

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Removal of Mid-Year Examinations (MYE) by 2023

1. How will my child benefit from the removal of Mid-Year Examination (MYE)?

To meet the challenges of an increasingly complex world, we need to nurture our children to be lifelong learners. To this end, similar to the removal of MYE will free up time and space for teachers to pace out and deepen your child's learning to further develop their 21st Century Competencies (21CC) like inventive thinking, adaptability, and cross-cultural skills. This will help your child to develop as a confident learner with a passion for learning.

We have learnt from our past experiences that the removal of MYE is beneficial for students' learning. Teachers had more opportunities to use more varied and engaging teaching strategies, leveraging technology where appropriate, to enhance students' learning experiences. Students were also more involved in various learning activities and more motivated to learn beyond preparing for examinations.

Student Readiness

2. Without a MYE, will my child in the graduating levels still be ready for the national examinations?

Tests and examinations are limited in assessing your child's growth and readiness. Teachers are better able to monitor learning progress and customise the learning to your child's unique needs through a variety of teaching and assessment approaches (e.g., daily assignments and classroom interactions).

Without the need to plan, conduct and administer MYE (e.g., managing logistical and administrative arrangements, as well as vetting, setting, checking of marks and invigilation), teachers will have more time and space to provide your child with feedback to improve learning through daily work and in-class formative assessment. Your child will also have more time and space to follow up and act on teachers' feedback in their daily work to close learning gaps.

In addition, timed practices can be used to build students' confidence, and to familiarise them with the conditions of the national examinations. Assessment such as timed practices shift the focus from testing and academic results, to focus on the learning and help in providing your child with the feedback to extend learning.

Educational Decision-making

4. Without MYE, will schools have sufficient data points for school-based decisions such as my child's promotion and subject-based banding?

Schools will take into account both academic and non-academic considerations when making educational decisions for your child like class allocation, subject placement, selection of students for specific programmes. Without MYE, schools will continue to gather information to monitor your child's learning progress through formal (e.g., WA and EYE) and informal (e.g., observations, classwork, homework) assessment, and interactions in the classroom.

Schools will also consider your child's interests and aspirations, and consult with parents, when making school-based decisions. Schools will continue to provide our students with Education and Career Guidance in supporting them to make decisions that are aligned to their strengths, interests, and aspirations.

5. Without the MYE, will SEAB have sufficient information to give a grade if my child is unable to take the whole or part of the examinations?

In instances where grade projection is necessary (i.e., in special consideration applications), SEAB considers multiple sources of data, such as your child's performance in other papers for the affected subject in national examinations and school assessment, as well as the school cohort's performance in the national examinations and school assessment, to ensure a fair assessment for all students. All special consideration applications are assessed on each case's merit, to ensure that the grades awarded are as accurate and fair as possible.

DSA and Edusave Awards

6. Will the removal of the MYE affect my child's DSA/EAE applications?

Your child's talent and potential in the specific area is the main consideration in DSA/EAE selection. However, academic suitability is also taken into consideration, as receiving schools/IHL need to ensure that students admitted under DSA/EAE can cope with the pace of learning in the school. Even with the removal of MYE, receiving schools/IHL will still be able to refer to your child's S3 and S4/5 results based on other weighted assessment, if required.

7. Will the removal of the MYE affect the selection of Edusave academic awards winners?

The eligibility criteria for Edusave academic awards (viz. Edusave Scholarship, Edusave Merit Bursary and Edusave Good Progress Award) will remain unchanged. That is, they will continue to be based on students' overall scores. Schools have the autonomy to distribute the weighting of WA and EYE based on the weighting distribution guidelines to compute students' overall scores.

You may visit MOE's website¹² on Edusave awards and scholarships for more details.

Resources

8. What are some resources I can use to support my child's learning?

Our children do best when schools and parents work hand-in-hand to support them. It is important to help our children have ownership over their learning, develop a sense of purpose and succeed in life.

Your interactions with your child (conversations, behaviours) and a conducive home environment, are crucial in providing a safe environment for learning, and building resilient mindsets in your child.

You can refer to the following useful resources that provide practical tips and advice on supporting your child's learning and education journey:

[Guidelines for School-Home Partnership](#)



<https://go.gov.sg/guidelines-school-home-partnership>

[Resources for Parents on Social and Emotional Learning](#)



<https://go.gov.sg/sel-resources-for-parents>

¹² The Edusave awards and scholarships website may be accessed here:
<https://moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/awards-scholarships/edusave-awards/>

Parent Kit issues



<https://go.gov.sg/parent-kit-moe>

MOE “Ask Me Anything About...” Facebook Live Sessions for Parents

- [Ask Me Anything About Beginning a New School Season | Facebook](#) (25 Jan 2022)
- [Ask Me Anything About Supporting Your Child During the Exam Season | Facebook](#) (23 Sep 2021)

Parents Gateway – Parenting Resources Portal

A repository of parenting resources curated from partnering agencies and MOE's existing resources.



<https://go.gov.sg/parents-gateway>