

SINT MAARTEN Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Foundation Based Education Exit Examination 2025



Legislation

The National Ordinance on V.W.O, H.A.V.O. and V.S.B.O. – A.B. 2013, GT No. 588 regulates the admission of a student to the first year of V.W.O, H.A.V.O. and V.S.B.O.

Responsibility

The Division of Examinations of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport is responsible for the exit examination for foundation-based education: **the FBE Exit Examination**. The Division of Examinations also does the composition, distribution, and the reporting.

Why an Exit Examination?

Every student coming from a primary school must sit an exit examination at the end of his/her elementary school career. The students' academic performance, as outlined in the Educational Report, <u>and</u> the results of the FBE Exit Examination, determine placement in secondary education.

The FBE Exit Examination is compiled locally, by teachers from both the primary and the secondary schools. Consequently, for this purpose teachers have been trained by CITO (Dutch Testing and Assessment Company) and CXC (the Caribbean Examinations Council).

Contents

The assignments of the FBE Exit Examination consist of the attainment targets for foundation-based education. Therefore, the performance and evaluation of Foundation Based Education itself is also being tested.

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Subjects

The FBE Exit Examination consists of four subjects:

- Dutch
- English
- Mathematics and
- General Knowledge



Dutch

Dutch has a total of 90 assignments divided over three exam papers, 30 items each. The components tested are Spelling, Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension

English

English has a total of 90 assignments divided over three exam papers, 30 items each. The components tested are Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Vocabulary, and Reading Comprehension.

Mathematics

Mathematics has a total of 90 assignments divided over three exam papers, 30 items each. The following components are tested: Skills and Operations; Measurements and Geometry; Ratios, Fractions, Percentages and Numbers with commas.

General Knowledge

General Knowledge has a total of 60 assignments divided over two exam papers, 30 items each: Social Studies and Science & Technology.

Type of questions

All components are tested using multiple choice questions within a specified limited time: 45 minutes per exam paper, *except Mathematics B which is administered for 55 minutes.* Each multiple-choice question has three options: a, b, or c.

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Dates

For the school year 2024 – 2025, the FBE Exit Examination will take place from **Tuesday**, **May 13** up to and including **Friday**, **May 16**, **2025**.



Students who were not able to do the exams because of illness will have the opportunity to sit a make-up exam. Parents need to submit a doctor's letter to the school at the latest on Monday, May 19, 2025.

The make-up exams will be on *Tuesday, May 20* through *Friday, May 23, 2025* in the exam room at the *Division of Examinations*.

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Daily schedule

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8.00 - 8.45	Exam 1	(45 minutes)
8.45 - 9.00	First Break	(15 minutes)
9.00 - 9.45	Exam 2	(45 minutes)
9.45 - 10.00	Second Break	(15 minutes)
10.00 - 10.45	Exam 3	(45 minutes)

The students will receive their timetable from their schools in January 2025.

Do's and Don't

Do

- be on time
- study
- have a good breakfast
- follow instructions
- color in the correct answer on the answer sheet
- make use of pencil provided
- behave properly
- dress properly (uniform)

Don't

- cheat
- talk during exam





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Results

The results are made known to the school boards, the school management, and the parents / guardians of the students.

Based on these results, various reports are issued that provide information regarding the performance of the student's:

- individual performance,
- school performance and
- class performance.



For this academic year, we expect the results to be in no later than **Friday**, **June 13**, **2025**. (Three weeks after the last make-up exam day).

Sale

The exam papers of the previous years are available for purchase at the office of the Division of Examinations. The price per exam package is ANG 50.00. Emails in this regard can be sent to <u>Charelle.Nijbroek@sintmaartengov.org</u> and <u>Sappho.Spronk@sintmaartengov.org</u>



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