العامة (Secondary Education Certificate)

2020: Exams were delayed and results were released in December 2020.

2021: Exams were delayed and held in October 2021.

## Luxembourg

### Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires

2021: The content of the exams was reduced by 15%.

## Malaysia

### STPM (Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia) (Malaysia Certificate of Education)

2020: Exams for semesters 2 and 3 were held later than usual.

### UEC (Unified Examination Certificate) Senior Middle Level

2020: Exams were delayed and held in December 2020.

### Matrikulasi (Matriculation Certificate)

2020: Final exams were cancelled. Grades were based on Semester 1 exam results and continuous assessment.

## Malta

### Matriculation Certificate Examination

2020: Exams were delayed and took place in between the end of August and the beginning of October 2020, with results released in November 2020.

## Moldova

### Diplomă de Bacalaureat

2020: Exams were cancelled.

## Montserrat

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## Morocco

### شهادة البكالوريا (Attestation du Baccalauréat)

2020: Exams took place later than usual, in July.

2022: Exams were scheduled for July due to the academic year starting later.

## Namibia

### Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate

2021: Exams were suspended due to leaked exam papers and rescheduled for Jan / Feb 2022.

## Nepal

### School Leaving Certificate Examination (Grade XI & XII)

2020: Exams were due to be held in March / April 2020 and postponed by eight months, to November 2020. The weighting of the final exam was reduced, with Grade 11 marks and teacher assessment also counting towards the final grade.

2021: Exams were delayed and took place in September 2021.

## Netherlands

### Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO) diploma

2020: External exams were cancelled. Students obtained their school leaving certificates based on their results in the school exams.

### Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)

2020: External exams were cancelled. Students obtained their school leaving certificates based on their results in the school exams.

## New Zealand

### National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3

2021: NCEA exams went ahead, but students in Auckland, Waikato and Northland also received Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs) based on evidence submitted to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) by teachers. If these students chose to sit the exams, the higher of the two grades stood.

## Nigeria

### West African Senior School Certificate Examination

2020: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2020. Results were released in November 2020.

2021: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2021. Results were released in November 2021.

## North Macedonia

### Државната матура (Matura)

2021: Exam was adapted and consisted of two external and two internal exams plus a project task.

## Norway

### Vitnemål for videregående opplæring (Leaving Certificate from Upper Secondary School)

2020: Exams were cancelled. Grades were based on achievement over the academic year.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Grades were based on achievement over the academic year.

2022: Exams were cancelled. Grades were based on achievement over the academic year.

## Oman

### دبلوم التعليم العام (General Education Diploma)

2020: Exams were cancelled.

## Pakistan

### Intermediate / Higher Secondary Certificate

2020: Exams were cancelled. Final grades were based on the marks achieved in the Part I examinations, taken in Grade 11, plus an additional 3%.

2021: Exams were postponed until July and the syllabus was reduced.

## Philippines

### Senior High School Certificate / Diploma

2021: Exams were cancelled.

2022: Exams were cancelled.

## Poland

### Świadectwo Dojrzałości (Certificate of Maturity)

2020: Exams were held later than usual. Students only sat written exams; oral exams were cancelled.

2021: Students only sat written exams; oral exams were cancelled.

## Portugal

### Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação

2020: Exams were held later than usual. Exams were for higher education admission only; the diploma was awarded on basis of school assessment.

2021: Exams were for higher education admission only; the diploma was awarded on basis of school assessment.

2022: Exams were for higher education admission only; the diploma was awarded on basis of school assessment.

## Russia

### Единый государственный экзамен, ЕГЭ (Unified State Examination)

2020: Students were not required to pass these exams to obtain the Certificate of Secondary General Education; this was issued to all students in June. The state exams took place later than usual.

## Sierra Leone

### West African Senior School Certificate Examination

2020: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2020. Results were released in November 2020.

2021: Exams were delayed and took place in August / September 2021. Results were released in November 2021.

## Slovakia

### Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate)

2020: External exams were cancelled.

2021: External exams were cancelled.

## Spain

### Evaluación de Acceso a la Universidad (EvAU) (university entrance exam)

2020: The exams were held later than usual. Material covered after schools were closed was not included in the exams.

## Sri Lanka

### Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (Advanced level)

2020: A level exams were postponed from August to October 2020.

2021: A level exams in August were postponed and took place in February 2022.

## St Kitts and Nevis

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## St Lucia

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## St Vincent and the Grenadines

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## Switzerland

### Maturitätszeugnis / Certificat de maturité / Attestato di maturità

2020: Arrangement varied by canton. Exams were cancelled in some cantons.

## Trinidad and Tobago

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.

## Tunisia

### Baccalauréat

2020: Exams were held in July, around a month later than usual.

## Turks and Caicos Islands

### Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

2020: Exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were postponed until July and the format was modified. CAPE assessments were held from 13<sup>th</sup> July and results were released on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Exams consisted of multiple-choice questions and were marked electronically.



## Uganda

### Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education

2020: Exams were held in 2021, with results released in August 2021.

2021: The next exam session will be in October - December 2022.

## Ukraine

### Свідоцтво про здобуття повної загальної (Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education)

2020: Exams were cancelled.

2021: Exams were cancelled.

2022: Exams were cancelled.

### Сертифікат зовнішнього незалежного оцінювання (Certificate of Independent External Examination)

2022: Exams are going ahead, except in regions of the country controlled by Russia. Ukrainian literature has been dropped as a compulsory subject and the exam will take place over ten days, with different questions each day.

## United Arab Emirates

### شهادة الدراسة الثانوية العامة (General Secondary Education Certificate Examination)

2020: Exams were held online.

2022: The EmSAT was postponed from January to February 2022.

## United Kingdom – England, Wales and Northern Ireland

### General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Levels (A levels)

2020: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on centre assessed grades submitted by schools.

2021: Exams were cancelled. Results were based on grades submitted to exam boards by teachers.

## United Kingdom - Scotland

### Highers / Advanced Highers

2020: Exams were cancelled. Grades were awarded based on teacher judgement.

2021: Exams were cancelled. An alternative certification model was put in place, with results based on grades submitted by schools.

## United States of America

### ACT

2020: The tests due to take place in April 2020 were rescheduled for June 2020. Some test centres remained closed.

### Advanced Placement (AP)

2020: Exams were taken online in an adapted format.

2022: Exams went ahead, with the exception of some locations in China, including Beijing and Shanghai, where they were cancelled.

### SAT

2020: The exams scheduled for May and June 2020 were cancelled.

## Uzbekistan

### O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodatnoma (Certificate of Completed Secondary Education)

2020: Exams were taken online.

### National university entrance examination

2021: The number of questions in the exam was reduced.

## Vietnam

### Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Trung Học Phổ Thông (THPT) (Senior Secondary School Graduation Diploma)

2020: The school year was extended into July and exams postponed until August.

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