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To: College Principals
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Subject: Registrations for the MAIN/FIRST session of examinations – SBA component

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The MATSEC Examinations Board would like to address specific uncertainties arising during the registration process for the SEC 2025 examination session, particularly concerning the School-Based Assessment [SBA] component. The following conditions apply exclusively to the Main and Supplementary 2025 sessions and will be reassessed for future sessions.

School Candidates applying for Level 2-3

To qualify for Level 3, school candidates must meet specific criteria in both the School-based Assessment [SBA] (Paper I) and the controlled assessment (Paper II). Achieving at least 10 out of 30 marks in the SBA (Level 1-2-3) will be sufficient to fulfil the requirements for the SBA. However, this score alone does not secure a Level 3 in the qualification, as the overall qualification also depends on performance in the controlled assessment. Higher attainment in the SBA increases its contribution towards the possibility of achieving a Level 3. Candidates scoring below 10 in the SBA may still qualify for a Level 2, but this also depends on their performance in the controlled assessment.

School Candidates applying for Level 1-2

To qualify for Level 2, school candidates must meet specific criteria in both the School-based Assessment [SBA] (Paper I) and the controlled assessment (Paper II). Achieving at least 10 out of 30 marks in the SBA (Level 1-2) will be sufficient to fulfil the requirements for the SBA. However, this score alone does not secure a Level 2 in the qualification, as the overall qualification also depends on performance in the controlled assessment. Higher attainment in the SBA increases its contribution towards the possibility of achieving a Level 2. Candidates scoring below 10 in the SBA may still qualify for Level 1, but this also depends on their performance in the controlled assessment.

School Candidates applying for Mathematics at Level 3-3*

To qualify for Level 3, school candidates must meet specific criteria in both the School-based Assessment [SBA] (Paper I) and the controlled assessment (Paper II). Achieving at least 10 out of 30 marks in the SBA (1-2-3) will

be sufficient to fulfil the requirements for the SBA. However, this score alone does not secure a Level 3 in the qualification, as the overall qualification also depends on performance in the controlled assessment. Higher attainment in the SBA increases its contribution towards the possibility of achieving a Level 3. Candidates scoring below 10 in the SBA will not be awarded a Level.

Candidates are requested to email MATSEC on registrations.matsec@um.edu.mt to make any changes to their registration. Changes in the registration will be accepted till 12th November 2024 at noon.

Kindly note that the above conditions do not apply to vocational subjects as these follow the conditions established in the SEC Vocational Subjects Policy Document 2019.