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2023 DEAR PARENT NSC RESULTS



YOUR CHILD WROTE THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC), ALSO KNOWN AS THE MATRIC EXAMINATION AND NOW YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST AND GUIDE YOU.

Congratulations to those learners who passed repeated subjects and/or passed matric - #Welldoneclassof'23. We are proud of you and wish you the best of luck for your future.

Some learners may have experienced a few challenges in 2023 and were not able to pass all their subjects. We would like to offer our empathy and support to you by explaining the way forward.

What can be done? This communication can assist you to see what options are available.

➤ WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SACAI IN THE NSC RESULTS?

SACAI is responsible for the moderation of the learner marks, PATs and files submitted to SACAI by the Registered Institutions. This moderation is done during the year through the submission of teacher files and candidate portfolios. SACAI develops the final question papers. UMALUSI appoints external moderators to moderate the question papers from ALL the exam boards. The SACAI examination papers are on par with those of ALL the other examination boards.

➤ EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS:

If learners received the following on their statements of results, the possible reasons are:

- IR – incomplete result due to outstanding SBA/PAT/Oral mark.
- A – Absent in one or more papers in the examinations.
- S (333) – results suspended due to an irregularity still under investigation.
- D (888) – candidate has been disqualified due to an irregularity that has been investigated and concluded.
- 777/444 – outstanding SBA/PAT/Oral mark.
- 999 – absent in one or more papers in the examinations.

➤ POSSIBLE REASONS WHY MY CHILD FAILED

A. THERE MIGHT BE A COMPONENT MISSING THAT IS NEEDED TO CALCULATE THE FINAL RESULTS

1. Components necessary to compile the final Site Based Assessment (SBA) results, were not submitted.
2. The learner did not write the exam.

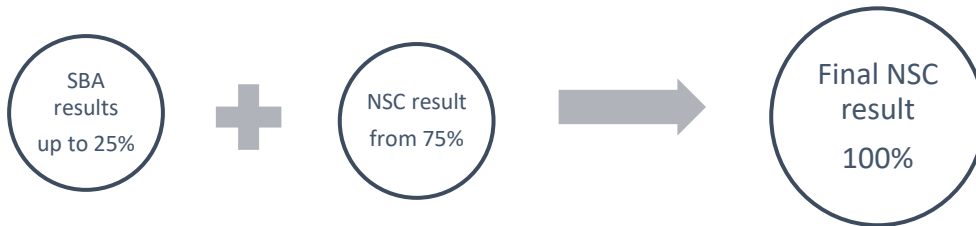
Should this be the case, please contact your Registered Institution and request advice. If they cannot assist you, **THEY** will contact SACAI.





B. UNDERSTANDING THE SBA RESULTS

It is important to understand the weighting of the final NSC result. Parents tend to think that a high SBA mark automatically translates into high NSC final marks. This is unfortunately not the case. The final mark is made up from (up to) 25% of the final SBA mark and (from) 75% of the NSC mark obtained during the final examination.



The Registered Institutions compile and submit the final SBA marks to SACAI. SACAI marks the answer scripts and then captures raw exam marks.

Questions regarding SBA marks should be addressed to the Registered Institutions.

C. MY CHILD FAILED. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

1. You can request a remark. There is an open window, 19 – 26 January 2024. You can apply for this on the same webpage portal where you accessed the marks.
2. You can request a viewing of the exam script after a re-mark. The link for the application to view will be available on www.sacai.org.za from 14 March 2024.
3. Re-register for the May/June examination. The existing SBA mark will be used.
4. Repeat the whole year and register for the November examination through your Registered Institution. The existing SBA mark can be used, or SBA work can be re-attempted to improve marks.

All these actions above (1 to 3) can be done on the SACAI website on the portal – <https://www.sacai.org.za/>

Please also see the attached **NSC process document for examination recourse**.

Should you need assistance, please contact your Registered Institution, or visit our website.

Kind regards

SACAI





➤ NSC PROCESS DOCUMENT FOR EXAMINATION RECOURSE

1. RE-MARK OF EXAMINATION SCRIPTS

Only online applications will be accepted. (www.sacai.org.za)

A candidate may only apply for a re-mark 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%.

- 1.1. A candidate may apply for the re-mark of his/her examination scripts at the prescribed fee. The application may only be completed online at www.sacai.org.za
- 1.2. Closing date for application: **26/01/2024**
- 1.3. Fees for re-mark of scripts: Re-mark R590.50 per subject (VAT incl.)

2. VIEWING OF SCRIPTS

The link for the application to view will be available as a pop-up message on www.sacai.org.za from 14 March 2024.

- 2.1. Viewing may only be done after a re-mark.
- 2.2. Closing date for applications: **20/03/2024**
- 2.3. Fees for viewing: R330.19 per subject (VAT incl.)

3. 2024 MAY/JUNE NSC EXAMINATION PROCESS

(Online process: www.sacai.org.za)

- 3.1. The registration system opens on **Monday, 22 January 2024** and the registration system closing date is on **Friday, 23 February 2024**.
- 3.2. 2023 candidates can register online via the SACAI portal: <http://portal.sacai.co.za> or by sending an email to exams@sacai.org.za.
- 3.3. A new examination writing opportunity is available during May/June where candidates can improve their results or complete outstanding results. The closing date for the May/June examination online application: **23 February 2024**.

CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

- Candidates who were absent with a valid reason (medically unfit, death in the immediate family or other special reasons) from one or more external question papers, may register for the May/June examination.
- Candidates who want to improve their overall achievement status, or only want to improve the achievement of a subject, may register for the May/June examination.





- In the case where a candidate was absent for one or more papers in the current NSC November examination with a valid reason, the candidate must rewrite all the papers of the specific subject. For example, if a candidate was absent for paper 1 of Life Sciences but wrote paper 2, the candidate must write both papers 1 and 2 of Life Sciences in May/June.
- In a case where an irregularity is being investigated from the November examinations, provisional enrolment for the May/June examination may be granted for the candidate concerned, pending the outcome of the investigation.
- Candidates who were unable to write or complete one or more of the previous November examination question papers for reasons other than illness/injury or death in the family, may apply to write the May/June examination, provided that a written report is submitted by the SACAI NSC Institution or Principal of the Independent school or Distance Education Provider to chipo@sacai.org.za.

NB: Documented proof substantiating the reason for absenteeism must be submitted to the SACAI head office to ensure entry to the May/June examination. The Statement of Results should also be presented for proof of the previous November examinations registration or previous 2014 to date Umalusi certificates or previous Grade 12 statements of results. (Email address: exams@sacai.org.za)





➤ MAY/JUNE NSC EXAMINATION PROCESS FLOW

SACAI NSC candidates from 2014 to date may register online via the SACAI candidate portal for the May/June examination.

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY TO REGISTER FOR THE SACAI MAY/JUNE SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS?

1. Written National Senior Certificate (NSC) through SACAI with a valid completed SBA, PAT and Oral (NSC year: 2014 to date)
2. Recent 2023 NSC November Examination, subjects written, failed or absent with a valid reason.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the following documents to exams@sacai.org.za

- A certified copy of your ID document or birth certificate or passport (foreign candidates with a valid study permit) must be attached to the May/June registration form to be uploaded onto the SACAI website. (www.sacai.org.za).
- Umalusi Certificate or Grade 12 previous Statements of Results.

WHAT PROCESS NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED IF I DO NOT QUALIFY TO WRITE THE MAY/JUNE NSC EXAMINATION?

Candidates who do not qualify to write the May/June NSC examination, have the following options:

- Re-enrol for the NSC as a part-time repeater candidate at a SACAI NSC Institution without delay.
- NSC Institution list available on the SACAI website. (www.sacai.org.za).
- Examinations will take place in October/November of the respective year.

ANNEXURE A

- Candidates are urged to get their **2023 statements of results** from their SACAI NSC designated examination centre or SACAI Independent school where they wrote the NSC exams.
- Candidates must ensure that names and identity numbers reflect correctly on their Statement of Results and report any required corrections to SACAI before **14 March 2024**.

