

MAURITIUS EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE

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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (NCE) ASSESSMENT 2023 - PRIVATE CANDIDATES

1. Online Entries

Prospective candidates should make their entries **online** from **Monday 24 April 2023 to Friday 28 April 2023** by accessing the MES website as follows:

- Type the address <https://mes.govmu.org> to access the MES website.
- Go to the Top menu on the Home page displayed.
- Select E-Services
- Click on the link NCE 2023 - Online Entry Program for Private Candidates

2. Entries received after **Friday 28 April 2023** may be accepted until **Friday 30 June 2023** against payment of a late entry fee of **Rs 160/**.

3. Candidates are advised to read carefully the “**Instructions to Private Candidates**” on the MES website.

4. Entry Requirements

(a) A candidate, aged 17 or above, who is not attending a duly registered public or private secondary school may enter for the NCE assessment as a private candidate by using the online program.

(b) A candidate below the age of 17 who is attending a duly registered public or private secondary school and has completed the nine years of continuous basic education and has sat for the NCE assessment in the previous school year may enter for the NCE assessment as a private candidate.

Such candidate (*below the age of 17 or a second sitting below the age of 17*) should call in person at MES (or Commission for Education for candidates in Rodrigues) on the above-mentioned dates during office hours to provide evidence/details of schooling for having completed the nine years of continuous basic education (e.g. PSAC – 6 years and a certifying letter from Head of Secondary School – 3 years) or a copy of statement of results for previous NCE assessment in order to approve his/her request for registration.

5. a Candidates who are aged 17 years should call in person at MES - Réduit accompanied by their parent/s during office hours to submit the documents as detailed below within one week following submission of their online entries:

- original recent birth certificate
- **a copy of their Statement of Entry** from the online program following registration
- **recent passport-size photographs for their MES Candidate Identity Card** as proof of identity:

either

the NTA Student Identity Card together with **one recent passport-size photograph** (4 ½ cm x 5 cm) bearing their name and signature

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5. b **or**

two recent passport-size photographs bearing their name/signature and **countersigned** by one person who has known them personally for at least two years and who is either Member of the National Assembly, Medical Practitioner, Barrister-at-Law, Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, Bank Manager, Principal of a recognized Educational Institution, Police Officer **not** below the rank of Assistant Superintendent or Officer in the Public Service **not** below the rank of Assistant Secretary. The person countersigning the photographs should give his/her own particulars as follows: "Name, Designation, Signature".

6. **Subjects to be entered**

Private candidates **should enter** for the **three (3) compulsory core subjects**, the **six (6) other core subjects** and **may enter** for not more than **one (1) optional language** as listed below:

SUBJECT	SUBJECT CODE	REMARKS
English	N500	Compulsory Core subjects
Mathematics	N510	
French	N520	
Science	N530	Other Core subjects
Information and Communications Technology	N540	
Technology Studies	N550	
Business and Entrepreneurship Education	N560	
Social and Modern Studies	N570	
Art and Design	N580	
Hindi	N600	Optional Core subjects
Urdu	N610	
Tamil	N620	
Telugu	N630	
Marathi	N640	
Modern Chinese	N650	
Arabic	N660	
Kreol Morisien	N670	

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7. Access arrangements

Candidates who suffer from **permanent/long-term impairment** or a **temporary impairment** may apply for access arrangement on the prescribed **Form NCE/S3P** available on the MES website (within one week following submission of their entries). Such request should be made prior to the conduct of the assessment and should be supported by **a recent original Medical Certificate from a Government Medical Officer** specifying the nature of assistance required.

8. Any **request for amendment** of entry should be forwarded by email to ncesection@mesonline.mu at latest by **30 June 2023**.

9. **Pre-released materials for Art & Design (Component 1)** will be made available to all candidates four weeks prior to the assessment date. Candidates will be informed by registered post of the date for collection.

10. **Final Timetable** will be issued individually to private candidates by registered post three weeks prior to the start of the assessment.

For further information, please call on the following numbers:

Tel: 659 8400 - 659 8407

NCE Hotline: 5254 9702

Email: ncesection@mesonline.mu

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