

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT FORM III - OCTOBER 2013

GUIDELINES FOR HEADS OF SCHOOLS

The Education and Human Resource Strategy Plan (2008-2020) recommends, inter-alia, the introduction of a National Assessment at Form III which aims at evaluating the competencies acquired by students and identifying their educational orientations according to their aptitudes and inclinations.

This National Assessment is not an exercise to compare or to benchmark the performance levels of schools. It, in fact, helps to gauge the level of competencies reached by students so that proper remedial action may be taken and that transition to upper secondary be done more smoothly.

The National Assessment was carried out in 2010 on a pilot basis in 33 Secondary Schools and four subjects, namely English, French, Mathematics and Computer Studies/literacy, were assessed. In 2011 the National Assessment was again carried out on a pilot basis in 139 Secondary schools with 'Science' as an additional subject.

The 2012 session involved 155 pilot Secondary schools and Science was assessed as three separate subjects, namely, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

In line with the implementation of the Government Programme 2012-2015, the National Assessment Form III is now being rolled out in ALL Secondary Schools in Mauritius and Rodrigues. The students will be assessed in the same subjects as last year.

Aim of the National Assessment

The National Assessment at Form III has a two-fold aim:

1. To evaluate the level of competencies acquired by the students.
2. To identify their academic strength and weaknesses and take corrective action where needed.

Modalities of National Assessment Form III – Year 2013

- Schools will be provided with question papers for all their Form III students and relevant marking schemes prepared by the MES.
- Distribution of question papers to schools will be the responsibility of MES and Zone Directorates/PSSA.
- Students will sit for their assessment in their respective schools.
- A common examination time table has been provided for the subjects to be assessed so that each paper is examined simultaneously in all schools.
- Supervision and invigilation will be the responsibility of the Head of School who will ensure that standard examination conditions prevail throughout.
- The marking of scripts will be done at school level by subject teachers as per marking schemes provided. However, educators will not mark the scripts of their own students.
- With regard to the other subjects taught in Form III, schools will conduct, as usual, the end-of-year internal examinations based on papers set by the schools themselves. The overall assessment for the end-of-year examination and promotion to Form IV will be at the discretion of the school after taking into account the entire range of subjects taught and the criteria set by the school for promotion to the next grade.
- By mid August 2013, Heads of Schools will have to confirm the exact number of students in Form III to the Zone Directorates/PSSA.

TIME TABLE
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Date	Time	Subject	Duration
Friday 18 October	09 00 - 10 45	English	1 h 45 min
Monday 21 October	09 00 - 10 45	French	1 h 45 min
	11 30 - 12 30	Biology	1 h
Tuesday 22 October	09 00 - 10 45	Computer Studies/ Literacy	1 h 45 min
	11 30 - 12 30	Chemistry	1 h
Wednesday 23 October	09 00 - 10 45	Mathematics	1 h 45 min
	11 30 - 12 30	Physics	1 h