

BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, ODISHA, CUTTACK



NOTIFICATION

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ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ASSESSMENT FOR AWARD OF MARKS IN ALL CLASS-X EQUIVALENT EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE B.S.E., ODISHA

1. BACKGROUND AND CHALLENGES :

The Annual High School Certificate/ Madhyama/ State Open School Certificate Examinations which were scheduled to be held on 03/05/2021 were cancelled due to rising cases of COVID-19 infections in the State and directions were issued to the Board to come up with an alternative method of assessment to award marks to the candidates. In this type of pandemic situation, delivering fair and unbiased results to the students is a challenging task. Such a situation has never arisen in the past and never ever has the Board prepared any alternative method of assessment to award marks. However, in view of the pandemic situation and after discussion with various stakeholders, the Board has come up with one alternative mode of assessment as detailed below. It is expected that with the active co-operation and support of teaching community, Board of Secondary Education will be able to do the tabulation work properly and publish the results in this unprecedented situation. In case any candidate is not satisfied, he/ she can appear in the examination to be conducted offline by the Board after the pandemic situation improves.

2. OBJECTIVES :

To develop an alternative method of assessment and the mode of evaluation, the four key parameters are (i) Reliability, (ii) Fairness, (iii) Flexibility and (iv) Validity in order to make sure that assessment is fair and reliable. School teachers should ensure that the evaluation process is clearly understood by all stakeholders.

3. PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSMENTS :

The procedure of assessments will be different for different examinations. Separate procedure will be applied for different category of candidates of a particular examination.

ANNUAL HSC EXAMINATION, 2021

School Regular (SR) & Quasi Regular (QR)

These category of candidates have done offline classes in Class-IX at their schools and have appeared Half Yearly examination in Class-IX during 2019 and could not appear all papers in Class-IX Annual examination due to COVID-19.

Offline classes have been arranged for these candidates in Class-X from January, 2021. The Board has also conducted practice tests during January, February, March & April, 2021 for these students.

Basing on the teaching activities undertaken and tests conducted at school level, methods of assessment as framed below shall be adopted for award of marks for this category of candidates.

- a) Each school has to fill up the Tabulation Register format (see Annexure-I & II) given by the Board for both for Class-IX & X.
- b) Marks in each examination conducted (both in Class-IX & X) are to be converted out of the maximum marks mentioned against each subject and to be entered in the Tabulation Register.

c) Marks of the following examinations have been asked to be entered in the Tabulation Register.

Class- IX

[i] Half Yearly Examination

[ii] Annual Examination

Class- X

[i] 2nd Practice Test held during February, 2021

[ii] 3rd Practice Test held during March, 2021

[iii] 4th Practice Test held during April, 2021

d) All total 2766 schools have been selected as Mentor school to which some near by schools have been attached.

e) Headmaster of Mentor School shall upload the marks of individual schools attached to it with the support Headmaster/ school teachers of attached schools.

f) The marks secured by the candidates in the following examinations shall be uploaded.

[i] Subject wise highest marks secured by the candidates among Class-IX examinations (half yearly and annual)

[ii] Class-X, 2nd Practice Test Examination

[iii] Class-X, 3rd Practice Test Examination

[iv] Class-X, 4th Practice Test Examination

g) Board will take into consideration the two highest marks in each subject from the three practice tests conducted in Class-X.

h) School wise merit list shall be prepared after giving appropriate weightage to marks secured and uploaded in above examinations.

i) 40% weightage will be given to highest marks secured in Class-IX exams in each subject. This is required as attendance in Class-X which started from 08/01/2021 was optional including the days of practice tests. In case a candidate has not appeared in any of the practice tests of Class-X exam, 100% weightage will be given to the mark secured in

Class-IX exam (both half yearly & annual) and subject wise highest marks will be taken into consideration.

- j) Two highest marks in all subject out of three practice tests conducted in Class-X will be given weightage of 30% each. In case any candidate has appeared in only one practice test, then 70% weightage will be given in the mark secured in Class-IX exams (half yearly and annual).**
- k) Results of Annual HSC Examination conducted by B.S.E., Odisha of last four years i.e. 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 of the schools will be analysed and basing on the best performance of the school in last four years, maximum no. of different grades bagged by each school shall be found out. The data base is already available with B.S.E., Odisha.**
- l) Basing on the grades as drawn at supra (k), marks shall be allotted to each candidate in graded manner.**
- m) The work of online entry of marks by mentor schools will be supervised by the respective District Education Officers with the assistance of BEOs/ ABEOs.**

School Ex-Regular (ER) & Correspondence Course Ex-Regular (CE)

The following procedures shall be applied for award of marks to these category of candidates.

- a) These candidates have appeared the examination once or more than once in previous years starting from Annual HSC Examination, 2014.**
- b) The Board shall analyse the examination results of these candidates in which they appeared.**
- c) A data base of this category of candidates shall be prepared taking into account the best marks secured by the candidate in each subject.**
- d) Following the principle of “Average Mark”, the scores of pending subjects will be determined in order to process their results.**
- e) The candidates having no mark at all in any past examinations shall have to appear in offline examination when it will be held.**

Correspondence Course Regular (CR)

There can not be any method of assessment for Correspondence Course Regular (CR) candidates for award of marks since these candidates have neither appeared in any examination nor have any internal assessment grades. These candidates have to appear at examination, offline when it shall be held.

STATE OPEN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Fresh Category

There can not be any method of assessment for Fresh category candidates for award of marks since these candidates have neither appeared in any examination nor have any internal assessment grades. These candidates have to appear at examination offline when it shall be held.

Back Category

The method of assessment for this category will be identical to that of school ex-regular candidates of HSC Examination.

MADHYAMA (SANSKRIT) EXAMINATION

Regular Category

The regular students of Madhyama Examination have done offline classes through out the year in Class-IX during 2019-20 and for nearly 100 days in Class-X during 2021. The method of assessment for these category of candidates shall be as follows :-

- a) These candidates have appeared Class-IX Annual Examination and Pre-Board examination in Class-X.
- b) The Headpandit of Sanskrit Tols shall submit the marks of these candidates in the Tabulation Register format given by the Board.

- c) The Tabulation Register after countersignature from the concerned District Education Officer will be submitted before the respective zonal office of the Board.
- d) A merit list will be prepared after giving appropriate weightage to marks of different examinations.
- e) 40% weightage will be given to Class-IX Annual Madhyama Examination and 60% weightage shall be given to Class-X Pre Board Examination.
- f) The results of the schools for last four years will be analysed.
- g) Basing on the best performance of the Tol during last three years, maximum no. of different grades bagged by the Tol will be found out.
- h) Basing on the no. of grades determined as at “g” above, the marks shall be allotted to each candidate in graded manner.
- i) Marks for these category of candidate will be collected in offline mode in shape of Tabulation Register format given in Annexure-III & IV.

Ex-Regular Category

The method of assessment will be similar to that of Ex-Regular category of High School Certificate Examination.

4. SUBMISSION & VERIFICATION OF RECORDS :

- a) All schools shall prepare three copies of Tabulation Register (formats attached as Annexure-I & II) in the format uploaded by the Board.
- b) The marks against particular exam under different subject will be given after conversion out of the maximum marks mentioned against each.
- c) The Headmaster of Mentor School will test check the marks submitted by the individual schools basing on the answer books and absentee statement.
- d) The Tabulation Register after verification and duly countersigned by the concerned District Education Officer will be submitted at the respective zonal offices of the Board.

- e) **The District Education Officers will test check the tabulation register at their level.**
- f) **The Board through its Deputy Secretary shall also verify the marks submitted by the Individual schools.**
- g) **Besides verification by various authorities, a five member committee shall be constituted by the Board taking some of the Examination Committee members into the said committee to analyse the inflated marks submitted by the schools if any, for taking necessary action. The data of schools who have submitted such inflated marks will be placed before the committee, on being determined from the software specially designed for the purpose.**

5. UPLOADING OF MARKS :

- a) **The marks of different examinations shall be uploaded by the Headmaster of Mentor schools in respect of schools attached to it. Marks will be uploaded in presence of Headmaster of Mentor School and Individual school. Assistance of two teachers has to be taken, one for dictation of marks and other for checking and editing.**
- b) **The link for online uploading of marks will be made available in the website www.bseodisha.ac.in**
- c) **The work of online submission of marks has to be undertaken confidentially.**
- d) **Uploading of marks have to be done at Computer Lab of the Mentor school or at a place decided by the concerned District Education Officer.**
- e) **Once uploading is complete after final submission through online, further correction can not be done. Therefore all engaged during uploading of marks should be 100% cautious and careful.**
- f) **No request for correction of marks because of wrong entry or mistake of any sort will be allowed after completion of uploading of marks.**

- g) In course of uploading of marks at Mentor school, if the Headmaster faces any problem, the query may be sent through email id transfer0222@gmail.com for necessary compliance by the Board. Name and cell no. of the headmaster should also be mentioned so that the Board can make correspondence with the person for sorting out the problem.

6. **SAFE KEEPING OF RECORDS :**

- a) It has already been mentioned at 4 (a), that each school has to prepare three copy of the tabulation register given by the Board.
- b) 1st copy of the tabulation register will be retained by the school. The said copy of the tabulation register along with other records such as answer books, absentee statement of all the Class-IX & X examinations are to be kept in sealed condition under lock and key by the school.
- c) 2nd & 3rd copy of the tabulation register will be submitted at the mentor school where the marks shall be uploaded. The headmaster of the mentor school shall retain the 2nd copy under sealed condition at the school. The 3rd copy duly signed by the headmaster of mentor school will be submitted with the concerned District Education Officer for countersignature. This copy after countersignature of the DEO shall be submitted with the respective Deputy Secretary of zonal offices of the Board.

7. **CONDUCT OF OFFLINE EXAMINATION :**

All categories of candidates will have the option to appear offline examination when the pandemic situation improves if they will not be satisfied with outcome of the results. However outcome of the offline examination will be considered as the final result and binding on part of the candidate.

8. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES :

Sl. No.	Activity	Last Date
Annual HSC Examination		
1	Submission of duly filled in two copies of the TR in the format designed by Board, with the Headmaster of Mentor School by the HM of attached schools	15/05/2021
2	Submission of one copy of TR as at (1) above with the District Education Officer by the Headmaster of Mentor school for verification and countersignature	16/05/2021
3	Verification of Tabulation Register by District Education Officer and Headmaster of Mentor School	21/05/2021
4	Uploading of marks by Headmaster of Mentor School	From 24/05/2021 till 31/05/2021
5	Submission of Tabulation Register (duly countersigned by the District Education Officer) at the zonal offices of B.S.E., Odisha by the Headmaster of Mentor School	02/06/2021
Madhyama Examination		
6	Submission of Tabulation Register of the Madhyama Examination by the Headpandits of Sanskrit Tols with the District Education Officer for countersignature	10/05/2021
7	Verification of Tabulation Register by the District Education Officer	15/05/2021
8	Submission of countersigned Tabulation Register with the Deputy Secretary of zonal offices by the Headpandit	17/05/2021
9	Submission of Tabulation Register with the Confidential-II Section of the Head Office, Cuttack by the Deputy Secretary of zonal offices	20/05/2021
10	Tentative date for publication of results of all examinations	30/06/2021



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