

STATEMENT

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Decisions of the Special Meeting of CXC's Council on the 2022 Regional Examinations Strategy

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados – The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC®) stands in solidarity with the region and the international community as we grapple with the impact of COVID-19 on our way of life. The Council recognises the impact of COVID-19 on the education system in general and, more specifically, on the schedule of CXC's regional examinations.

A Special Meeting of Council, the governing Board of the **Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC®)** which is made up of Governments from across the region, was held today, (Wednesday, 27 April 2022) following feedback from regional Ministries of Education on the timing of 2022 regional examinations. Members of Council reviewed and reached consensus on recommendations from CXC's School Examinations Committee (SEC), on the strategy for the 2022 regional examinations.

After careful deliberation and consideration of all the pertinent issues, Council, agreed that the revised strategy for the 2022 regional examinations shall be as follows:

1) To delay sitting of the regional examinations by three weeks:

This will provide candidates with additional time to prepare for the examinations. Therefore, examinations will commence on Monday, 23 May 2022 with results projected to be released in late August or early September 2022.

Official timetables will be published to the CXC® website on Wednesday, 4 May 2022 and will be available to students in the Online Students' Portal (<https://ors.cxc.org/studentportal>).

2) Extension of Submission of School-Based Assessment (SBA): The deadline for the submission of SBAs has been extended by two weeks for all CSEC® and CAPE® examinations.

3) Release of Broad Topics: CXC® will share with Ministries of Education for communication to Candidates, the Broad topics to be assessed on Paper 02.

These adjustments to the strategy are in addition to concessions that CXC® has already put in place to date, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include:

- i. **School Based Assessments (SBAs):** CXC® reduced the SBA requirements by as much as 50 per cent in some subjects.
- ii. **Submission of SBAs:** The deadline for the submission of SBAs has been extended by six weeks.
- iii. **Option to Defer:** Candidates have the option to defer some or all of their Examinations to either January or June 2023.

The Executive Management and staff at CXC® support Council's decision fully as we continue to work in the best interest of our students across the region.

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About CXC®:

The Caribbean Examinations Council® (CXC®) was established in 1972 under Agreement by the Participating Governments in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). CXC® assures the global human resource competitiveness of the Caribbean through the provision of syllabuses of the highest quality; valid and reliable examinations and certificates of international repute for students of all ages, abilities and interests; services to educational institutions in the development of syllabuses, examinations and examinations' administration, in the most cost-effective way.

CXC® comprises 16 Participating Countries: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Turks and Caicos Islands.

The first examinations for the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate® (CSEC®) were offered in 1979 in five subjects. Subsequent to CSEC®, CXC® has introduced a comprehensive suite of qualifications to meet the needs of the region: Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment™ (CPEA™), Caribbean Certificate of Secondary Level Competence® (CCSLC®), *Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ), Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination® (CAPE®) and the CXC® Associate Degree (CXC®-AD).

The organisation also collaborates with countries in the Dutch Caribbean – Curaçao, Saba, St Eustatius and St Maarten, as well as Suriname.

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