

Cambridge Assessment International Education May/June 2020 examination series in Pakistan

20 March 2020 [Islamabad]:

As you know, on advice from the government of Pakistan, all school exams in Pakistan in May have been cancelled. This includes both local and international exams.

At Cambridge International, we have received some questions regarding what this means for the rest of our examinations in Pakistan. At the current time (20 March), the situation is as follows:

Our priorities are the safety of students and supporting their education in these challenging times. Schools can now withdraw candidates from our May/June 2020 exam series. They will then receive a credit note so they can re-enter their students for any future exam series - for example, the October/November series. We've asked schools in Pakistan to tell the British Council if they would like to do this by 10 April, in order that the British Council can let us know in full by 17 April. Our policy is the same for all students worldwide.

We have set the date of 10 April to give schools time to consider any other options that may develop. We are working with universities and governments to assist them in recognising student potential. We will provide an update again next week.

Uzma Yousuf, Country Director, Pakistan, of Cambridge Assessment International Education said: "I feel for students, families and schools at this very uncertain time, an anxiety shared by most in Pakistan, and indeed the wider world in the face of this unprecedented public health crisis. The decision being taken by the government of Pakistan is to keep students and their families safe, prioritising public safety and to give some level of certainty and predictability for students preparing to take their examinations.

"The lead time provided by this decision will be used to support students in their learning in different ways from the safety of their homes and to work out options for those moving on to higher education, so that minimum interruption is caused to their educational progress. We know this is not ideal, but we will do whatever we can to support our students."

Christine Özden, CEO of Cambridge Assessment International Education said: "We know that these are extremely worrying times for students, parents and schools around the world. The coronavirus outbreak has had a devastating impact on schools and students preparing for these examinations. This is a global challenge and we are working hard to help all of those affected by the disruption to their education and examinations, using our expertise to ensure that students' academic achievements continue to be understood and recognised."

Amir Ramzan, Country Director Pakistan, British Council said: “We are so very sorry that these exams have had to be cancelled. We can only sympathise with all the students and their teachers in Pakistan who have been working so hard towards this goal. We know what a huge disappointment this must be, and can assure you that we are working hard to offer as much support as we can in these challenging times.”

Cambridge International’s [FAQ for Pakistan](#) covers many questions schools in Pakistan are asking and is being added to regularly as the situation evolves. [Please also refer to the Novel coronavirus - Information for schools about the COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) outbreak](#) page on our website as we keep updating this page on a regular basis.

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