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Subject: Reduction in Vocational SEC and SEAC Unit 3 Syllabi

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As per communication dated 4th October 2021, a number of assessment criteria were removed from the Vocational SEC and SEAC Unit 3 syllabi for the coming scholastic year. This mitigation measure was taken since the controlled assessment for SEC subjects will be held in April and the last External Verification visits will be held in June.

The criteria which will be removed from each subject is listed hereunder. All removed criteria will be pro-rated by MATSEC against the performance in the respective domains as re-explained below. Students and their parents/guardians are to be informed that the mark they achieve in Unit 3 by the end of the scholastic year will not be final, and a result slip with the final mark should **not** be communicated to them, since MATSEC would first need to finalise the pro-rating exercise.

SEC Unit 3 for the 2019-2022 Cohort

Subject	Reduced 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

These reduced criteria in SEC subjects will be pro-rated only for those students attempting the controlled assessment against the marks achieved through Knowledge and Comprehension criteria – as a total – in the coursework assignments and the criteria present in the controlled assessment.

SEAC Unit 3 for the 2019-2022 Cohort

Subject	Reduced 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

During this scholastic year, students following SEAC Unit 3, will be assessed by means of **TWO** coursework assignments only. These reduced criteria in SEAC 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.

This means that there will not be a controlled assignment issued by MATSEC for Unit 3, and that all remaining criteria which have not been reduced – whether highlighted or not in the syllabus – should be assessed through coursework.

Please ensure that this information is brought to the attention of teachers and internal verifiers, and reflected in affected assessment accordingly.