

# HSC exams postponed until August 1

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The government on Thursday suspended Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations scheduled for July 28, 29 and 31 and August 1 amid the ongoing countrywide curfew.

The Bangladesh Inter-Education Board Coordination Committee issued a notice, stating that the ongoing HSC and equivalent examinations under all 11 boards for these four days were suspended.



The new schedule for the exams will be announced later, and the exams later days in August will continue as usual, read the notice.

Earlier on July 19, the committee suspended the examinations under all 11 boards, scheduled for July 21, 23 and 25 amid the student protests for quota reform in government jobs.

On July 16, the committee suspended the examinations under all 11 boards, scheduled for July 18.

At least 209 deaths from violence centring student protests were confirmed by New Age correspondents between July 16 and July 25 from hospital and police sources.

The Bangladeshi public education system came to a standstill as the government announced the indefinite closure of all primary, secondary, higher secondary and tertiary-level educational institutions amid students' protests.

A press release, issued by the education ministry on July 16, stated that classroom activities in all secondary, higher secondary, and polytechnic educational institutions would be suspended until further notice, considering the safety of the students.

On July 16, the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh requested all the country's public and private universities to keep institutions closed and vacate students' residential halls until further notice.

National universities also announced its closure for an indefinite period on the same day.

On July 17, primary and mass education ministries in a press release said that considering the safety of the children, classroom activities in all government primary schools, Children Welfare Trust-operated primary schools and the Bureau of Non-Formal Education-operated learning centres under city corporations in eight divisional cities would remain closed until further notice.

On July 19, guardians of some educational institutions, including the Ideal School and College and Dhaka Residential Model College in the capital, received messages from the authorities to not allow students at any 'unexpected activities' or not allow students to attend the ongoing protest wearing school dresses, some guardians alleged.

Following an indefinite work abstention, demanding the cancellation of the universal pension scheme 'Prattay', academic and almost all administrative activities in public universities have been halted since July 1.