



MEMORANDUM

Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports & Culture

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TO: Board of Managements of Secondary Schools, Principals of Secondary Schools, President of the Belize National Teachers' Union and Managers, District Education Centers

FROM: Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture

SUBJECT: CAPE and CSEC Examinations – July 2020

DATE: May 13, 2020

Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) and the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examination (CSEC) will be held in July of this year. This decision came out of a virtual meeting held with the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)-Education, which was held on Friday 8th May, 2020. The meeting was attended by Ministers of Education, senior Ministry of Education Officials from across the region and other representatives, such as the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) and University of the West Indies. Belize was represented by the Honourable Patrick Faber the Minister of Education, Youth Sports and Culture.

The examinations will be offered in a modified format. Dr. Wayne Wesley, the Registrar of CXC stated the integrity of the examinations will be preserved by including the administration of Paper 1 (Multiple Choice Assessment), School Based Assessment (SBA), Paper 032 (Alternative to the SBA) for private candidates, and where applicable, additional assessment components. In the case of Belize, the additional components are as follows:

Spanish - Oral and Paper 2,
Human and Social Biology - Paper 2,
Music - Paper 2 and
Visual Arts - Reflective Journal.

Dr. Wesley stated the proposed administration of the examinations is July 2020, and the results will be released the first week in September, 2020. These dates are proposed and may be altered depending on the COVID-19 situation.

The COHSOD agreed to use an e-testing modality in countries that are equipped with devices and have connectivity. In countries where the infrastructure is lacking such as Belize, candidates will be allowed to sit paper based examinations.

The COHSOD also agreed to follow the public health guidelines for the reopening of schools as guided by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). Those protocols will be followed when the examinations are administered.

Managing Authorities and principals are asked to keep in touch regularly with the Local Registrar, Mrs. Candice Castillo for all updates on the examinations.

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