

5-hour SSC exams from 2026

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In 2026 under the new national curriculum, the Secondary School Certificate and its equivalent examinations will carry 65 per cent 'weightage' for the written part and 35 per cent weightage for the activity-based part in the summative assessment.

Gradually, within years, the weightage for each part will be made 50 per cent in the final results.

The duration of the exams will be five hours for the two parts, while the syllabuses of the exams will be based on the Class X textbooks.

Name of the public exams after completing Class X has been recommended to retain SSC as it is called now. The exams will be held under the boards as usual.

These decisions were reached on Monday at a meeting held at the education ministry at the Secretariat with education minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury being present.

In 2023, the government introduced the new national school curriculum to Classes I, VI and VII across the country.

This year the students of Classes of I, II, III, VI, VII, VIII and IX got books under the new curriculum and the students of Classes of IV and V got books under the curriculum of 2012.

Students of Class IV and V at the primary level and of Class X at the secondary level are scheduled to start their studies under the new curriculum in 2025, while it is to be finally adopted for Classes XI and XII by 2027.

As per the new curriculum, the performances of students from pre-primary to Class III will be fully evaluated through continuous assessment without holding any examinations at the end of the year.

For the upper level classes, continuous assessment will also be a major part of the overall evaluation at the end of the year together with other methods, including project-based evaluation, practical tests and assignments.

From now on, three public examinations will be held at the end of classes X, XI and XII.

Professor Md Moshuazzaman, member of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board, told New Age on Tuesday that the students who are studying in the Class IX this year would sit for the SSC and its equivalent exams in 2026.

'From 2026 the new system of 65 per cent weightage for the written part and 35 per cent weightage for the activity-based part in the collective assessment will be introduced and by the years the weightage will be brought to 50 per cent for both parts,' he said.

He said that currently the SSC and its equivalent exams' collective results are based on marks only.

A committee, formed by the ministry to implement the new curriculum, earlier recommended keeping the percentage of weightage of the two parts equal.