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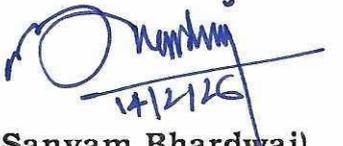
NOTIFICATION

Sub : Two Board Examinations in Class X from 2026 – Clarification reg.

CBSE has received few requests stating that because of some reasons, student will not able to appear in the 1st Board Examination of Class X, hence the student may be allowed to appear in 2nd Board Examination. In this regard, the relevant portion of scheme of 2nd Board Examinations is as follows :

1. It is mandatory for all the students to appear in the first Board examination.
2. All passed and eligible students will be allowed to improve their performance in any of the three subjects out of Science, Mathematics, Social, Science and languages.
3. If a student has not appeared in 3 or more subject in first examination, then s/he will not be allowed to appear in the 2nd examination. Such students will be placed in the “Essential Repeat” category and can take the examination only next year in the main examinations in the month of February next year.
4. For students whose result in the first examination is Compartment, such students will be allowed to appear in second examination under Compartment Category.
5. Additional Subject will not be permitted after passing class X, students will not be allowed in stand-alone subjects.
6. The eligibility to appear in the second examination will be:
 - (a) Improvement category up to 3 main subjects
 - (b) First/Third Chance Compartment
 - (c) Compartment + Improvement
 - (d) Improvement for the students passed by the replacement of the subject.

It is, therefore, clarified that because of any reason if a student is not able to appear in 3 or more subjects in main examination, s/he cannot be permitted to appear in 2nd Board Examination as per policy of the Board. Any request received by CBSE on the above cited subject will not be responded to.


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Notification

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Background

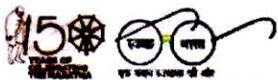
Para 4.37 of National Education Policy-2020 stipulate that **“To further eliminate the ‘high stakes’ aspect of Board Exams, all students will be allowed to take Board Exams on up to two occasions during any given school year, one main examination and one for improvement, if desired.”**

Further, in PARA 4.38 it is mentioned that **“In addition to introducing greater flexibility, student choice, and best-of-two attempts, assessments that primarily test core capacities must be the immediate key reforms to all Board exams. Boards may over time also develop further viable models of Board Exams that reduce pressure and the coaching culture. Some possibilities include: a system of annual/semester/modular Board Exams could be developed - that each test far less material, and are taken immediately after the corresponding course is taken in school - so that the pressure from exams is better distributed, less intense, and less high-stakes across the Secondary Stage; all subjects and corresponding assessments, beginning with mathematics, could be offered at two levels, with students doing some of their subjects at the standard level and some at a higher level; and Board exams in certain subjects could be redesigned to have two parts – one part of an objective type with multiple-choice questions and the other of a descriptive type.”**

Decision by the CBSE

As per the recommendations of the NEP-2020 and stakeholders consultations, CBSE has decided to implement the policy of two Board Examinations in Class X from 2026 examinations.

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Scheme of Two Board Examinations

(i). General Conditions

1. It is mandatory for all the students to appear in the first Board examination.
2. All passed and eligible students will be allowed to improve their performance in any of the three subjects out of Science, Mathematics, Social Science and languages.
3. If a student has not appeared in 3 or more subjects in first examination, then s/he will not be allowed to appear in the 2nd examination. Such students will be placed in the "Essential Repeat" category and can take the examination only next year in the main examinations in the month of February next year.
4. For students whose result in the first examination is Compartment, such students will be allowed to appear in second examination under Compartment Category.
5. Additional Subjects will not be permitted after passing class X, students will not be allowed in stand-alone subjects.

(ii). Scheme for Special Category

1. Sports students will be allowed to appear in 2nd examinations in the subjects whose examinations have coincides with their sports event.
2. Winter Bound Schools' students may choose to appear either in first examinations or second examinations in offered subjects.
3. The facilities extended to CWSN candidates will be extended in 2nd examinations also.

(iii). Conduct of Internal Assessment

1. Internal assessment will be conducted only once before the main examinations.

(iv). Schedule of the Examinations

1. Main or 1st examinations will begin from Mid-February as conducted now.
2. Second examination will be conducted in the month of May.



(v). Eligibility Criteria for Appearing in the Examinations

1. First examination will be the main examination. The eligibility to appear in the first examination will be:
 - (a) Fresh students of Class X
 - (b) Second Chance Compartment
 - (c) Essential Repeat of previous year
 - (d) Improvement examination
2. The eligibility to appear in the second examination will be:
 - (a) Improvement category up to 3 main subjects
 - (b) First/Third Chance Compartment
 - (c) Compartment + Improvement
 - (d) Improvement for the students passed by the replacement of the subject.

(vi). Syllabus and Scheme of Examinations

1. Both the examinations will be conducted on the full syllabus meant for the year.
2. The scheme of studies and scheme of examinations will remain the same.

(vii). LOC Submission for the examinations

1. Filling of LOC and appearing in the Main/first examination will be compulsory.
2. LOC for the 2nd examinations will be filled in separately. However, no new names will be added to the LOC of the 2nd examination.
3. Subject change will not be allowed from first examination to second examinations except permitted as per policy.

(viii). Result Declaration

1. Result of all the students will be declared as per Examination Bye-Laws.
2. Result of First examinations will be declared in the month of April.



3. Result of second examinations will be declared in the month of June.
4. Performance of main examination will be made available in DigiLocker. This could be used for admission to class XI if the student does not wish to appear in 2nd examinations for improvement. Passing document will be issued to all the students after the results of Second examinations.
5. Merit certificate will also be issued only after second examination.

(ix). Post Result Facilities

1. Facilities of Photocopy, verification and re-evaluation will be available only after declaration of results of 2nd examination for both the examinations i.e. Main and 2nd examinations.

(x). Admission in Class XI

1. Students not qualified in the main examination will be allowed provisional admission in Class XI and based on the result of the 2nd examination, their admission will be confirmed.

All schools are accordingly directed to bring the policy of two examinations 2025-2026 to the notice of parents and students and to orient them well about the policy. It is also directed to collect all relevant data correctly from students for filling up of LOC with correct subjects offered by them.

As Board will hold two examinations, hence, it is desired from the parents, students and schools that they will take ensure timely completion of all the activities with correct data.


25/6/25
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