



BOTSWANA
EXAMINATIONS
COUNCIL

2026

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

T I M E T A B L E

OCTOBER 2026

FINAL VERSION DATED 01 FEBRUARY 2026



General Instructions and Guidelines

1. About this Timetable

This timetable contains

- instructions and guidelines about the examinations;
- scheduled dates for written examinations;
- scheduled dates for practical examinations;
- scheduled dates for moderation of coursework by BEC;
- submission dates for coursework deliverables;
- dates for submission of coursework marks in Malepa;
- a full list, in date order, of all the examinations;
- the key to the timetable.

The timetable must be followed throughout. If there is any discrepancy between this timetable and any other documents such as Statements of Entry or labels on question paper packets, the Head of Centre should immediately contact the Director, Assessment Administration at BEC.

2. About the Sessions

Examinations scheduled for the morning session should start at **08:00** and examinations for the afternoon should start at **14:00**. In cases where there are two papers timetabled in the morning session, the second paper will start at **11:00**.

3. Time Allowance for Question Papers

Any time required for candidates to read through question papers, to study maps, etc., is already included in the duration of the examination as shown on the timetable and on the front cover of the question paper. No additional time should be allowed except for some Special Needs papers of which specific instructions will be enclosed.

4. Home Economics Paper 21/2

- The **planning session** for this practical examination will take place on **06 August, 2026 at 08:00**.

The **practical examination** will take place from **07 to 18 September 2026**. The examination will be conducted on the dates allocated to each centre as reflected on the schedule that will be sent to the centres.

5. Music Paper 34/1: Listening

This is a listening examination that requires a CD which is provided by BEC. The CD is provided together with a set of Instructions for Invigilators.

- The instructions should be read by the Chief Invigilator and the Music Teacher **1 day before the examination**.

6. Music Paper 34/3: Practical Examination

This practical examination will take place from **07 to 18 September 2026**.

- The examination will be conducted on the dates allocated to each centre as reflected on the schedule that will be sent to the centres.

7. Art Paper 33/2: Practical Examination

This is a controlled practical examination that runs for 3 hours.

- The question papers must be distributed to candidates for preparatory purposes on **06 August 2026 at 11:00**.

After the examination, the candidates' work must be packaged in the special boxes provided and stored securely until such time that they are despatched to BEC with other examination scripts.

8. French Paper 32/1: Listening & Reading Comprehension

This is a listening and reading examination that requires a CD provided by BEC.

The CD is provided together with a set of Instructions to Invigilators and candidates. Instructions to Invigilators and candidates should be opened and distributed as soon as they are received.

9. French Paper 32/3 Practical Examination

The practical examination will take place from **07 to 18 September 2026**.

- The examination will be conducted on the dates allocated to each centre as reflected on the schedule that will be sent to the centres.

10. For Private Candidates Only

The following components are for **private candidates only** and should not be availed to school candidates unless by prior approval.

1. Agriculture Paper 4 (16/4);
2. Commerce and Office Procedures Paper 4 (25/4)
3. Commerce and Accounting Paper 4 (26/4);
4. General Science Papers 1 and 2 (43/1 & 43/2)

Syllabuses with a practical examination component ARE NOT AVAILABLE for Private Candidates. These are Home Economics, Music, Art, and French.

11. Submission of Coursework and Coursework Marks

Centres that have registered candidates for syllabuses with a coursework component should **submit their marks through Malepa on the stipulated dates** as indicated on page 6 of this Timetable. In addition, Syllabus specific guidelines on moderation of coursework and deliverables will be provided by the BEC. Centres are also required to keep a back up copy of the coursework marks.

12. Examination Malpractice

Centres should be aware that examination malpractice is classified as a criminal offence, and that there are sanctions and penalties which may lead to loss of marks, disqualification, or barring from examinations of candidates or the Centre.

- The Head of Centre should ensure that teachers, invigilators and candidates are made aware of their responsibility in guarding against malpractice, as well as the consequences.
- The centre should ensure that there is no collusion, copying, impersonation or any other suspicious acts during examinations.
- All work submitted must be the candidate's authentic work.
- Centre staff should not aid candidates.

The Invigilator's Manual and the timetable should be in each examination room at all times for the duration of the examinations.

13. General Notes

- The Chief Invigilator must ensure that the correct question paper packet is opened on the scheduled time in the timetable.
- **At the beginning** of each examination session, sealed packets of the question papers should be opened by the Invigilator in the presence of candidates.
- **Before opening each envelope**, the Invigilator should confirm with candidates that the paper is the timetabled one.
- **At the end** of each examination, scripts and answer sheets should be sealed in the presence of the candidates.
- The **attendance register and seating plan** for each of the scheduled examinations should be completed for each examination session. **Candidates should individually append their signatures against their names on the attendance register before being dismissed from the examination room.**
- The Chief Invigilator must also indicate absent candidates and sign at the bottom of each page of the attendance register to confirm the information provided.
- Projects, scripts and answer sheets will be collected from centres. Communication will be made to centres regarding arrangements for the collection of scripts.
- **Centres should follow the Guidelines for Conduct of examinations at all times.**

06 August — 16 October 2026

Morning session starts at 08:00

Afternoon session starts at 14:00

Thursday
06 Aug

Syllabus	Time
21/2 Home Economics Paper 2 Planning Session	08:00 - 09:30

Syllabus	Time
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Monday
21 Sept

Syllabus	Time
33/2 Art Paper 2	08:00 - 11:00

Syllabus	Time
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Wednesday
14 Oct

Syllabus	Time
12/4 English Paper 4	08:00 - 08:55
34/1 Music Paper 1	11:00 - 12:00

Syllabus	Time
32/1 French Paper 1	14:00 - 15:30

Thursday
15 Oct

Syllabus	Time
31/2 Religious Education Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00
33/1 Art Paper 1	11:00 - 12:00

Syllabus	Time
13/1 Mathematics Paper 1	14:00 - 15:30

Friday
16 Oct

Syllabus	Time
18/2 Moral Education Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00

Syllabus	Time
16/2 Agriculture Paper 2	14:00 - 15:15

Morning session starts at 08:00

Afternoon session starts at 14:00

19 October — 23 October 2026

Morning session starts at 08:00

Afternoon session starts at 14:00

Monday
19 Oct

Syllabus	Time
13/2 Mathematics Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00

Syllabus	Time
11/1 Setswana Paper 1	14:00 - 15:30

Tuesday
20 Oct

Syllabus	Time
25/2 Commerce and Office Procedures Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00
26/2 Commerce and Accounting Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00

Syllabus	Time
15/1 Social Studies Paper 1	14:00 - 15:00

Wednesday
21 Oct

Syllabus	Time
12/3 English Paper 3	08:00 - 10:00

Syllabus	Time
18/1 Moral Education Paper 1	14:00 - 15:00

Thursday
22 Oct

Syllabus	Time
14/2 Science Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00
43/2 General Science Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00

Syllabus	Time
11/3 Setswana Paper 3	14:00 - 15:15

Friday
23 Oct

Syllabus	Time
17/2 Design and Technology Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00

Syllabus	Time
25/4 Commerce and Office Procedures Paper 4	14:00 - 15:00
26/4 Commerce and Accounting Paper 4	14:00 - 15:00

Morning session starts at 08:00

Afternoon session starts at 14:00

26 October - 30 October 2026

Morning session starts at 08:00

Afternoon session starts at 14:00

	Syllabus	Time
Monday 26 Oct	21/1 Home Economics Paper 1	08:00 - 09:30
	32/2 French Paper 2	11:00 - 12:30

	Syllabus	Time
	12/1 English Paper 1	14:00 - 15:15

	Syllabus	Time
Tuesday 27 Oct	16/4 Agriculture Paper 4	08:00 - 09:00
	34/2 Music Paper 2	11:00 - 12:30

	Syllabus	Time
	14/1 Science Paper 1	14:00 - 15:00
	43/1 General Science Paper 1	14:00 - 15:00

	Syllabus	Time
Wednesday 28 Oct	15/2 Social Studies Paper 2	08:00 - 10:15

	Syllabus	Time
	25/1 Commerce and Office Procedures Paper 1	14:00 - 15:00
	26/1 Commerce and Accounting Paper 1	14:00 - 15:00

	Syllabus	Time
Thursday 29 Oct	11/2 Setswana Paper 2	08:00 - 10:00
	31/1 Religious Education Paper 1	11:00 - 12:00

	Syllabus	Time
	16/1 Agriculture Paper 1	14:00 - 15:00

	Syllabus	Time
Friday 30 Oct	12/2 English Paper 2	08:00 - 09:30
	17/1 Design and Technology Paper 1	11:00 - 12:00

	Syllabus	Time
	35/1 Physical Education Paper 1	14:00 - 15:30

Morning session starts at 08:00

Afternoon session starts at 14:00

JCE 2026 Practical Examinations & Coursework Moderation Schedule

COURSEWORK SUBMISSION AND MARKS CAPTURE IN MALEPA BY CENTRES

Syllabus	Submission of Projects and Marksheetworks to the Chief Invigilator	Deadline for Submission of Marks in Malepa by Centres	Deliverables
16/3 Agriculture	At most 3 working days before centre scheduled moderation	At most 3 working days before centre scheduled moderation	Coursework Submission Registers, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks.
33/3 Art	03 August 2026	07 August 2026	Coursework Submission Registers, Projects, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks.
21/3 Home Economics	03 August 2026	07 August 2026	Coursework Submission Registers, Projects, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks
34/4 Music	03 August 2026	07 August 2026	Coursework Submission Registers, Projects, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks.
35/2 Physical Education	05 October 2026	09 October 2026	Coursework Submission Registers, Projects, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks
17/3 Design and Technology	05 October 2026	09 October 2026	Coursework Submission Registers, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks.
25/3 Commerce & Office Procedures	05 October 2026	09 October 2026	Coursework Submission Registers, Projects, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks.
26/3 Commerce & Accounting	05 October 2026	09 October 2026	Coursework Submission Registers, Projects, Individual and Summary Marksheetworks.

MODERATION OF COURSEWORK

Syllabus	Moderator/Examiner Standardisation Dates		Moderation/Examination Date		Post Moderation/ Examination Evaluation
	Team Leaders	Moderation Team	Start Date	End Date	
16/3 Agriculture	11 - 12 May 2026	13 - 15 May 2026	18 May 2026	29 May 2026	31 May - 02 June 2026
33/3 Art	10 - 11 August 2026	12 - 14 August 2026	17 August 2026	28 August 2026	30 August - 01 September 2026
17/3 Design and Technology	19 - 20 October 2026	21 - 23 October 2026	26 October 2026	06 November 2026	08 - 10 November 2026
35/2 Physical Education	02 - 03 November 2026	04 - 06 November 2026	07 November 2026	17 November 2026	18 - 20 November 2026

PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

Syllabus	Examiner Standardisation Date		Examination Date		Post Examination Evaluation
	Team Leaders	Examining Team	Start Date	End Date	
21/2 Home Economics	29 - 31 August 2026	01 - 04 September 2026	07 September 2026	18 September 2026	20-23 September 2026
32/3 French	30 - 31 August 2026	01 - 04 September 2026	07 September 2026	18 September 2026	20-22 September 2026
34/3 Music	31 August - 01 September 2026	02 - 04 September 2026	07 September 2026	18 September 2026	20-22 September 2026

Key to the Timetable

Syllabus	Code	Date	Session	Duration	Syllabus	Code	Date	Session	Duration
Setswana	11/1	19 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr 30 min	Art	33/1	15 Oct	Morning	1 hr
	11/2	29 Oct	Morning	2 hrs		33/2	21 Sept	Morning	3 hrs
	11/3	22 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr 15 min		33/3	07 August	Afternoon	Marks Submission
				33/3		17 August - 28 August		Moderation at Centres	
English	12/1	26 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr 15 min	Music	34/1	14 Oct	Morning	1 hr
	12/2	30 Oct	Morning	1 hr 30 min		34/2	27 Oct	Morning	1 hr 30 min
	12/3	21 Oct	Morning	2 hrs		34/3	07 Sept - 18 Sept		10 mins (Practical)
	12/4	14 Oct	Morning	55 min		34/4	07 Aug	Afternoon	Marks Submission
Mathematics	13/1	15 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr 30 min	Physical Education	35/1	30 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr 30 min
	13/2	19 Oct	Morning	2 hrs		35/2	09 Oct	Afternoon	Marks Submission
				35/2		07 Nov	17 Nov	Central Moderation	
Science	14/1	27 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr	General Science	43/1	27 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr
	14/2	22 Oct	Morning	2 hrs		43/2	22 Oct	Morning	2 hrs
Social Studies	15/1	20 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr					
	15/2	28 Oct	Morning	2 hrs 15 min					
Agriculture	16/1	29 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr					
	16/2	16 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr 15 min					
	16/3	3 days before Moderation		Marks Submission					
	16/3	18 May - 29 May		Moderation at Centres					
	16/4	27 Oct	Morning	1 hr					
Design and Technology	17/1	30 Oct	Morning	1 hr					
	17/2	23 Oct	Morning	2 hrs					
	17/3	09 Oct	Afternoon	Marks Submission					
	17/3	26 Oct - 06 Nov		Moderation at Centres					
Moral Education	18/1	21 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr					
	18/2	16 Oct	Morning	2 hrs					
Home Economics	21/1	26 Oct	Morning	1 hr 30 min					
	21/2	06 Aug	Morning	1 hr 30 min (Planning)					
	21/2	07 Sept - 18 Sept		2 hrs (Practical)					
	21/3	07 Aug	Afternoon	Marks Submission					
Commerce & Office Procedures	25/1	28 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr					
	25/2	20 Oct	Morning	2 hrs					
	25/3	09 Oct	Afternoon	Marks Submission					
	25/4	23 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr					
Commerce & Accounting	26/1	28 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr					
	26/2	20 Oct	Morning	2 hrs					
	26/3	09 Oct	Afternoon	Marks Submission					
	26/4	23 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr					
Religious Education	31/1	29 Oct	Morning	1 hr					
	31/2	15 Oct	Morning	2 hrs					
French	32/1	14 Oct	Afternoon	1 hr 30 min					
	32/2	26 Oct	Morning	1 hr 30 min					
	32/3	07 Sept - 18 Sept		Practical					