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TO: PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS ENTERING CANDIDATES FOR THE 2025 INDEPENDENT EXAMINATIONS BOARD FURTHER STUDIES PROGRAMMES: AFRIKAANS, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE FURTHER STUDIES PROGRAMMES

The Independent Examinations Board (IEB) will have two sittings for the Further Studies subjects in May and October 2025.

Learners who wish to register for the May 2025 Further Studies examinations

- Registrations for the May examinations will be open from 1 to 14 March 2025.
- Schools are required to submit the registration forms and proof of payment for candidates by 14 March 2025 to Kgomotso Tau at tauk@ieb.co.za.
- The May examinations will be written at designated examination venues across the country.
- Applications will be open for:
    - Candidates who were absent from the November 2024 examinations
    - Candidates who want to improve their marks
    - Candidates who want to complete the Further Studies examinations earlier in the year (i.e. Grade 11 or 12 learners of 2025)

- **Language in which learners require the question paper**

  Further Studies Mathematics and Physics papers are available in English and Afrikaans. Candidates who require the question papers for these subjects in Afrikaans are required to indicate this on the online registration form for the respective examinations.

Schools and candidates should note: These subjects are **not** included as part of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) qualification; therefore, the candidates' results will **not** be included on the certificate. Candidates who achieve **50% and above** will receive a certificate for the subjects offered.

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Further Studies Mathematics

Learners may register in the following ways:

FS Mathematics (Standard)	Will write the standard paper only	Will receive a certificate if they obtain 50% and above.
FS Mathematics (Extended)	- Must be registered for the standard option as well as one elective subject - Must write both papers	- Candidates will receive the Extended Qualification if they achieve at least 50% in the standard paper and a result of 50% or more with both papers combined. - If the candidate is registered for both modules but does not achieve 50%, the candidate's result could be converted to the standard option if the candidate achieved 50% in the standard paper.
Further Studies – Elective • Finance • Graph Theory & Matrices • Statistics	Candidates are registered for the elective module only	- Candidates will receive a subject statement. For the learner to receive a certificate, the candidate must meet the requirements for the standard or extended options stipulated above.

The dates for the May Further Studies examinations are as follows:

Further Studies Mathematics Standard (Calculus & Algebra)	21 May 2025	09:00 – 11:00
Further Studies Mathematics Elective	21 May 2025	13:00 – 14:00
Further Studies Physics	23 May 2025	09:00 – 12:00
Further Studies English	26 May 2025	09:00 – 12:00

Registration for the October 2025 Further Studies examinations

Schools that wish to register candidates for the October 2025 examinations are required to complete and return the attached School Information Sheet to the IEB by **28 February 2025**. The closing date for the registration of candidates is **31 March 2025**. The candidate registration form is also attached. Please complete a separate form for each candidate. Please draw the candidates' attention to the IEB's Privacy Policy that is included on the form.

The IEB enters into agreements with the schools who register candidates for the Further Studies Programme and not with individual candidates or their parents. It is therefore important that the school's details are completed on the School Information Sheet. Therefore, the IEB will not make any changes to entries without a specific request from the Principal/IEB liaison of the school.

The completed candidates' registration forms together with the proof of payment must reach the IEB by 31 March 2025. Schools must ensure that they receive confirmation of registration from the IEB by no later than 5 May 2025.

The IEB recommends that the candidates pay the registration fee to the school. One payment can be made to the IEB by the school and the IEB will invoice the school for all candidates' registrations. Where a candidate pays the IEB directly, please ensure that the candidate's full name and school name is used as the reference. The proof of payment must be submitted with the application form. Please note that candidates who deregister from the Further Studies Programmes after 31 May 2025 will not be refunded.

Fees for the May 2025 and October 2025 Examinations

Further Studies: Afrikaans / English / Physics	R1 328
Further Studies: Mathematics Extended	R1 328
Further Studies: Mathematics Standard	R906
Further Studies: Mathematics Elective only	R423

Distribution and security of question papers to schools

The schools are required to indicate how they will receive the question papers from the IEB on the School Information Sheet. The same method will be used to return the answer scripts to the IEB.

The IEB requires schools to either purchase the Electronic Key or arrange to collect the question papers from an IEB-registered school that has purchased the electronic key.

The **preliminary examination dates** for the October Further Studies examinations are as follows:

Further Studies Physics	Friday	17 October 2025
Further Studies Mathematics	Tuesday (am&pm)	21 October 2025
Further Studies English	Thursday	23 October 2025

Registration queries should be addressed to Kgomotso Tau at 011 483 9773 or tauk@ieb.co.za.

Queries regarding the content of the curriculum can be directed as follows:

FTSTUD English	Mr Peter Ruddock	011 483 9708	ruddockp@ieb.co.za
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