



SOUTH AFRICAN COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE
SUID-AFRIKAANSE KOMPREENSIEWE ASSESSERINGSINSTITUUT

2020 SACAI NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION TIMETABLE OCTOBER 2020

COVID 19 – POLICY – REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION

**Updated on 15 October 2020 Only dates for resulting, re-mark and supplementary changed
COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS**

SACAI CEO: Mr Keith Maseko

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- No clustering of desks in the exam venue.
- Candidates may make use of sealed bottled water during the writing session.
- Candidates’ stationery must be sealed and sanitized before entering the venue. Only use see-through stationery bags.
- Cleaners must clean the exam venue and bathrooms after each exam session.

Remedial measures:

Basic hygiene and sanitation package include cleaning and disinfection materials, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) i.e. face masks and gloves, sanitizers, hand-washing soap with running water, and thermometers.

- Risk reduction methods for venue, toilets/bathrooms, offices and strong room .
- Daily duties of cleaners; and
- How to use Personal Protective Equipment and non-contact thermometers.

Screening and testing:

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- Candidates and invigilators or staff members who present raised temperatures, will be considered for isolation and further testing.

THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

When will the final National Senior Certificate examination be conducted?

October to December annually.

Must a learner register to write the final National Senior Certificate examination?

Yes, before 15 March of the year in which a learner will sit for the final NSC examination. All subjects to be written, including those from approved assessment bodies, must be registered for. This is the responsibility of the NSC Institution registered with SACAI to ensure that 7 subjects are registered for the NSC examination.

Who is eligible to write the National Senior Certificate examination?

- Current Grade 12 learners.
- Repeater provided that School-based Assessment is valid.

MATRIC PASS REQUIREMENTS.

Firstly, there are 3 pass levels:

1. Higher certificate
2. Diploma
3. Bachelor's Degree (which was commonly known as an exemption)

Here are the pass requirements for each of these levels:

Higher certificate pass requirements

- Must obtain 40% in your Home Language.
- Must obtain at least 40% in **two** other subjects.
- Must obtain at least 30% for **three** other subjects.

It is important to note that one of your languages must either be English or Afrikaans to qualify for a Higher Certificate.

Diploma pass requirements

- Must obtain at least 40% for your Home Language.
- Must obtain at least 40% for **three** other High Credit subjects (**Four**, including your home language.).
- Must obtain at least 30% for **two** other subjects.

Bachelor's Degree pass requirements

- Must obtain at least 40% for your Home Language.
- Must obtain at least 50% for **four** other High Credit subjects.
- Must obtain at least 30% for **two** other subjects.

Level system

- Level 7: 80 – 100% (Outstanding achievement)
- Level 6: 70 – 79% (Meritorious achievement)
- Level 5: 60 – 69% (Substantial achievement)
- Level 4: 50 – 59% (Moderate achievement)
- Level 3: 40 – 49% (Adequate achievement)
- Level 2: 30 – 39% (Elementary achievement)
- Level 1: 0 – 29% (Not achieved – Fail)

What is the role of Umalusi?

Umalusi is responsible for the quality assurance of assessment in the Grade 12-year and issues the National Senior Certificate to successful NSC candidates. Umalusi approves the NSC resulting after standardisation.

Announcement procedure

The original SACAI signed Statement of results will be couriered to the **EXAMINATION CENTRES** from **17 - 22 February 2021** in time for the candidates to collect it on **23 February 2021**.

Candidates will be able to view their results on the SACAI portal from **16 February 2021**. Keying in the candidate's **examination and ID numbers will allow access to the portal**. The link to the **SACAI portal: <http://portal.sacai.co.za>**

SACAI offices:

Please note that the SACAI offices will be closed from **15 December 2020 to 13 January 2021** and that no telephone calls or e-mail queries will be answered during this time. Please ensure that all NSC resulting relating enquiries must be done via the NSC Institution where the candidate is registered for the 2020 Grade 12.

Only remarking online application process: Opening date: 16 February 2021 - Closing date: 17 March 2021 ***These dates can be revised due to lockdown period.***

Candidates may apply for re-marking of examination answer scripts immediately after receiving their SACAI NSC Statement of Results. The closing date for application for a re-mark is usually announced on the back of the Statement of Results.

- **Only online applications** will be accepted - **SACAI portal: <http://portal.sacai.co.za>**
- **A candidate may only apply for the remark in a subject if the mark for the subject is within 3% of a higher symbol, e.g. 27%, 37%, 47%, 57%, 67% or 77%**
- A candidate may apply for the remark of his/her examination scripts at the prescribed fee. The application may only be completed online.

The supplementary examination in April 2021 ***These dates can be revised due to lockdown period.***

Please note:

- **No admission to Supplementary Examination for Dramatic Arts, Visual Arts or Design practical components.**
- The practical component for the following NSC subjects must be completed before commencement of the NSC examination. The practical must be conducted at **SACAI registered NSC examination centres** under examination invigilation conditions. The candidates will be placed at specific centres by SACAI.
 - **Dramatic Arts NSC Practical Paper 1**
 - **Design NSC Practical Paper 1**
 - **Visual Arts NSC Practical (12 – 24 practical hours) Paper 1**

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VERY important: Only if the candidate achieved **more than 25% in the relevant subject** during the NSC examination (November sitting) will be granted admission for the Supplementary examination (*maximum of 2 subjects)

ONLY 4 Supplementary examination centres will be registered for the March 2021 NSC Supplementary examination. Please ensure that you will be able to travel to these centres prior to applying for a supplementary examination.

The four centres are as follows:

- **Gauteng** – **SACAI Head Office Garsfontein**
- **KZN** – **H/school Amanzimtoti**
- **Western Cape** – **Youth Academy Lansdowne**
- **Eastern Cape** – **SACAI Port Elizabeth**



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2020 SACAI NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The timetable dates can be revised due to COVID-19 level announced

TECHNOLOGY PRACTICAL (NSC) EXAMINATION: 20 - 21 OCTOBER 2020
 TECHNOLOGY THEORY (NSC) EXAMINATION: 22 – 23 OCTOBER 2020

DATE	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Tuesday 20/10/2020	<i>Computer Application Technology</i> <i>Paper 1 (3 hrs)</i> PRACTICAL <i>(Only at SACAI registered</i> <i>practical CAT centres equipped</i> <i>with SkillsPro laptops)</i>	Approval to conduct two sessions if required must be obtained from SACAI in advance.
Wednesday 21/10/2020	<i>Information Technology Paper 1</i> <i>(3 hrs) PRACTICAL</i> Delphi 10 <i>(Only at SACAI registered</i> <i>practical IT centres equipped with</i> <i>SkillsPro laptops)</i>	
Thursday 22/10/2020	<i>Computer Application Technology</i> <i>Paper 2 THEORY (3 hrs)</i>	
Friday 23/10/2020	<i>Information Technology Paper 2</i> THEORY (3 hrs)	



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2020 (NSC) EXAMINATION: 03 NOVEMBER – 15 DECEMBER 2020

IEB PAPERS / DBE PAPERS

WEEK 1		
DATE	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Tuesday 03/11	Mathematical Literacy Paper 1 (3 hrs)	
Wednesday 04/11/2020	Mathematics Paper 1 (3 hrs)	
Thursday 05/11/2020	Mathematical Literacy Paper 2 (3 hrs)	
Friday 06/11/2020	Mathematics Paper 2 (3 hrs)	GERMAN SAL PAPER 1 (2 hrs)
WEEK 2		
DATE	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Monday 09/11/2020	IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, SiSwati HL & FAL Paper 1 (2 hrs) IsiXhosa SAL Paper 1 (2 ½ hrs)	History Paper 1 (3 hrs)
Tuesday 10/11/2020	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana HL & FAL Paper 1 (2 hrs) Sesotho SAL Paper 1 (2 ½ hrs) Afrikaans HT Paper 3 (2 ½ hrs)	Afrikaans EAT Paper 3 (2 ½ hrs)
Wednesday 11/11/2020	Economics Paper 1 (2 hrs)	GERMAN SAL PAPER 2 (2 hrs)
Thursday 12/11/2020	Life Sciences Paper 1 (2 ½ hrs)	
Friday 13/11/2020	RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY	
WEEK 3		
DATE	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Monday 16/11/2020	English FAL Paper 1 (2hrs)	English HL Paper 1 (2hrs)
Tuesday 17/11/2020	Afrikaans HT Paper 1 (2 hrs)	Afrikaans EAT Paper 1 (2 hrs)
Wednesday 18/11/2020	Life Sciences Paper 2 (2 ½ hrs)	
Thursday 19/11/2020	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana HL Paper 2 (2½ hrs) & FAL Paper2 (2 hrs) English HL Paper 3 (2 ½ hrs)	English FAL Paper 3 (2 ½ hrs)
Friday 20/11/2020	Engineering Graphics & Design Paper 1 (3 hrs)	Visual Arts THEORY Paper 2 (3 hrs) Agricultural Management Practices (3 hrs)

WEEK 4		
DATE	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Monday 23/11/2020	Accounting (3 hrs)	
Tuesday 24/11/2020	English HL Paper 2 (2 ½)	English FAL Paper 2 (2 hrs)
Wednesday 25/11/2020	Business Studies Paper 1 (2 hrs)	
Thursday 26/11/2020	IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, SiSwati HL Paper 2 (2 ½ hrs) & FAL Paper 2 (2 hrs) IsiXhosa SAL Paper 2 (2 hrs)	Afrikaans HT Paper 2 (2 ½ hrs)
Friday 27/11/2020	Physical Sciences PHYSICS Paper 1 (3 hrs)	
WEEK 5		
DATE	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Monday 30/11/2020	Physical Sciences Paper 2 (3 hrs)	
Tuesday 01/12/2020	Consumer Studies (3 hrs)	Hospitality Studies (3 hrs)
Wednesday 02/12/2020	Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana HL Paper 3 (2 ½ hrs) & FAL Paper 3 (2 ½ hrs)	Agricultural Sciences Paper 1 (2 ½ hrs)
Thursday 03/12/2020	Afrikaans EAT Paper 2 (2 hrs)	
Friday 04/12/2020	Business Studies Paper 2 (2 hrs)	Music THEORY Paper 1 (3 hrs)
WEEK 6		
DATE	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Monday 07/12/2020	Geography THEORY Paper 1 (3 hrs)	Geography MAP WORK Paper 2 (1 ½ hrs) Music COMPREHENSION Paper 2 (1 ½ hrs)
Tuesday 08/12/2020	IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, SiSwati HL Paper 3 (2 ½ hrs) & FAL Paper 3 (2 hrs) IsiXhosa SAL Paper 3 (2 hrs)	History Paper 2 (3 hrs)
Wednesday 09/12/2020	Tourism (3 hrs)	
Thursday 10/12/2020	Engineering Graphics & Design Paper 2 (3 hrs)	Dramatic Arts THEORY Paper 2 (3 hrs)
Friday 11/12/2020	Religion Studies Paper 1 (2 hrs)	Religion Studies Paper 2 (2 hrs) Design (3 hrs)

	WEEK 7	
	SESSION 1: 09:00	SESSION 2: 14:00
Monday 14/12/2020	Agricultural Sciences Paper 2 (2 ½ hrs)	Economics Paper 2 (2 hrs)
Tuesday 15/12/2020	COLLECTION OF FINAL EXAMINATION MATERIAL	
Wednesday 16/12/2020	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	

NSC PRACTICAL SUBJECTS	
Tuesday 20 October 2020	Computer Applications Tech P1 (3hrs) Practical
Wednesday 21 October 2020	Information Technology P1 (3hrs) Practical
28 – 31 October 2020	NSC Examination – Performing Arts Practical (Dramatic Arts)



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- **Chief Invigilator of the NSC examination centre will request a scheduled information centre meeting before the commencement of the NSC examination. During this compulsory centre meeting the rules and regulations will be discussed and the necessary documentation must be completed before the candidate can receive the **blue admission** letter and timetable with proof of ID. SACAI will not be able to entertain requests for the re-issue of documentation if the candidate did not attend this meeting.**
- **Accommodation and concession candidates** must provide the signed off approved SACAI accommodation certificate to the Chief Invigilator to ensure that the necessary arrangements are in place before the commencement of the NSC examination.
- **Adhere to the regulations and legislations of the COVID-19 policy**

Kindly note:

All extra costs related to accommodation for grade 12 candidates are for the account of the parent.

These costs include:

- The rent of a separate venue (classroom) for use during the examination period.
- The cost of an additional invigilator as required by the SACAI Examination Policy.
- The cost of a reader and/or scribe as mutually agreed between the reader and/or scribe and the parent. Independent reader and scribe according to SACAI Examination Policy.

SACAI shall not be liable for the payment of any invoices arising from an agreement between the examination centres and the parent for the extra costs. **Note** that these costs are in addition to the SACAI Examination Fees and must be paid prior to the commencement of the NSC examination.

It is the responsibility of the parent to arrange an independent qualified reader and / or scribe (reader and / or scribe may not be a teacher / facilitator / tutor of the candidate neither the head of a tutor centre or independent school) to put into effect the accommodation granted by the SACAI Accommodation Committee and confirmed with the SACAI Accommodation Certificate.

- You must produce your **BLUE personal timetable** and proof of identity **every time you report for an examination session.**
- You must be seated at least (30) thirty minutes before the starting time of a session as indicated on the timetable.
- You will only in exceptional circumstances be admitted to the examination room after the commencement of an examination session, **but never after an hour has passed.** If you are late no additional time will be allowed.
- No explanation of examination questions may be asked for or given to others.
- Under no circumstances will you be allowed to remove either a used or unused answer script from the examination room.
- Once you have completed a question paper you must leave the answer script(s) on your desk for the invigilator to collect. If it is more than 15 minutes before the end of the session you may raise your hand to draw the attention of the invigilator. All candidates are requested to be seated until the session is completed. You may not cause a disturbance or behave in an improper or unseemly manner.
- Under no circumstances will you be allowed to take an answer script or a sheet of paper with you when leaving the room and to then return to hand it in. The script or sheet of paper will be marked "invalid" and will not be marked.
- You are not allowed to assist or try to assist another candidate in any way. Neither are you allowed to ask another candidate for assistance or accept such assistance if offered to you. All questions must be directed to the invigilator.
- You may not cause a disturbance or behave in an improper or unseemly manner.

- You may not disregard the instructions of the Chief invigilator and the team.
- You may not take a book, memorandum, notes, maps, photos or other documentation or material into the examination room except your personal timetable and identification document.
- You are not allowed to take a cell phone, smart watch, smart devices or other electronic device(s) into the examination room, except a non-programmable calculator if required by the specific paper. Any such items must be switched off and handed in to the Chief Invigilator before the start of the session. If you do not obey these instructions, you render yourself liable to suspension from the current and future examinations and SACAI may in such an event refuse to give you credit for other examination papers written.
- Any errata on a specific examination question paper will be read to you by the Chief invigilator.
- You will be allowed 10 minutes before the start of writing to read the question paper. You are not allowed to start writing or to make notes during these 10 minutes.
- No gum, sweets, water or cold drinks are allowed into the examination room except if permission is given by the Chief invigilator because of specific reasons. If permission is granted to take water into the examination venue, the water must be in a sealed plastic bottle. (For example: in the case of a diabetic).

VERY IMPORTANT:

CAT & IT practical will be written at SACAI approved CAT & IT practical centres equipped with SkillsPro laptops.

CENTRE THAT OFFERS TWO CAT or IT SESSIONS:

- CAT & IT candidates who sit for the first session must report at the exam centre at 07:00 to start promptly at 08:00. Candidates who sit the second sitting must report at the exam centre no later than 10:30 as these candidates will be under supervision until the second session start. Candidates may study and have something to eat or drink before the second session starts.
- Accommodation candidates will be seated in the second session due to extra time allowed.
- Candidate may not leave the practical venue before the necessary practical form and data is confirmed by the candidate.

CENTRE WHERE ONLY ONE CAT SESSION OFFERED:

- CAT & IT candidates must report at the exam centre at 07:30.