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Special format practical examinations for candidates with long-term injury or illness

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Candidates with an injury or illness existing at the start of Term 3 are to apply to be examined in an alternative format, if the injury or illness will affect their participation in the standard practical examination of any course. **There will be no sickness/misadventure approval for these candidates.**

The alternative format examination will be designed to assess the same aspects as the standard practical examination. An alternative, but equitable, marking key will be developed for these candidates.

Application is to be made on the standard special examination arrangements application form, distributed to all schools in February. The application is to be supported by appropriate medical information. The candidate and school will be advised of the outcome of the application.

Candidates will be expected to report at the designated time and location for completion of this alternative format practical examination. The scheduling of these examinations will coincide with the standard practical examinations for that course.

Candidates studying Physical Education Studies or Dance are the most likely to need special arrangements; however candidates in any course with a performance or interview component may be affected.

Where the nature and duration of the candidate's condition is known early (e.g. an elective knee reconstruction), the application should be made by the standard deadline of 25 May 2012. Where the injury or illness occurs after that date, application should be made as soon as it is known that the candidate will not be able to participate in the standard format of the practical examination. The last date for application is **3 August 2012**.

Failure to submit an application as described above will jeopardise the candidate's completion of the examination requirements for that course. It may also impact on their achievement of the WACE and affect their ATAR. Completion of the alternative format practical examination by a candidate with a long-term injury or illness is not discretionary. Failure to complete the practical examination due to long-term injury or illness will result in a non-genuine attempt status for that examination.

As this is the third year of operation for this requirement, no leniency will be provided for candidates or schools not following the required process.

Please bring the need for the alternative practical examination to the attention of relevant staff now and at the end of Term 2 to allow applications to be prepared in time for submission to the Curriculum Council by the deadlines.

It is advisable that this information be included in the school newsletter for parents and students.