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To: All States Ministries of Education, FCT Education Secretariat,  
All Principals/Commandants.

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE & GUIDELINES FOR THE 2021 SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (SSCE) INTERNAL (I)**

Find below the comprehensive procedure and guidelines for the 2021 SSCE (I) registration. You are requested to painstakingly read through, understand and comply with the requirements therein. Do not hesitate to ask questions or seek for explanation on any aspect of the registration procedure which you may not have clearly understood. **Please note that you are expected to read and clearly understand this registration procedure & guidelines before embarking on the registration exercise.**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION:**

Principals/Commandants of schools are hereby informed that only candidates in their final year of Senior Secondary School i.e. (SS3) are eligible for registration. For the avoidance of doubt, the 2021 SSCE (I) is meant for only school-based candidates in Nigeria and overseas. It is not meant for private candidates. Principals/Commandants of schools and States Ministries of Education should endeavor to enforce the eligibility condition.

### **2. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:**

The 2021 SSCE (I) registration will be both **OFFLINE** and **ONLINE**.

#### **2.1 OFFLINE REGISTRATION**

Schools are to install the 2021 SSCE (I) offline application by downloading from the Council's website: [www.neco.gov.ng](http://www.neco.gov.ng). The user manual on the step-by-step offline and online registration procedure can also be downloaded from the Council's website. Schools are to make all entries of their candidates' bio-data offline and intermittently synchronize online to avoid loss of data. Ensure that all prospective Candidates are registered offline, such that as they pay, they could be uploaded online progressively. **Please note that a candidate is only registered if his/her offline entries are uploaded online to obtain a registration number. Online upload is only possible upon payment of registration fees.**



## 2.2 BIOMETRIC DATA CAPTURING

Biometric data capturing is a process by which candidates' fingerprints (10 fingers) are captured during offline registration. The Biometric application can be downloaded from the Council's website or through the SSCE Internal Dashboard. It is a vital part of the offline registration because without it, candidates' data cannot be uploaded online. **FUTRONIC (FS80H)** should be used for the data capturing. Schools are to ensure that candidates **crosscheck** their data (Name, Picture, Date of Birth, Sex, Subjects) on the **preview page** during the biometric capturing and can go back to the Offline application to correct any error detected by the candidate(s).

The Council should be notified of any physically challenged candidate(s) whose fingerprints cannot be captured during offline registration process.

**Schools should NOTE that:**

- **Duplication of registration will not be entertained** since no two biometric data are the same.
- No person(s)/candidate(s) should be allowed to capture their fingerprints on behalf of the rightful candidate(s) as any candidate whose biometric data does not match the data uploaded during verification exercise will be deemed to be **impersonating**.

## 2.3 OFFLINE VALIDATION

After successful offline registration, schools are to do the offline bio-data validation before uploading registration data online. Candidates are to check and make all corrections of Name, Picture, Date of Birth, Sex, Subjects etc., before uploading the registration data online. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COUNCIL IS NOT LIABLE FOR REGISTRATION ERRORS. ALL REGISTRATION ERRORS MUST BE CORRECTED DURING THE VALIDATION PROCESS BEFORE UPLOADING THE REGISTRATION ONLINE.**

## 2.4 PROCEDURE FOR OFFLINE VALIDATION

Upon completion of the offline registration, schools are to print the offline photocards of all the candidates from the offline application and issue to each candidate to confirm that his/her Picture, Name, State, LGA, Date of Birth, Sex and the Subjects he/she wishes to sit for are all correct. Where errors are discovered, candidates should correct such errors on the photocard and sign in the appropriate column. Where there are no errors, Candidates should just sign the appropriate column. All signed photocards are to be returned to the person doing the registration to enter all corrections in the offline application. **NOTE THAT ALL CORRECTIONS MUST BE DONE OFFLINE AND DUPLICATION OF REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED. The Council is not liable for any registration errors committed by schools during registration and will only entertain non-validation after schools have uploaded their entries online upon payment of fine.**

Please note that any school that requests for correction of Name (**only error in spelling of Name will be entertained**), Picture, Date of Birth, Sex or Subject(s) is deemed to have indulged in "NON-VALIDATION". The penalty fee for non-validation is Five Thousand Naira (**₦5,000.00**) only per candidate irrespective of the nature of non-validation.



After effecting all corrections, the validation list should be printed and given to candidates to further confirm that all the corrections they made on their photocards (if any) have been duly effected. Where Candidates discover on the Validation List that the error(s) were not effected, the attention of the person doing the registration should be drawn to effect the correction(s). Candidates should append their signatures on the corrected copy of the Validation list against their respective names. The signed offline validation list is one of the documents to be returned to respective NECO State Offices along with other Validation Documents.

## 2.5 SCHOOL ACTIVATION

Each School must be activated by the NECO State Officer of each respective State & FCT before payment and upload could be possible. Schools are to return the Validation Documents to their respective State Officers, who would thereafter, activate the School for payment of the required candidates to conclude the registration.

The validation Documents to be returned to NECO State Offices before activation are:

- i. Validation List
- ii. Candidates' signed Photocards
- iii. Entry Schedule duly endorsed by the State Ministry of Education
- iv. Subject Analysis

**Schools are to note that Centre activation commences on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021.**

## 2.6 PAYMENT PROCEDURE AND UPLOAD

All payments should strictly be made through the school's online NECO portal. Upon successful payment, registration quota is allocated according to the amount paid into the NECO TSA. After the quota is allocated, schools can select the individual candidates to upload (if the payment is not for all candidates) by checking the selection boxes against each candidate's name or clicking the "**check all**" box to select the entire candidates, if the payment is for all the candidates. **Note that when paying in installments, initial payment should be made for at least 20 candidates to avoid being surcharged for unviable centre fee.**

After successful payment, quotas allocated and the payment receipt is sent to the administrator's email address. Schools can also print their payment receipt from the transaction history in their school profile and submit a copy to the NECO State Office along with the **final Validation list that carries Candidates' registration numbers**. The allocated quota would be used to upload and register candidates. After successful upload, registration numbers are automatically assigned to each registered candidate on both the final photocard and validation list. Immediately after completion of the registration, schools should print the final validation list and give all candidates to sign against their respective names. The payment receipt and the signed final validation list should be endorsed by the School Principal/Commandant before submission to NECO State Office. The final photocards that bear the candidates' registration numbers are to be used for admission of candidates into the examination hall(s), as well as for candidates' biometric verification exercise during the examination.



### 3. DETAILS OF EXAMINATION FEES AND OTHER MATERIALS

Details of the Examination fees and other registration materials are as follows:

- a. Registration fee for the 2021 SSCE (I) is **₦9,850.00** only per candidate.
- b. Photo album is **₦1,350.00** per pair,
- c. Four-figure table is **₦200.00** per copy,
- d. Syllabus is **₦1,200.00** per copy
- e. Unviable Centre fee is **₦40,000.00**
- f. Note that Stamp Duty, Service and *Remita* charges apply

### 4. MINIMUM NUMBER OF CANDIDATES

The minimum number of candidates to be registered by a school is **20 (twenty)**.

Any school registering less than twenty candidates is deemed **unviable** and as such shall pay unviable centre fee of **Forty Thousand Naira (₦40,000)** only, if they wish to write the examination in their school.

### 5. E-PHOTO ALBUMS

The **electronic photo albums** will be generated by the Council. A pair of purchased e-photo album will be endorsed and a copy sent to your school.

Each e-photo album has provision for 171 candidates. A pair of e-photo album costs **One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Naira (₦1,350)** only.

### 6. SYLLABUS AND FOUR FIGURE TABLE

The syllabus for NECO SSCE is available at the cost of **One Thousand Two Hundred Naira (₦1,200)** only per copy and each school is advised to have at least four (4) copies. Furthermore, each candidate is to obtain a copy of NECO four-figure tables at the cost of **Two Hundred Naira (₦200.00)** only.

### 7. 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT SCORES (CA3)

The period for CA3 entries by schools is from **1<sup>st</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. Schools should ensure that they use the offline application to make entries for CA3, within the stipulated period and **ensure complete upload**.

Procedure for CA3 entry and upload:

- ✓ Login to the Offline portal
- ✓ Click on Third Year CA menu
- ✓ Select the Candidate
- ✓ Make entries for CA3
- ✓ Connect to online and upload

Any school that fails to upload the CA3 within the stipulated period stated above, will not have result until it pays late submission penalty fee of **Twenty Thousand Naira (₦20,000.00)** only and also upload the CA3.

**8. REGISTRATION PERIOD AND CLOSING DATE**

- a. The registration period is between **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** and **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021**.
- b. The website will be closed at 12:00 midnight on **21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021**.
- c. The last date for return of printed payment receipt and endorsed final validation list is **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**.

**9. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES AGAIN**

- a. Commencement of registration by schools is from **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**.
- b. Last date for registration by schools is **21<sup>st</sup> June, 2021**.
- c. Last date for submission of printed payment receipt and endorsed final validation list is **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**.
- d. Last date for upload of CA3 online is **17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**.
- e. The Examination will hold from **5<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**.

Thank you.



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