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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TERM 3

Term 3 is an important term for learners and institutions alike, as it provides an opportunity to look back at the academic results that emanated from the common examinations that were written at the end of Term 2 and to determine an academic strategy to address deficits in learners' knowledge base. This is particularly important for the grade 12s who will write the Preliminary Examination as a final preparation for the 2025 NSC examination. Likewise, it is important that the grade 10 and 11 learners must also understand that it is of utmost importance to be well prepared for the next two terms, but especially for the November 2025 common examinations. To assist institutions, the following information is shared, i.e.:

1. Release of 2025 May/ June results

- a. Release date: 5 August: Candidates who sat for the SACAI NSC May/June 2025 examination will be the only ones granted an opportunity to register for the NSC November 2025 examinations. It is important to note that the candidates will be placed at available examination venues based on capacity. The deadline for this application will be 18 August 2025.
- b. Where: The proof of results will be accessible on SACAI's website in a downloadable pdf. Statement of Results will be sent in electronic format to candidates.
- c. Candidates who wish to re-mark and view their answer scripts:
 - i. The applications will be on the website under Candidate Portal. They will have to login with their examination number.
 - ii. Applications for re-marking: 6 – 18 of August 2025.
 - iii. Viewing will take place at SACAI Head Office in Pretoria: 22 – 29 of September 2025.
 - iv. Note: Only remarked answer scripts may be viewed.

2. Finances, Invoices and Payments

- a. Invoice 3 in connection with the registration of grade 12 candidates for the NSC examination was distributed to all institutions on 1 July 2025.
- b. Invoice 3 is payable on or before 31 July 2025.
- c. The 4th and final invoice run will be in connection with Accommodations & Concessions applications that SACAI processed during 2025.
 - i. The first invoice will include all applications processed up until 30 June 2025. These invoices will be issued on 1 August and be payable on or before 15 September 2025.
 - ii. The second invoice will include the remaining applications processed, after appeals for the grade 10 and grade 11 applications have closed. These invoices will be issued on 1 October and be payable on or before 31 October 2025.



3. Accommodations (concessions)

- a. Grade 12 accommodations and NSC 2025: It is important to note the following information:
- i. A list of separate venues, as well as other information regarding accommodations, have already been shared with parents and learners via a Google link that enabled them to select an exam venue and verify the status of the respective accommodations.
Link : https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdc0sdXlWv-PFOSTFoFFn6VUcQNG61Iy_uk3j0MdcyXJlx_0g/viewform?usp=dialog
 - ii. The last date for verification by candidates and parents is **18 July 2025**.
 - iii. The said verification will be followed up by SACAI with an email via exams@sacai.org.za
 - iv. Invoices in connection with separate venue fees will be sent to parents with effect from 1 August 2025. The return date for payment will be 15 September 2025.
 - v. If payment has not been affected before or on 15 September 2025, SACAI will accept that the relevant parents and learner are no longer interested in utilising the accommodation.
 - vi. All the above information will be shared with the relevant examination centres and the CIs.
 - vii. However, to ensure that all arrangements are in place, parents and candidates must still check the status of their accommodations with the relevant examination centre and the Chief Invigilator (CI) once the CI details are distributed.
 - viii. Late applications for separate rooms: It will be difficult and problematic to apply for a separate room at this late stage of the examination process. In the rare case of a candidate transferring to another examination centre, parents and candidates must be aware of a possible shortage of separate venues at the new examination centre.
 - ix. Lessons learnt from NSC 2024: CIs must ensure that candidates with readers do not use readers for scribing as well. This is considered an examination irregularity, and all answers will be declared null and void. Therefore, candidates and parents must leave no stone unturned to verify the accommodations timeously. No exceptions will be made.
- b. Grades 10 and 11: Please note that the applications for grade 10 and 11 learner accommodations will close on **31 July 2025**. Thereafter, no new applications will be considered, except in meritorious and exceptional circumstances.
- c. Accommodations with effect from 2026:
- i. Note that with effect from January 2026, no new accommodation applications for Grade 12 candidates will be accepted.
 - ii. As we continue to support every learner in reaching their full academic potential, we encourage early planning for learning accommodations — starting as early as during the last term in Grade 9.
 - iii. By identifying and assessing learning support needs in grade 9, learners can be well-prepared when time comes to apply for official accommodations in grade 10 and beyond. This proactive approach ensures that the necessary documentation is in place, and learners are equipped with the tools they need for success, particularly during high-stakes assessments. Early testing will help the learner and the institution to implement and monitor the different learning accommodations prior to the examinations.
 - iv. We recommend that parents and schools apply for educational psychologist assessments during the grade 9 year. An assessment by any other psychologist will not be accepted. This timeline aligns with most regulatory requirements for accommodations in grade 10 and gives learners the benefit of consistent support early on.

- v. If you have questions or wish to obtain further guidance on the testing process or documentation requirements, please don't hesitate to reach out.

4. Monitoring of the mid-year examination for Grades 10 – 12 and SBAs to date

- a. Individual institutional meetings were held regarding grade 12 marks for term 1 with flagged institutions. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled with those institutions where SACAI requires a deeper understanding of the grade 10 and 11 marks.
- b. Various institutions (especially DEPs) commented in connection with the struggle of collecting SBA/PAT/Oral marks from learners. As stated during Client Forum 2, it is important to ensure that all marks are collected by the start of the prelim exams for grade 12. Incomplete SBA marks may result in refusal by SACAI to allow the relevant learner to write the particular subject.
- c. SACAI is monitoring the number of outstanding marks formally per grade per institution, thus it is imperative to ensure the marks are complete and submitted on time.
- d. SACAI will draft a fillable report for each institution to complete and provide feedback on the June Common Exams. This will assist SACAI to ensure a quality product for our institutions. The fillable report will be shared during the second week of term 3, to ensure institutions have finalised their marks and have ample time to complete it in full. The report will include the following topics to report back on:
 - i. Experience of common exam papers
 - ii. Experience of stricter invigilation practices
 - iii. Irregularities
 - 1. SBA irregularities experienced prior to exam
 - 2. Technical errors with QPs identified during the exam
 - 3. Incidents reported by invigilators during the exam
 - 4. Technical errors identified during the marking and moderation of question papers
 - iv. How was marking conducted?
 - v. How was moderation conducted?
 - vi. Have all exam marks been uploaded to SACAI system?
- e. Please be reminded of Assessment Instruction 03 of 2025 regarding the marksheets of the common exams and Term 2's marksheets, as well as the various due dates mentioned therein- [Assessment Instruction 03 of 2025- Marksheets.pdf](#)
- f. Also be reminded of the upcoming scheduled moderation cycle for grades 10 and 11, as per SACAI's SBA year plan- [Assessment Instruction 04 of 2025.pdf](#) as well as the [Submission Guidelines.pdf](#). These documents will also be sent in a separate email.