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Subject: Reduction in Vocational SEC and SEAC Unit 3 Syllabi – 2023 onwards

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On the same lines of the decision taken by the MATSEC Board in October 2021 affecting the 2022 cohort, a number of assessment criteria are being removed from the Vocational SEC and SEAC Unit 3 syllabi of the 2023 cohort and subsequent cohorts following the current syllabus edition. This mitigation measure was taken in view of the fact that the scholastic year of candidates sitting for other SEC examinations in the Main Session comes to an end at an earlier stage than originally planned when the current vocational syllabi were designed.

The same criteria that were removed last year are being removed, as indicated hereunder. These will be pro-rated by MATSEC against the performance in the respective domains to determine whether each candidate has passed the unit or not. **Candidates and their parents/guardians are therefore to be informed that the mark they achieve in Unit 3 by the end of the scholastic year is not final.** Likewise, a result slip for this unit should **not** be issued by the School since this would not represent the final mark. MATSEC will officially communicate the unit status to each School after the completion of the pro-rating exercise.

SEC Unit 3

2023 Cohort onwards

Subject	Removed Criteria			
SEC 35 Agribusiness	K-4	K-9	C-1	C-2
SEC 36 Health and Social Care	K-7	K-9	C-3	C-5
SEC 37 Engineering Technology	K-3	K-4	K-8	C-5
SEC 38 Hospitality	K-3	K-8	C-4	C-5
SEC 39 Information Technology	K-4	K-7	C-2	C-4
SEC 41 Media Literacy Education	K-5	K-7	K-10	C-3
SEC 42 Retail	K-5	K-8	C-3	C-5
SEC 43 Hairdressing and Beauty	K-2	K-6	C-1	C-5
SEC 44 Fashion and Textiles	K-4	K-5	K-7	C-4

The criteria removed from SEC Unit 3 subjects will be pro-rated only for those students who attempt the controlled assessment against the marks achieved through Knowledge and Comprehension criteria – as a total – included in the coursework assignments and the controlled assessment.

Subject	Removed Criteria		
SEAC 01 Retail	K-5	C-2	A-3
SEAC 02 Health and Social Care	K-7	C-2	A-4
SEAC 03 Engineering Technology	K-5	C-2	A-2
SEAC 04 Hospitality	K-1	C-1	A-1
SEAC 05 Information Technology	K-7	C-3	A-4
SEAC 06 Media Literacy Education	K-2	C-2	A-2
SEAC 07 Agribusiness	K-3	C-1	A-2
SEAC 08 Hairdressing and Beauty	K-4	C-2	A-2
SEAC 09 Fashion and Textiles	K-3	C-3	A-2

The criteria removed from SEAC Unit 3 subjects will be pro-rated against the marks achieved through Knowledge and Comprehension criteria – as a total – and the Application criteria in the coursework assignments.

During this scholastic year, SEAC Unit 3 students will be assessed through **TWO** coursework assignments only. This means that there will be no controlled assignment issued by MATSEC for this unit, and that all remaining criteria which have not been removed – whether highlighted or not in the syllabus – should be assessed through coursework.