

COVID-19 outbreak: Media statement

IB STATEMENT ON MAY 2020 DIPLOMA PROGRAMME AND CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMME EXAMINATIONS

International Baccalaureate (IB) students, and their wellbeing and progression in future stages of life, have been at the forefront of the IB's thinking as it responds to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As an organization, it is critical for the IB to ensure that the options it provides its global community of IB World Schools are based on compassion and fairness for the difficult circumstances that its students and educators are experiencing. As a result, based on considerable advice from stakeholders across the globe, including schools, students, universities and official bodies, the IB has determined what it believes to be the most responsible and ethical way forward.

The IB will be taking the following actions for the May 2020 examination session:

- The May 2020 examinations as scheduled between 30 April and 22 May for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme candidates will no longer be held.
- Depending on which programme IB students are registered for, they will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on their coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigour and quality control measures already built into the programmes.

The IB's goal remains to find the best ways to support its global community during these uncertain times and to provide the best possible outcomes for IB students.

The IB understands that May 2020 students and IB World Schools will have many questions and it will share full details and FAQs by 27 March 2020 (CET).

NB Information about the Middle Years Programme eAssessment examinations due to be held 11-22 May will be provided next week.