



Provincial Exam Bulletin

A newsletter for students writing provincial examinations

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June Examinations

The June examination session takes place June 17 through June 27, 2013. Please check with your school or district office for specific scheduling information.

June Examination Results and Transcripts

June examination results will be released on July 30, 2013. The results can be viewed on the Student Secure Web (SSW) at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/.

Students are encouraged to create an SSW account *before* the end of June. Then if you have problems creating an account, your school can help you before they close for the summer.

An official Transcript of Grades is mailed to all Grade 12 students at the end of July. If you moved recently, please make sure your school has your correct mailing address and that this address has been provided to the Ministry of Education.

! If you have problems either creating an SSW account or with your transcript, contact your school or district office, *not* the Ministry of Education. The Ministry cannot change your student record unless contacted by your school.

Additional copies of your transcript can be ordered from the Ministry of Education at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/transcript/. There is a fee for ordering additional copies of your transcript. See the above website for information.

Post-Secondary Institutions (PSIs)

If you completed the online *PSI Selections Form* on the SSW, then at the end of July the Ministry of Education will send a copy of your transcript to the universities and colleges you selected on the form.

August Examination Session

August exams are written at some schools or district locations across the province. Information regarding the August session can be found at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/august/.

! August 2013 exam results will be released on September 6, 2013. Results will not be reported to students in time for September admission to post-secondary institutions.

Examination Review and Re-marks

Students are able to review their exam responses in a secure setting. All exam reviews must be requested through your school's principal. For more information, see www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/rereads_rewrites/reviews.htm.

For a fee of \$50, students can request a re-mark of their Grade 12 exam (other than BC First Nations Studies 12). Re-mark requests for Grade 12 level exams written in June 2013 must be received before September 27, 2013. Re-marks must be requested via the *Grade 12 Provincial Examinations Re-mark Request Form* at the above website.

Re-marks of Grades 10 or 11 or BC First Nations Studies 12 exams are arranged through the student's school administration office.

! The re-mark decision is FINAL and becomes your final exam mark.

Examination Re-writes

Students are allowed to re-write an exam once within the twelve-month period following their first try at the examination. To re-write a provincial examination more than once, a student must re-take the course. Students who re-take a course will be allowed one re-write opportunity, based on completing the second course.

In accordance with the Ministry of Education's Mix and Match Policy, a student's best school percentage and best exam percentage within a twelve-month period will be blended to calculate their final course mark.

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Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to BC students based on required provincial examination results from grades 10 to 12 from the following categories: Language Arts 10; Sciences 10; Mathematics 10; Social Studies 11; (only those specific International Baccalaureate exam scores that fulfill the Social Studies 11 graduation credit requirement will meet the qualifications towards eligibility); and Language Arts 12.

To qualify for a scholarship, students must write and pass one exam in each of these categories: achieve at least a "B" (73% or above) final mark in one of the Language Arts 12 subjects; must have a final course mark (course and exam combined) for the exam to be counted towards scholarship; and must rank among the top 5,000 scholarship students in BC (based on their percentage score of all five provincial exams from grades 10 to 12).

Students earning a Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship are mailed a scholarship package in the fall. The package contains a letter, a certificate, and a voucher for the award amount.

To redeem the voucher, students must:

- 1) be registered and attending a regular program (i.e., a program that leads to a credential) or an apprenticeship program at any post-secondary institution accredited and designated by the Ministry of Advanced Education or approved by the Industry Training Authority (ITA); and
- 2) have their voucher endorsed by an official of that institution.

Students must mail the voucher to the Ministry of Education with their Social Insurance Number and correct address to receive the monies. The Ministry of Education mails cheques directly to students approximately six to eight weeks after students' vouchers have been processed.



Scholarships must be redeemed before the expiry date of the voucher.

Questions?

If you have questions about provincial examinations, transcripts, or Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships that are not answered in this Bulletin, please contact your counsellor or school administration staff, or visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/.