

Education (Amendment) Regulations 2015

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THE EDUCATION ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 38 of the Education Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Education (Amendment) Regulations 2015**.
2. In these regulations —

“principal regulations” means the Education Regulations 1957.
3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by adding the following new definition, the full stop at the end of the definition of “Principal” being deleted and replaced by a semicolon —

“PSAC” means the Primary School Achievement Certificate.
4. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended —

(a) by revoking paragraph (3);

(b) in paragraph (5), by deleting the words “In addition to the categories of permanently employed primary school teachers referred to in the preceding paragraph the” and replacing them by the word “The”.
5. Regulation 4A of the principal regulations is amended —

(a) in the heading, by deleting the words “**Forms V and VI**” and replacing them by the

words “**Grades 11, 12 and 13**”;

(b) by deleting the words “Form IV” and replacing them by the words “Grade 10”.

6. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is amended —

(a) by revoking paragraph (5) and replacing it by the following paragraph —

(5) (a) For the purpose of the admission of a pupil to Grade 7 in a regional school,, the responsible party of that pupil shall fill in the application form and indicate, in order of preference, all the regional schools which are located in the geographical zone in which the pupil resides.

(b) Subject to subparagraph (c) or (d), an admission to Grade 7 in a regional school shall be determined on the basis of—

(i) the choice of the responsible party;

(ii) the residence of the pupil in the geographical zone in which the regional school is located; and

(iii) the grade aggregate of the pupil in the PSAC assessment.

(c) Where 2 or more pupils are equally meritorious in accordance with the criteria of admission specified in subparagraph (b), admission to Grade 7 shall be determined on the basis of the proximity of the residence of each of the pupils to the regional school.

(d) In any case not provided for in subparagraphs (b) and (c), admission to Grade 7 shall be determined in such manner as the Minister may approve.

(e) The Minister shall, in every year —

(i) approve an Annual Programme for the PSAC assessment for

that year, which shall include the regulations and syllabuses for that year; and

(ii) cause the programme to be published in the *Gazette*.

(f) In this paragraph —

“application form” means such form as the Minister may approve;

“core subject” means a subject, either compulsory or optional, specified in the programme;

“geographical zone” means such geographical zone as the Minister may designate in the *Gazette*;

“grade” means the numerical grade representing such number of marks as specified in the programme;

“grade aggregate” means the sum total of the numerical units corresponding to the grades obtained by a pupil in the best 4 core subjects out of the subjects offered at the PSAC assessment;

“programme” means an Annual Programme approved by the Minister under subparagraph (e);

“PSAC requirements” means such requirements as may be specified in a programme;

“regional school” means a Government secondary school or an approved secondary school.

(b) in paragraph (5A), by deleting the words “Form I in a Regional College” and replacing them by the words “Grade 7 in a regional school”;

(c) by revoking paragraph (6).

7. Regulation 11 of the principal regulations is amended, in paragraph (1)(b)(ii), by deleting the words “Standard III” and replacing them by the words “Grade 3”.

8. Regulation 14 of the principal regulations is amended —

(a) in paragraph (1), by deleting the words “Standard I to VI inclusive, at the end of which the pupil may sit for the Certificate of Primary Education Examination” and replacing them by the words “Grades 1 to 6 inclusive, at the end of which the pupil may take part in the PSAC assessment”;

(b) in paragraph (2) —

(i) in subparagraph (a), by deleting the words “Standard VI” and replacing them by the words “Grade 6”;

(ii) in subparagraph (b), by deleting the words “Certificate of Primary Education Examination” and replacing them by the words “PSAC assessment”;

(iii) by deleting the words “following the Certificate of Primary Education Examination” and replacing them by the words “following the PSAC assessment”.

9. Regulation 15 of the principal regulations is amended, in paragraph (1) —

(a) by deleting the words “Form I” and replacing them by the words “Grade 7”;

(b) in subparagraph (a), by deleting the words “Form VI” and replacing them by the words “Grade 12”.

10. Regulation 18 of the principal regulations is amended —

(a) in the heading, by deleting the words “**school leaving certificate**” and replacing them by the words “**School Achievement Certificate**”;

(b) in paragraph (1), by deleting the words “examination for pupils in Standard VI” and replacing them by the words “assessment for pupils in Grade 6”;

(c) by revoking paragraph (1A) and replacing it by the following paragraph —

(1A) An annual PSAC re-assessment shall be organised and conducted by the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, or such officers of the Ministry, as may be directed by the Minister, for candidates who have satisfied such conditions of eligibility for the annual PSAC reassessment as specified in the programme.

(d) in paragraph (2), by deleting the words “Standard VI in the Government and aided primary schools may be presented for the Certificate of Primary Education Examination and the annual resit examination” and replacing them by the words “Grade 6 in the Government and aided primary schools may be presented for the PSAC assessment and PSAC re-assessment”;

(e) in paragraph (3), by deleting the words “Certificate of Primary Education Examination” and “that examination” and replacing them by the words “PSAC assessment” and “that assessment”, respectively;

(f) in paragraph (4), by deleting the word “examination” wherever it appears and replacing it by the word “assessment”.

11. Regulation 41 of the principal regulations is amended by deleting the words “Standard I to Standard VI” and replacing them by the words “Grade 1 to Grade 6”.

12. Regulation 43 of the principal regulations is amended —

(a) in paragraph (1), by deleting the words “Standard III” and replacing them by the words “Grade 3”;

(b) in paragraph (2), by deleting the words “Standards IV, V and VI” and replacing them by the words “Grades 4, 5 and 6”.

13. Regulation 46 of the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the following regulation —

46. Grades in regional school

(1) A regional school shall be organised up to 7 Grades, from Grade 7 up to Grade 13.

(2) Grade 7 shall be the next class above Grade 6 of a Government or aided primary school.

(3) The curriculum of Grades 12 and 13, which shall be of Higher School Certificate or General Certificate of Education (advanced) level, may be spread over 2 years.

(4) The Minister may allow other classes to be formed where he shall consider such a course desirable.

(5) In this regulation —
“regional school” means a Government secondary school or an approved secondary school.

14. Regulation 52 of the principal regulations is amended, in paragraph (1)(b), by deleting the words “Form I to Form V” and replacing them by the words “Grade 7 to Grade 11”.

15. A pupil who sits, in 2016, for the Certificate of Primary Education Examination —

(a) shall not be eligible to sit, in 2017, on a second occasion for the Certificate of Primary Education Examination; but

(b) shall be eligible to take part, in 2017, for the PSAC assessment, provided that he does not reach the age of 13 on or after 1 January 2017.

16. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 January 2017.

Made by the Minister on 16 November 2015.