

For the attention of parents and candidates!

Please disseminate.

RELEASE DATE OF THE NOVEMBER 2025 NSC RESULTS

13 JANUARY 2026 @ 08:00

RESULTS AVAILABLE VIA THE SACAI WEBSITE

- The release date of the SACAI 2026 NSC results is Tuesday, 13 January 2026 at 08:00 via the SACAI website, <https://www.sacai.org.za>, click on “NSC Results”.
- To ensure strict security and the protection of personal information, access will only be granted if a candidate logs on with both the candidate’s examination number and identity number. Such access will be possible via cell phone, tablet or computer.
- It will also be possible to download a *Proof of Results* that may be used to enrol with higher education institutions or for employment applications.

CALL CENTRE

SACAI has established a call centre to assist those candidates who may have further enquiries. This service will be accessible from 08:00 to 16:00 with effect from 13 – 23 January 2026 via the following telephone numbers: 012-348-5650, 012-348 4650 and 012-348-0501.

Note: Please be patient on 13 and 14 January as the lines will be congested!

OPTIONS ON SWITCH BOARD & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

The FAQs and the available options on the switch board will be dealt with in the following manner by the call centre:

- Results:
 - Confirmation that the website must be the first port of call for access to the results and to download the *Proof of Results*.
 - Your call will only be accepted if you have already accessed your results via the website.
- Codes next to subjects:
 - “333”: It is an indication that the candidate was guilty of an examination irregularity.
 - “777”: It refers to an incomplete SBA component. This means that an SBA task, oral mark and/or PAT mark is missing. Only the registered institution will be able to assist as SACAI does not have access to the detailed information regarding SBAs.
 - “999”: It is an indication that the candidate was absent in one or more papers for the subject. A SACAI official will take your call.



- **Recheck:** If you want to apply for a recheck of your marks per script (i.e. to determine if the marks were added correctly), the SACAI website must be visited. You will be advised to register and affect payment via the website by means of online payment. Applications for re-checking of scripts open 14 January 2026 and close 28 January 2026. No late applications will be allowed.
- **Remark:** If you want to apply for a re-mark of a subject(s), the SACAI website must be visited. You will be advised to register and affect payment via the website by means of online payment. Applications for remarking of scripts open 14 January 2026 and close on 28 January 2026. No late applications will be allowed.
- **Viewing of answer scripts:** The viewing of scripts will only be facilitated as follows:
 - Applications for viewing of scripts open on 19 February 2026 and close on 26 February 2026. No late applications will be allowed.
 - An application for a remark is a prerequisite if you wish to view an answer script.
 - Viewing of scripts will only occur after the release of the remark results.
 - Please look out for the link for applications with effect from 19 February 2026.
 - You will be advised to affect payment via the website by means of online payment.
- **SBA marks:** If you want to query your SBA marks, remember that your registered institution submitted your SBA marks to SACAI. The institution must be contacted.
- **May/ June examinations:**
 - Registration can only be done via the website and if payment was affected by means of online payment.
 - Applications for the May/June examinations open on 2 February 2026 and close on 27 February 2026.
- **Enquiries by educational institutions:** Your call will be accepted by the call centre.

STATEMENT OF RESULTS

The official *Statement of Results* (SoR) that precedes the formal Umalusi certificate, will be disseminated by the respective education institutions. The planning is to send the SORs to all the institutions by Friday, 16 January 2026. Final arrangements will be communicated via the SACAI website.

I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH THE 2025 NSC RESULTS WHAT ARE THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS?

In anticipation of the numerous enquiries that may emanate from possible dissatisfaction with the final NSC results, the following information is made available:

May I request a remark of a specific answer script?

Yes, you may, but it should be submitted formally within 14 days after the date of the official release of the results. The cost associated is R632 per answer script (incl VAT). However, it must be borne in mind that the remark is not a guarantee that the mark will improve, as the same marking guideline used during the first marking process will be used. Furthermore, the remark will also be subjected to strict moderation.

May I request a rechecking of the marks?

The rechecking of marks (to check if all the marks were added up correctly) may be requested. The cost is R283 (incl VAT) per answer script. Such an application must be lodged within 14 days after the official release of the results.

If the remark results in a higher mark, will the applicant qualify for a refund?

No, a higher mark (%) alone will not qualify as only a remark that results in a higher level, qualifies for a refund, e.g. an improvement from Level 3 (40%-49%) to Level 4 (50%-59%).

May I request to view a specific answer script?

Yes, you may request a physical viewing of the specific subject's answer scripts at the offices of SACAI only. Such a request must be formally requested within 7 days after the date of the release of the remarked results. The cost is R353 (incl VAT) per answer script.

What is meant by the condonement of marks, and may I request an adjustment of my marks?

Condonement occurs programmatically under the authority of Umalusi. A maximum of two percent (2%) may be added to only one subject, provided it will allow the candidate to qualify for the NSC. Thus, no condonement requests will be entertained.

How will the applications for the above processes be lodged?

All such applications will be lodged via the SACAI website. The application will only be accepted after the receipt of proof of payment by means of online payment on the registration portal.

May a repeater rewrite a specific subject?

Yes, during the May/ June 2026 examination, provided that the following will apply, i.e.

- The candidate sat for the exam during a previous NSC examination.
- Only a limited selection of subjects will be offered.
- The cost of the subjects will be as follows:
 - Non-language and non-practical subjects: R1940 (VAT incl) per subject.
 - Languages and practical subjects: R2237 (VAT incl) per subject
 - CAT: R 2266 (VAT incl) per subject.
 - Note: If the subject that must be written is not offered during the May/ June examination, the repeater may write it during the 2026 NSC examination.

May I request to rewrite a specific question paper, e.g. English FAL Paper 2?

No, a rewrite of a subject implies that all the question papers must be rewritten, e.g. English FAL Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3.

When will the examination timetable for May/ June 2026 be available?

The finalisation of the timetable is dependent on the number of registrations for a particular subject. The costs related to an approved question paper and the arrangement of examination centres are truly exorbitant, therefore the economic viable number of candidates is a determining factor to decide to include a particular subject in the timetable. The timetable will therefore only be communicated on the SACAI website on 30 March 2026.

May I request a combination of results?

Yes, contact the SACAI call centre at one of the above telephone numbers. Combination of results mean that two or more NSC cycles have been written, and a new printed certificate must be issued that reflects the consolidated results, i.e. the best marks for each subject from all completed NSC cycles.

SBA MARKS – ARE THEY ADJUSTED, HOW AND BY WHOM?

It is common cause that there are many perceptions among learners and parents regarding the validity, acceptance and the adjustment of SBA marks. It is important to draw the attention of candidates and parents to the following:

- The respective educational institutions administer the assessment at institutional level with effect from Gr 10 and they are responsible for determining the percentages of every subject's SBA marks. As explained on numerous occasions, it is not in any candidate's interest to unrealistically inflate the marks. The SBA marks must be a valid and credible reflection of every candidate's genuine scholastic ability.
- The adjustment (statistical moderation) of SBA marks falls outside the authority of SACAI and is the sole domain of Umalusi. Umalusi is the quality assurer and final authority regarding the acceptance of the validity and credibility of all NSC marks, i.e. SBA marks and examination marks.
- The following guidelines are followed by Umalusi to adjust the SBA marks:
 - The adjustment of SBA marks for a subject is based on the SBA mean (average) of all the learners from an institution for that subject.
 - The final NSC mark for a subject is a combination of SBA marks and exam marks. The ratio between SBA marks and examination marks is a maximum of 25% for the SBAs and a minimum of 75% for the examination mark.
 - The distribution of marks of all the learners from a particular institution must reflect the normal distribution curve, i.e. bell curve. Thus, the "bunching" of marks must be avoided.
 - If the SBA mean of the learners from an institution is 5% - 10% above the examination mean, the SBA mark is accepted as valid and credible.
 - If the SBA mean is more than 10% above the examination mean for the subject, the mean is adjusted to 5% above the exam mean.
 - If the SBA mean is less than 5% above the examination mean, the SBA mean of the learners from that institution is adjusted up to 5% above the examination mean.