

Provincial Exam Bulletin



A newsletter for students writing provincial examinations
June, 2005

June Examinations

The June examination session will take place June 21st through June 29th. Please check with your school or district office for specific scheduling information.

June Examination Results and Transcripts

If you write provincial examinations in June, your statement of updated Provincial Examination and Grade 12 Scholarship results will be available on-line at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/ by July 29th. Students should create an account for accessing their exam results prior to the end of June. If you experience problems creating your account, you should contact your school for assistance. The Ministry of Education will not be able to assist students in correcting personal information, nor will we be able to directly provide students with Personal Education Numbers (PENs) required to log on to the site.

Grade 12 students and those graduating on the Adult Diploma Program will also receive an official transcript in the mail. If you have moved recently, please check with your school to ensure that a correct address has been submitted to the ministry to prevent unnecessary delays in receiving your transcript.

If the transcript you receive contains any incorrect marks or is missing courses, please contact your school or district office. Transcript data can ONLY be changed by the ministry if requested by your school administrators.

Additional copies of transcripts can be ordered from the ministry. Please complete a transcript request form available at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/transcript/. There is a \$10 non-refundable search fee for the first transcript, and a cost of \$5 for each additional copy. It usually takes about 4 weeks to obtain a transcript. A "rush" transcript can be ordered at a cost of \$25 per address and will be couriered to the post secondary institute or other address as requested within 3 to 4 working days. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Minister of Finance. Payment can also be made by Visa or Mastercard.

Examination Rereads

To have your Grade 12 exam remarked, you must send a *Reread Request Form*, which is available from either your counselor or from the ministry website at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/reread.htm

The cost of **each** exam reread is \$50. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Minister of Finance. Payment can also be made by Visa or Mastercard. The fee is refunded if your exam mark is raised.

To have your Grade 10 exam remarked, you should contact your school administration office. You may request re-reads of the written-response sections of the English 10 and Français langue première 10 provincial examinations.

June exam reread requests must be received by **October 17, 2005. The reread mark becomes your permanent mark, and could be lower than your original exam score.**

Examination Rewrites

Grade 12

You have the option of rewriting a Grade 12 provincial examination **once** without having to repeat the course. You must rewrite the exam **within twelve months inclusive** of completing the course. If you retake the course prior to using your rewrite opportunity from the first course completion, you lose the first rewrite opportunity. Your highest exam score will be combined with your school percentage to recalculate your final mark.

Grade 10/11

You have the option of rewriting a Grade 10/11 provincial examination **once** without having to repeat the course. You must re-write the exam **within the twelve-month period following the first attempt at the examination**. If you retake the course prior to using your rewrite opportunity from the first course completion, you lose the first rewrite opportunity. Your highest exam score will be combined with your school percentage to recalculate your final mark.

August Examination Session

Grade 12 examinations

If you choose to rewrite a Grade 12 examination in August, the list of dates, examination centres and contact numbers can be found with your school

counselor, or on-line at

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/about_reg.htm

You must pre-register for the following Grade 12 exams by Friday, August 5th:

- ▶ Applications of Mathematics 12
- ▶ English Literature 12
- ▶ Français langue première 12
- ▶ Français langue seconde - immersion 12
- ▶ Geology 12
- ▶ German 12
- ▶ Japanese 12
- ▶ Punjabi 12
- ▶ Spanish 12
- ▶ Technical and Professional Communications 12

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▪ http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/about_reg.htm for pre-registration instructions.

The remainder of the Grade 12 exams **do not require** pre-registration. Please phone the exam centre where you wish to write **one week prior** to the date of the exam to confirm the exam times and room locations.

To allow time for registration on the day of the examination, arrive at the exam centre at least **one-half hour** before the exam start time. If you are writing at the Vancouver Exam Centre at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary arrive **one hour** early due to the large number of students registering.

Grade 10/11 examinations

If you choose to write a Grade 10/11 examination in August (including a Grade 10 rewrite), the list of dates can be found with your school counselor or on-line at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams>

You must pre-register at the designated site in your school district for the following Grade 10/11 exams by Friday, August 5th.

- ▶ Social Studies 11
- ▶ Science humaines 11
- ▶ English 10
- ▶ Français langue première 10
- ▶ Science 10
- ▶ Principles, Applications and Essentials of Math 10

All Grade 10/11 exams will be written in school districts across the province. **Not all districts will be open** to host exams so students are encouraged to contact their district office as soon as possible to determine if exams are available.

August exam identification requirements

Your nine-digit Personal Education Number (PEN) and photo identification are required to write your exam. Your PEN is located on the top of your transcript. Incorrect PEN numbers may result in improper reporting of exam results. A Driver's License, Passport or student card will be accepted as photo ID.

****Students without photo identification will not be allowed to write a Provincial Examination.**

! Marking of August examinations is not complete until the end of the first week of September. **Results will not be reported to students in time for September admission to post-secondary institutions.**

Provincial Scholarship Awards Grade 12 examinations

Exam results that are 70% or greater have a Standard Ministry Score (SMS) calculated. The SMS reflects how well an exam writer has performed in relation to others in the province who wrote the same exam in the same session. If your three highest SMS scores total 1700 or higher, you will be awarded a Provincial Scholarship of \$1000 if you meet all the requirements. Results from Communications 12 are not eligible for scholarships. The calculation of the SMS is explained at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards/scholarships/scholarship_faq.htm

If you are awarded a scholarship, a scholarship package will be sent to you by the end of August. This package will contain a letter, scholarship certificate and a voucher for the award amount.

To redeem your scholarship voucher, you must be registered and attending a full-time program at a designated, accredited post-secondary institution (<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/student-services/>) and have your scholarship voucher endorsed by an official of that institution.

You should mail your voucher to the ministry. Once the voucher has been received at the Ministry, it will take approximately six to eight weeks to process and send a cheque to you.

! **Scholarships must be redeemed before the expiry date of the voucher (September 30, 2010).**

Information on Post-Secondary Programs

If you completed a *Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Choices Form* in the spring, the Ministry will send a copy of your transcript to the universities and colleges that you selected at the end of July.

If you would like more information on post-secondary programs in BC, **Opening Doors Education Planner** is

a searchable database that contains comprehensive information about undergraduate programs throughout British Columbia, and can be accessed from www.openingdoorsbc.com

If you decide to continue your education at a post-secondary institution, the Post-Secondary Application Service of BC (PASBC) allows you to apply for

admission to the school of your choice on-line at <http://www.pas.bc.ca/>

The Ministry of Education has also developed a website to assist you in making decisions about careers, going to post-secondary education or training, and the world of work, available at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/planning/>

Questions?

If you have further questions about Provincial Examinations, Transcripts or Provincial Scholarships, please talk to your counselor or school administration staff, or visit our website at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/



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