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Update on secondary exams during the COVID-19 pandemic : France

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General overview

Reopening of schools

The lockdown period lasted two months (from March 16th to May 11th). Since June 2nd , all primary schools, lower secondary schools and upper secondary schools have reopened. But due to the sanitary measures, not all pupils attend the school.

Distance teaching during the lockdown period

Distance learning is mainly organized through the national platform [“Ma classe à la maison”](#) developed by the National Centre for Distance Learning (CNED).

Sources to get informed about the evolution concerning secondary qualifications

[Ministry of National Education and Youth](#) (French)

[Eduscol : national website for education workers](#) (French)

[Eurydice](#) (English)

New legislation concerning secondary qualifications

Lower secondary education

- Decree n° 2020-640 of 27th May 2020 about the conditions of issuance of the *Diplôme national du brevet* : [here](#) (French)
- Detailed information provided by the Ministry of Education and Youth [here](#) (French)

Upper secondary education : general and technological streams

- Decree n°2020-641 27th May 2020 about the conditions of issuance of general and technological Baccalauréats : [here](#)
- Ministerial Decree of 27th May 2020 about the organisation of the above mentioned degrees : [here](#)

Upper secondary education : professional stream

- Decree n° 2020-671 of 3rd June 2020 about the conditions of issuance of the *Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle, brevet d'études professionnelles, baccalauréat professionnel, brevet professionnel, brevet des métiers d'art* and *mention complémentaire* : [here](#) (French)
- Detailed information provided by the Ministry of Education and Youth [here](#) (French)

Lower secondary education

Diplôme national du brevet (DNB)

General conditions - before Covid-19	Update – due to Covid-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final examinations take place in June.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final written and oral exams are cancelled. The final result will be based on a continuous assessment, only the average grades obtained for each subject during the first two terms will be taken into account.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">8 subjects (800 points): French, history-geography, civic and moral teaching, mathematics, physics and chemistry, natural sciences, technology, project presentation (oral exam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A total of 700 points will be allocated (the project presentation is cancelled).The board of examiners will make the final decision based on the school documentation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Replacement session in September 2020 : candidates who, for duly justified reasons, could not attend the exams in June.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Replacement session in September 2020 : candidates who could not provide school documentation, who have an uncomplete file and individual candidates.

Upper secondary Education : general and technological streams

Update for the *Première* class (penultimate year)

A new reform (*Baccalauréat 2021*) came into force in September 2019 for pupils in *Première*.

General conditions - before Covid-19	Update – due to Covid-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Two common exams based on a continuous assessment (<i>E3C-Epreuves communes de contrôle continu</i>): History, Geography, Modern Languages (A and B), Science.▪ First exam : January-March▪ Second exam : April -June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The second exam is cancelled. As a consequence, only the first exam and the third exam (that will take place in <i>Terminale</i>) will be taken into account for the <i>Baccalauréat</i> in 2021.
Final examinations : the French oral and written exam take place in <i>Première</i> and four other subjects in <i>Terminale</i> .	French subject : written and oral exams are cancelled. The final grade will be based on continuous assessment, only grades obtained during the first two terms will be taken into account.

Upper secondary Education : general and technological streams

Update for the *Terminale* class (final year)

General conditions before Covid-19	Update – due to Covid-19
The <i>Baccalauréat</i> exams are organised in two groups.	
<p>The first group takes place in June :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidates who obtain a minimum average of 10/20 are admitted. ▪ Those who obtain an average between 8/20 and 10/20 can take the second group exams in July. ▪ Those who failed (final grade under 8/20) have to take the exam the year after. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The first group exams are cancelled. The final grade will be based on continuous assessment, only grades obtained during the first two terms will be taken into account. ▪ A board of examiners will make the final decision. The results will be published on July 7th.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The second group is organized in July. It consists of two oral exams. The candidate has to choose two subjects. To succeed he/she has to obtain a minimum average of 10/20 for all the exams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The second group exams will take place in July. There is no change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A replacement session is organized in September for candidates who, for duly justified reasons, could not attend the first session (e.g. individual candidates). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A replacement session organized in September for candidates who, for duly justified reasons, could not present the school documentation required for the continuous assessment. Candidates who obtained grades below 8/20 at the first group exams or failed at the second group exams, could be authorized by the board of examiners to take part in this replacement session.

Upper secondary Education : vocational stream

Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle (Certificate of professional competence)

General conditions - before Covid-19	Update – due to Covid-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final examinations (general and practical subjects) take place in June. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final exams are cancelled. The final result will be based on a continuous assessment, the first two terms will be taken into account.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exvaluations conducted during the two years training (<i>contrôle en cours de formation – CCF</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only the evaluations conducted before the lockdown period will be taken into account. If there is no evaluations, the final grade will be based on continuous assessment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of workplace period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final grade will be based on continuous assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical evaluations are cancelled. For specialities that include driving test, the evaluation must take place before October 31st.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A replacement session is organized in September for candidates who, for duly justified reasons, could not attend the first session (<i>e.g.</i> individual candidates). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A replacement session organized in September for candidates who, for duly justified reasons, could not present the school documentation required for the continuous assessment. Candidates who obtained grades below 10/20 could be authorized by the board of examiners to take part in this replacement session.

Upper secondary Education : vocational stream

Professional *Baccalauréat*

General conditions - before Covid-19	Update – due to Covid-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final examinations (general and practical subjects) take place in June.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final exams are cancelled. The final result will be based on a continuous assessment (the first two terms will be taken into account).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluation of workplace period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The final grade will be based on continuous assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Practical evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Practical evaluations are cancelled.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The second group exams are organized in July for candidates who obtain an average between 8/20 and 10/20 can take the second group exams in July. (oral exams, the candidate has to choose two subjects).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The second group exams will take place in July. There is no change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A replacement session is organized in September for candidates who, for duly justified reasons, could not attend the first session (e.g. individual candidates).	<p>A replacement session organized in September for candidates who, for duly justified reasons, could not present the school documentation required for the continuous assessment.</p> <p>Candidates who obtained grades below 8/20 at the first group exams or failed at the second group exams, could be authorized by the board of examiners to take part in this replacement session.</p>

Access to further studies

Issuance of final degrees

- There will be no change on the date of issuance for the final degree for candidates who obtain the degree in July.
- The authenticity of secondary qualifications can be checked on : <https://diplome.gouv.fr/>

Access to higher education

- Parcoursup platform
- Candidates registered their wishes on Parcoursup earlier this year. If they have received a positive answer from an HEI, their place is kept until they get the *Baccalauréat results* (in July or September).

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