



དཔལ་ལྷན་འབྲུག་གཞུང་། ཤེས་རིག་ལྷན་ཁག།

Royal Government of Bhutan

Ministry of Education

**Department of School Education**

School and Coordination Division

ཤེས་རིག

--Rethinking Education--

Ref. No. DSE/SPCD/ EiE/2020/1773

17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Dasho Dzongkhags/Thrompons  
All Dzongkhags and Thromdes

**Subject: Circular on Assessment, Examination, and Promotions for the Academic Year 2020.**

Dear Dashos,

Kindly find attached the circular pertaining to the above cited subject with request to further direct the Chief DEOs and Chief TEOs to inform the schools for compliance and implementation. This is especially concerning the mode of Assessment, Examination and Promotion modalities to be followed for the following categories of students this year due to disruption of regular academic session by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Classes PP to VIII – following online learning.
2. Classes IX and XI – appearing home examination.
3. Classes X and XII - appearing board examination.

Thanking you for the continued support.

Yours sincerely,

(Kinley Gyeltshen)  
Offtg. Director General

1. His Excellency, Education Minister J.B.Rai for kind information
2. Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Education for kind information.
3. Director General, Royal Education Council, for kind information
4. Director, Bhutan Council for School Examinations and Assessment, for kind information
5. Director General, DYS, MoE for kind information.
6. Director General, DAHE, MoE for kind information.
7. Offtg. Director, DoS, MoE for kind information.
8. Madam Advisor, DSE, MoE for kind information.
9. Chief PPD, MoE for kind information.
10. Chief, EMD, MoE for kind information.
11. Chief Dzongkhag/Thromde Education Officers, for kind information and compliance
12. Principals of all schools for necessary compliance
13. Office File



དཔལ་ལྷན་འབྲུག་གཞུང་། ཤེས་རིག་ལྷན་ཁག།

Royal Government of Bhutan  
Ministry of Education



SECRETARY

— Rethinking Education —

Ref. No: DSE/SPCD/ADM(1.1-A)/2020/ 1769

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

CIRCULAR

*Assessment, Examination, and Promotions for Academic Year 2020*

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely affected the formal teaching and learning since March 2020. Underscoring the importance of high-stake examinations towards maintaining the progressive transition of class XII graduates for tertiary education institutes and in other pathways, classes X and XII successfully resumed their learning through contact teaching with rigorous health and safety measures put in place. At the same time, psychosocial wellbeing of children has also been considered priority and are supported.

In line with the EiE Implementation Guidelines, *Prioritized Curriculum* for those schools which resumed the contact teaching, and the *Adapted Curriculum* for those schools that remained closed were developed based on regular curriculum structure and implemented accordingly. As the end of the academic year 2020 draws closer, the Ministry would like to inform all the schools on the matters related to assessment, examinations and the promotion as under.

- a) Ministry of Education urges schools to refer the “*Guidelines for Re-opening of School / Centre, Implementation of Adapted and Prioritized Curriculum, and Examinations and Assessment and Checklist*” (MoE, June 2020, pp. 12 - 19). This document mandates that schools using the Prioritized Curriculum shall conduct regular assessment and examinations for promotion. Therefore, students shall sit for the class X (BCSE) and XII (BHSEC) national examinations based on the “*Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of Public Examinations.*” The classes IX and XI shall sit for the home examinations as per the usual practices. All assessment and examinations shall be conducted in strict compliance of health and safety protocols. While the Bhutan Council for School Examinations and Assessment declares the results for BCSE and BHSEC, respective schools shall declare the results for classes IX and XI.
- b) Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, classes PP to VIII remained closed until now, and hence the learning for the 2020 academic year has been mainly through the Adapted Curriculum, which were delivered through BBS, Google classroom, social media, radio and Self-Instructional Materials (SIM). Considering the nature of remote learning and the health and safety reasons, formal assessment and examinations for classes PP to VIII is not feasible. Therefore, promotion for class PP to VIII shall be based on the assessment protocol, elucidated in the “*Guidelines for Re-opening of School / Centre, Implementation of Adapted and Prioritized Curriculum, and Examinations and Assessment and Checklist*” (MoE, June 2020, pp.19). In essence, promotion for the cohort of these learners shall be based on the following:





དཔལ་ལྷན་འབྲུག་གཞུང་། ཤེས་རིག་ལྷན་ཁག།

Royal Government of Bhutan  
Ministry of Education



SECRETARY

— Rethinking Education —

- i. Classes PP to VIII promotion of students shall be through the assessment tasks provided in video lessons / radio lessons / SIM or other social media platforms (WeChat, WhatsApp, Telegram, etc).
- ii. Promotions shall be based on short assignment / objective questions / conventional tests / video lesson questions / radio lesson questions assigned through Google Classroom / other social media or SIM questions assignments submitted by individual students.
- iii. This shall be as per the records maintained by teachers of their students' progress in learning.
- iv. Progress report for students for classes PP – VIII shall be issued by respective schools following the new 'STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT: Education in Emergency' (enclosed), as the normal Annual Progress Report forms may not be applicable.
- v. Issuance of Progress report for students for classes IX to XII shall follow the regular protocol as they used the Prioritized Curriculum and regular contact teaching.
- vi. Respective schools to promote all the students from classes PP to VIII and provide remedial and bridging lessons as appropriate in the coming academic year 2021.

This notification is issued for strict compliance to support students learning, their cognitive development, and consider promotion of every student during the Education in Emergency.

(Karma Tshering)

Copy to:

- 1) Hon'ble Education Minister, J B Rai, for His Excellency's kind information
- 2) All Dasho Dzungdag/Thrompon, for kind information
- 3) Director General, Royal Education Council, for kind information
- 4) Director, Bhutan Council for School Examinations and Assessment, for kind information
- 5) Officiating Director General, Department of School Education, MoE for kind information
- 6) Chief Dzongkhag/Thromde Education Officers, for kind information and compliance
- 7) Principals of all schools for necessary compliance
- 8) Office Copy