



**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
DELHI**

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Press Note

Pre- Examination Highlights-2013

Date of start of examination Class XII	01.03.2013
Date of start of examination Class X	01.03.2013

No. of Registered Candidates: 2012 - 1995618 2013 - 2201237

Examination	Category	2012	2013	% Increase
Secondary School Examination Class X	Boys	698748	748720	7.15
	Girls	481333	510482	6.06
	Total	1180081	1259202	6.70
Sr. School Certificate Examination Class XII	Boys	479843	554674	15.59
	Girls	335694	387361	15.39
	Total	815537	942035	15.51

Total No. of candidates in special categories (All Regions)

		2012	2013
Class X	Visually challenged	368	394
	Dyslexics	577	648
	Deaf & Dumb	216	220
	Handicapped	1550	1555
	Spastics	170	234
	Total Candidates		2881
Class XII	Visually challenged	312	328
	Dyslexics	322	395
	Deaf & Dumb	68	106
	Handicapped	1008	1406
	Spastics	73	183
	Total Candidates		1783

Total No. of Schools and Centres

		2012	2013
Class X	No. of Schools	10973	11863
	No. of Centres	2894	2992
Class XII	No. of Schools	7197	7917
	No. of Centres	2704	2825

DELHI AND FOREIGN SCHOOLS DATA**No. of Registered Candidates in Delhi:****Local**

	2012	2013
Class X	346645	318536
Class XII	228056	260882

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Class X	253437	220425
Class XII	150609	171902

Foreign

Class X	16181	17551
Class XII	9314	11119

No. of Examination centres in Delhi:**Local**

	2012	2013
X	552	560
XII	547	564

Foreign

X	59	61
XII	48	58

No. of centres for visually challenged Candidates

X	34	6
XII	9	6

No. of candidates in special categories in Delhi Region

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		2012	2013
Class X	Visually challenged	294	321
	Dyslexics	133	172
	Deaf & Dumb	134	126
	Handicapped	583	608
	Spastics	27	59
	Total Candidates		1171
Class XII	Visually challenged	260	247
	Dyslexics	97	104
	Deaf & Dumb	36	56
	Handicapped	382	500
	Spastics	17	62
	Autistic	0	3
	Total Candidates		792

Foreign

		2012	2013
Class X	Visually challenged	0	1
	Dyslexics	20	11
	Deaf & Dumb	6	2
	Handicapped	5	9
	Spastics	1	1
	Total Candidates		32
Class XII	Visually challenged	2	1
	Dyslexics	3	7
	Deaf & Dumb	0	2
	Handicapped	7	11
	Spastics	0	5
	Total Candidates		12

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2013 EXAMINATIONS

- This year CBSE has introduced facilities to schools to generate online Roll no. wise List of Candidates appearing in Class X/XII examination 2013. School can also generate online Admit card for their regular student appearing in Board Examinations 2013.
- Visually challenged candidates appearing for the Board's Class X/XII exams will be permitted to use computer software for the examination :
 - a) However, Candidate(s) shall be required to bring their computer with the enabled software to the examination centre with prior intimation to the Board
 - b) Candidate(s) using computer software would not be provided with amanuensis
 - c) Such candidates will be allotted examination centre only in the city where the Regional Office is situated;

- d) Centre Superintendents will appoint a PGT (Computer Science) to act as Assistant Superintendent for such candidates who will ensure that the candidate uses only the this software and not any other function of the computer
- e) Concessions being extended by the Board to visually challenged candidates not using computer software would continue to be provided as usual.

➤ **Reduction in the number of chances for Compartment(Class XII) and Improvement of Performance(Class X) from 2013 examinations**

- a) The number of chances for Compartment for Class XII has been reduced to **three** from five.
- b) The number of attempts for Improvement of Performance for Class X has been reduced to **one** from five. The candidates shall appear for the Improvement of Performance attempt to be conducted by the Board in July/ School by July,

However, for candidates who have appeared for the 2012 examination or before and placed in the category COMPARTMENT/ELIGIBLE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE shall get upto five chances.

- Introduction of **Value Based Questions** in all major subjects for classes X and XII up to 3-5 marks. The Board has decided to follow an interdisciplinary approach in value education where values are intermingled with the content of all the major subjects in classes IX and XII. The questions will be based on content and analysed on the basis of the values it reflects.
- Modified syllabus-2013 and SQP with Sample Questions based on values in the subject English (Elective), English (Core), English (Functional), Hindi (Elective), Hindi (Core), Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Accountancy, History, Geography, Business Studies, Entrepreneurship and Economics to be used for Board Examination for Class XII, March 2013 are available in Circular No.Acad-47/2012.
- Similarly, Modified syllabus-2013, Design of assessment and sample questions including questions based on values in the subject Hindi (Course A and B), English (Communicative), English (Language and Literature), Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences and Sanskrit to be used for Summative Assessment-II/Board Examination Second Term- March 2013 Class X are available in Circular No.Acad-46/2012 and Circular No.Acad-64/2012 for class IX.

Highlights of Class XII

- Introduction of project work in the subject of Business Studies of 10 marks to be evaluated by external examiner.
- Improvement of Performance permitted to all class XII candidates aspiring for JEE- even of 2011 examination whether appeared in 2012 in relaxation of Rule 44.1 (i) of the Examination Bye-laws. Improvement of performance / Up gradation of performance permitted in all the subjects in which the candidate has appeared in the previous year.

Highlights of Class X

➤ **The Scheme of the Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) for Class X 2013 examination:**

- i) **Scheme 1**– there shall be no Board Examination at Secondary (Class X) level for students studying in the schools affiliated to the Board who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X. Question papers and Marking Scheme will be supplied by the Board and evaluation will be done by the schools.
 - For Scheme-1, schools are being advised to conduct examination during the second half of March between 16.3.2013 to 31.3.2013. Schools have been given the facility to submit online date sheet to the board for conducting exams for students. They can generate online admit cards for students appearing in school based exams.
 - ii) **Scheme 2**– students of Schools affiliated to the Board who wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X (Pre-University, Vocational course, Change of Board etc.) are required to take the Board's External Examination at Secondary (Class X) level. Question papers and Marking Scheme will be prepared by the CBSE and evaluation will be carried out by the Board through External Examiners.
 - For Scheme-2, examination would commence from 1st March, 2013 and would conclude on 15th March, 2013.
- In the Final Examination of term II, the question paper will be based on the Term-II and not on the complete syllabus of Class-X. The question papers for Class X would be as per Sample Paper. Content coverage for both types of question papers (Board/School Based) would be the same.
 - Under scheme 1, the Board has decided to send the question paper online for Classes IX and X for Summative Assessment-II through **Integrated Test Management System (ITMS)**. Each school has to register school name with a user name and password and complete registration through CBSE website.
 - A uniform certificate will be issued to all the candidates by the Board, whether appearing under Scheme-II or Scheme-I.

Collection of Evidence of Assessments under Scheme 1

- The marks awarded under Scheme 1 are verified by the subject experts/moderators appointed and empanelled by the Board. This year, the board has also appointed certain City Coordinators in different cities to collect the Evidences of Assessment under Scheme 1. The verification exercise is conducted in the presence of board observers.
- The Regional Offices of the Board will shortlist the schools to provide Evidence of Assessments (EAs) both for Class IX and Class X. The schools have been asked to send Evidence of Assessments in class IX and X of Formative (3 & 4) and Summative (2) Assessment. This would comprise of the performance of five students taken from each of the three categories i.e. top, middle and bottom levels of achievements in one subject; either in Class IX or X. In addition to scholastic assessment, the schools are also being asked to send evidences of co-scholastic assessment this time.

- Introduction of OSM 'On Screen Marking' in Delhi for Class-X as a Pilot Project. This will help a great deal in the evaluation process and minimize the scope for errors.
- Schools have been asked to upload total assessment of Class-IX Formative & Summative and Class-X Formative & Summative for which the downloadable software has been provided by the board.
- The Board would be declaring the results of both types of candidates of Class X as usual in the month of May, 2013.
- **PROBLEM SOLVING ASSESSMENT** was conducted on 16th February by the Board with the objectives of promoting problem solving skills, thinking skills and other life skills of the students. It is a compulsory test for all students of classes IX and XI studying in CBSE affiliated schools.

PSA is designed to assess:

- a) **Quantitative Reasoning**
- b) **Qualitative Reasoning and**
- c) **Language Conventions**

CBSE TELE COUNSELLING First phase

It is offered by trained Principals and counselors from within CBSE affiliated schools located in and outside India. It is a voluntary, free of cost service provided by the participants.

This year **66** Principals, trained counselors from CBSE affiliated government and private schools and few psychologist will participate in Tele-Counseling and private schools and few psychological problems of the students. **56** of them are available in India while **10** are located in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, UAE, Nepal, Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman and Tokyo.

Centralized Toll Free Access in India

Students can dial a toll free number 1800 11 8004 from any part of the country which will give centralized access to CBSE helpline. While the general queries will be answered by the operators, students will be connected to the principals or counselors in case of exam related anxiety or stress.

Counselling for Specially Abled Children

For the fourth year CBSE has arranged to provide counseling to **specially abled children** to take care of the needs and anxiety of special children.

QUESTION-ANSWER COLUMNS

CBSE experts are also answering queries of students through weekly question answer columns published in national newspapers like The Hindustan Times, HT Horizon/Education, Amar Ujala and Malyalam Manorama during the month of February and regional papers.

ON-LINE COUNSELING

Public can also log on to the CBSE website and Interact with Chairman on exam related issues. The Professor and Director (Academic, Research, Training and Innovation) and Controller of Examinations, CBSE can also be contacted for On-line counselling on: sadhanap.cbse@nic.in , mcsharma2007@rediffmail.com.

CBSE WEBSITE

Information related to examinations and techniques to cope with exams related anxiety is also provided at the CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in by accessing icon **Helpline**.

4. Preparations for smooth conduct of examinations

- (i) The sealed question paper packets will be opened in the presence of at least four Asstt. Superintendents-**one of them would be from the school other than the examination centre as a witness**.
- (ii) The center material has been dispatched to all the examination centers.
- (iii) Admit cards have been dispatched to all schools/centers.
- (iv) Appointment of full time observers at sensitive centres in Delhi and outside has been completed.
- (v) The Board has also finalized the arrangement with the State machinery, local police to ensure trouble free examinations throughout the country.
- (vi) Center Supdt.(s) have been asked to approach the local police authorities for ensuring that adequate police force is made available at the place of custody of the question papers and the examination centre. The State law enforcing agencies have also been requested to provide adequate police force at the place of custody of question papers and the examination centres.
- (vii) Scanned photographs of Private candidates have been provided on admission cards to avoid impersonation or any other possible use of unfair means.
- (viii) CBSE has a 3 tier arrangement for surprise checking:
 - a) CBSE flying squads
 - b) Flying squads from Directorate of Education, Delhi
 - c) Special observers from outside.
- (ix) Observers to oversee the conduct of practical examination for class XII have been appointed this year also.
- (x) **Chief Nodal Practical Examiners** have been appointed this year also to monitor the proper conduct of practical examinations for class XII.
- (xi) **District level committees** were constituted to suggest schools with adequate infrastructure for fixing up of examination centres. This will facilitate smooth conduct of examinations outside Delhi.

5. For private candidates appearing from Delhi Region

Intimation letters to all the private candidates appearing for class X & XII examination 2013 have been sent. Private candidates may collect admit card from the examination centre mentioned in their intimation letter. In case intimation letter is not received, it may be printed from CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in and on production of the same at the examination centre, they may collect their admit card.

6. **a) Observation Schedules:** To give fair deal to the question papers and redress genuine grievances of the students, observation schedules have been sent to all the schools principals to record and forward their suggestions within 24 hours of the conduct of examination conducted by the Board of concerned subject so that these can be considered by the expert group while preparing the marking schemes.

b) Mandatory evaluation: Teachers selected for evaluation work have to report on the appointed date and time failing which a mention will be made in their annual records. Non-release of teachers by any school may lead to withholding the result of the defaulting institution. The Board may also consider and initiate disaffiliation proceedings. However, those extending willing and effective cooperation will also find a mention in their personal records.

7. **Exemptions given to Spastic, Visually challenged, Physically Handicapped, Autistic, Dyslexic and candidates with disabilities as defined in the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995:-**

1. Exemption from studying third language up to middle school level (i.e. Class VIII);
2. At Secondary School level a candidate has an option to opt for one language and any four of the following electives.

Mathematics, Science, Social Science, another Language, Music, Painting, Home Science, Foundation of Information Technology, **Commerce (Elements of Commerce) and Commerce (Elements of Book Keeping and Accountancy)**

3. permission to use an amanuensis;
4. the amanuensis must be of a student of class lower than the one for which the candidate will be taking the examination;
5. the Centre Superintendent of the Examination Centre chooses a suitable amanuensis and forwards his/her particulars to the Regional Officer concerned for consideration and approval;
6. the services of amanuensis are provided free of cost;
7. the amanuensis shall be paid remuneration as prescribed from time to time by the Board, which at present is Rs.100/- per day;
8. the candidate may be permitted to use the services an amanuensis in all or any of the papers.
9. the candidate may be permitted to draw the diagrams etc. themselves, if desired by them.
10. Special category students appearing for X or XII examination shall be allowed additional time as given below:
 - (i) 60 minutes for a paper of 3 hours duration.
 - (ii) 50 minutes for a paper of 2 ½ hours duration
 - (iii) 40 minutes for a paper of 2 hours duration

- (iv) 30 minutes for a paper of 1 ½ hours duration
11. the Centre Superintendent shall make the sitting arrangements for special category candidates on the ground floor, as far as possible;
 12. alternative type questions are provided in lieu of questions having visual inputs for the Visually challenged candidates in English Communicative and Social Science for Class X and History, Geography and Economics and Political Science for Class XII;
 13. From 2013 examination like last year, separate question papers in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics for Class XII will also be provided without visual input for visually challenged candidates.
 14. Question papers of Mathematics and Science in Braille are provided in Class X for Visually challenged candidates.
 15. separate question papers in enlarged print for Mathematics and Science in Class X are provided for candidates having visual impairment;
 16. the Centre Superintendent(s) are directed to send the answer books of special category students in separate covers to the Regional Office concerned;
 17. to facilitate easy access, a few selected schools are made examination centres for special students;
 18. Visually challenged candidates from Delhi have the facility to use computer or a typewriter for writing answers;
 19. Teachers from schools for visually challenged candidates are appointed as Assistant Superintendent(s) (Invigilators) at the special examination centres. However, precaution be taken to appoint different subject teachers on different days;
 20. a separate column has been provided on the title page of the answer book for indicating the category of special candidates so that these answer books could be segregated for sending them separately to the Regional Office of the Board.
 20. It is not mandatory for these candidates to do the calculations themselves.
 21. Visually challenged candidates appearing for the Board's Class X/XII exams will be permitted to use computer software for the examination subject to the following:
 - a) Candidate(s) desirous of using computer software for appearing in class X/XII examinations shall be required to bring their computer along with the computer software to the examination centre with prior intimation to the Board
 - b) Candidate(s) using computer software would not be provided with amanuensis

- c) Candidates desirous of using this software will be allotted examination centre only in the city in which the Regional Office is situated;
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The Chairman, Sh. Vineet Joshi and Controller of Examinations, Sh. M C Sharma extends their warmest wishes to all the candidates for success in the forthcoming examinations.

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