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CXC CSEC EXAMS

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Private Candidate Registration

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- A private candidate is anyone who is not enrolled in Form 5 at a secondary school preparing to write CSEC in the May/June sitting.
 - Every national of Trinidad and Tobago is given one free chance to write CSEC as a private candidate, in addition to when you write the exam in form 5.
 - To register for the exams, you need to have your electronic birth certificate, photo ID (passport, national ID or Driver's Permit) and Receipt of Payment if necessary.

CSEC

Candidate Fee	\$137.00
Administrative Fee	\$8.00
Subject Fee	\$140.00
Orals	\$3.00

CAPE

Candidate Fee	\$137.00
Administrative Fee	\$8.00
Subject Fee	\$195.00

Private Candidate Registration Fees

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- You need to upload EITHER JPG (picture) or PDF versions of your important documents. You will also need to upload a passport sized photo.
 - It is recommended to register for the exam on a laptop or PC vs your smart phone. Visit <https://exams.moe.gov.tt> and select the exam that you wish to apply for from the Drop-down menu. Ensure that any email address and contact information that you enter are up to date and easily accessible to you.

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- For the June 2023 CSEC examinations, candidates are offered the opportunity of sitting the Paper 1 (multiple choice paper) electronically by e-testing. (Note that Paper 2 and Paper 3 will be done by traditional pen and paper).
 - Candidates who choose the e-testing option for Paper 1 will be provided with access to CXC's website to view various e-tests and attempt e-testing practice tests in their subject area. The Ministry will provide a laptop computer for candidates' use. Candidates however, may choose to bring their own laptop computer for e-testing examinations.

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- **RESIT:** Candidates who wish to reuse their SBA marks obtained in the May/June 2021 or May-June 2022 examinations must select the Resit option. The candidate's 2021 or 2022 CSEC/CAPE Candidate Number is required.
 - **ALTERNATE:** NEW Candidates or Candidates who do not wish to re-use an SBA, must select Alternate (Paper 3/2).

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- **WITHDRAWALS:** Applications for complete withdrawals or subject withdrawals should be submitted in writing or via e-mail to the Local registrar - localregistrar@moe.gov.tt - and will be considered up to Friday 4th November, 2022.
 - **REFUNDS:** Request for refunds WILL NOT be entertained after 21st November 2022. It should be noted that ONLY SUBJECT FEES ARE REFUNDABLE.

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- **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS** (Concessions) Requests for Special Assessment Arrangements (concessions) for candidates with known disabilities may be submitted by hand to the Ministry of Education.
 - Candidates must provide a report from a medical doctor/consultant, obtained within the past two years, that gives details of the condition experienced. An EXA51 form, which can be obtained from the Examinations Unit of the Ministry of Education, must also be completed.
 - Special Assessment Arrangements requests, as well as requests for Braille and enlarged print question papers must be submitted to the Ministry no later than 14th October 2022.

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- **ENVELOPE FOR POSTAGE** Candidates are required to bring one 12” X 10” envelope on the day of their first examination. The envelope must be self-addressed and must bear the required value of postage stamp stuck on the upper right corner. It must be given to the Supervisor at the Examination Centre. This envelope will be used to post your CSEC/CAPE Certificate to you when it is issued by CXC.

You can find the complete instructions from MOE here:

https://storage.moe.gov.tt/exam-registration/2022/10/REGISTRATION-INSTRUCTIONS_CSEC_CAPE_June2023_PrivateCandidates.pdf

Special Concessions or Alternative Arrangements

Special Concessions or Alternative Arrangements are granted based on the unique needs of the student and may either be adjustments to the exam format or the specific exam conditions. For example, a student who is visually impaired may need to have an interpreter or reader while a student diagnosed with ADHD may need extended time in exams.

Special Concessions or Alternative Arrangements

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There are four main types of special concessions available:

- **Presentation Accommodations** adjust the presentation of test material and / or test directions e.g. (Instructions in Sign Language, Braille, Large Print). These may include the use of specific personnel (Interpreter, Reader)
- **Response Accommodations** adjust the manner in which students respond to or answer test questions (Oral responses transcribed by a Scribe; Braille).
- **Setting Accommodations** adjust the place in which the testing normally occurs (Separate Room, Preferential Seating)
- **Scheduling Accommodations** adjust the time allowance or scheduling of tests (Extended and/or Compensatory Time, Scheduled Breaks).

Special Concessions or Alternative Arrangements

Here is a list of the circumstances under which students may qualify for concessions:

- **Students with Medical, Physical and Sensory Impairments** - Applications for students with medical, physical and sensory impairments must be accompanied by bona fide documentation from a recognized medical institution or licensed professional.
- **Students with Learning Disabilities** - Applications for students with learning disabilities must be accompanied by bona fide documentation (valid for a maximum of three years from the date of assessment) from a professional/organisation qualified to do psycho-educational assessments. Alternatively, students without documented disabilities who receive classroom support or use instructional tools or accommodations in the classroom are not automatically eligible for this special arrangement.

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You can find more information on special concessions here:

- <https://storage.moe.gov.tt/corporate/2022/09/Guidelines-for-Special-Concessions-for-all-Local-Examinations.pdf>
- <https://www.moe.gov.tt/special-concessions/>

Your CSEC Prep Checklist

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- 1.The Syllabus.** You need the syllabus for each subject. Why? The syllabus is a guide for all the topics that you should know and it also fully explains your exams, what is required and how it is graded.
 - 2.Class notes and relevant texts.** If you missed notes, make sure to get them. Textbooks provide very good notes and extra practice. Ask your teachers about which textbooks they use and other students from other schools.
 - 3.Past papers.** You should have at least 10 years of papers one, two and three. It helps you to identify trends and get you familiar with the types of questions that come. CXC is infamous for repeating questions as well. Personal experience: When I did CSEC 11 years ago, they repeated more than 50 of the 60 questions. There are several ways to approach doing past papers:

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- By Topics - when you're finished with a topic in school, you can go through your past papers and look for all the questions on that topic and do them.
- By Section - complete section by section. For example, working on a section for a period of time.
- Entirely - At least 3 months before your exam, you should be able to complete an entire past paper

Please do not attempt to do full past papers before you have completed at least 70% of the syllabus. You will psych yourself out for no reason.

4.A Study Timetable - If you're doing more than one subject, this is especially important for you. Be realistic with yourself when setting a timetable. You should be aiming to complete 2 hours of voluntary study per subject per week. Plan what you're going to study as well.

5.Scheduled breaks and things to unwind to regulate your stress.

Locating CSEC Resources

- Youtube
- Khan Academy
- <https://kerwinspringer.com/csec-solutions>
- <https://faspasmaths.com/category/upper-secondary/csec-maths-solutions/>

Common Misconceptions about CXC CSEC

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- **CXC is not the name of the exam that students take at the end of Form 5** - Previously known as O' Level Exams, the CSEC (*Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate*) exams are typically taken at the end of form 5. CXC (*Caribbean Examinations Council*) is the name of the organisation that is responsible for setting the CSEC exams and other regional exams such as CPEA and CAPE.
 - **There is no age limit to take the CSEC exams** - Learners of ALL ages can sit the CXC CSEC exams.
 - **There is no limit to the number of times that you can write the CSEC exams** - You may write the CSEC exam as many times as you wish. However, all Trinidad nationals are entitled to ONE free chance to take CSEC exams as a private candidate.
 - **Once you are not registering for CSEC exams with an official secondary school, then you are a private candidate**

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- **There are no "distinctions" in CSEC exams** - This is probably one of the most common misconception about CSEC Grades. The highest grade that a student can receive in any CSEC exam is a Grade 1. However, the word "distinction" has been widely used to refer to receiving all As in profile areas. It's just what people say to highlight their accomplishment but it is not an official award from the CXC.
 - **A student with a "distinction" may not have gotten 100% in the exam** - CSEC Grades are not awarded merely based on the percentage a student receives. In fact, a student with a Grade One with all As in the profile areas may not have necessarily scored higher than another student with a Grade One but not all A's.
 - **You can write CSEC and CAPE at the same time** - Once the dates of the exams do not clash, a student is allowed to write both CSEC and CAPE exams.



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