



Government of Sierra Leone

**Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education
New England, Freetown, Sierra Leone**

Update on Examination Dates for the National Primary School Examination (NPSE) and Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE)

The Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE), in consultation with Education Sector stakeholders, Development Partners and National Health Advisory Agencies has today 23rd April, 2020 agreed to postpone the National Primary School Examination (NPSE) and the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE).

Both examinations have now been pushed to July, 2020. Specific schedules or any further changes including school reopening timelines will be communicated by the Ministry in a timely manner.

The Ministry prioritizes the health and safety of the children and teachers of Sierra Leone and it will continue to monitor status of the National Advisory Committee on the coronavirus disease pandemic. Meanwhile the newly formed MBSSE Education Emergency Taskforce (EET) through one of its pillars - the School Reopening Readiness Pillar, will develop appropriate frameworks and guidelines for examination preparedness and the safe reopening of schools.

Furthermore, to support continued safe learning at home during this period of school closures, the Ministry and its partners will intensify distance learning programs (radio and online learning). Special attention will be paid to examination classes (Class 6, JSS 3 and SSS 3).

Finally, the Ministry invites all community stakeholders to protect girls during this period.

For further information, please visit www.mbsse.gov.sl or contact:

Education Radio Frequencies:

Freetown: 95.3; Koidu, Kono District 91.5; Mambudu, Kono District 94.4; Magburaka, Tonkolili District 93.5; Makeni, Bombali District 91.5; Bo District 91.5; Kenema District 94.4; Segbwema, Kailahun District 95.3



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