

Assessment Task A Summary

Students complete a written Assessment Task to be submitted to the State Examinations Commission for marking as part of the state-certified examination for Business Studies. It will be allocated 10% of the marks used to determine the grade awarded by the State Examinations Commission. The Assessment Task is directly related to the nature and focus of the second Classroom-Based Assessment, the Presentation, where the knowledge and skills developed by students emerge from their investigation, growing awareness of and presentation of a topic related to the business environment. The purpose of the Assessment Task is for students to undertake a focused reflection on their individual Presentation.

The Assessment Task will assess the students in aspects of their learning including:

- Their ability to evaluate new knowledge or understanding that has emerged through their experience of the Presentation
- Their capacity to reflect on the skills they have developed in undertaking the Presentation
- Their ability to reflect on how their value system has been influenced through their experience of the Presentation.

The Assessment Task is at a Common Level and the questions posed will take into account the broad cohort of students taking the assessment. It consists of two stages: firstly, discussing and evaluating their individual presentations; and secondly, reflecting on and writing about their experiences as presenters. The Assessment Task takes place over a double class period or two single class periods, a minimum of 80 minutes. The first class period is used for preparation purposes. The second class period is used for writing up their response. The student response is written into a pro-forma booklet and the school forwards the completed student booklets for the Assessment Task in accordance with arrangements set out by the SEC.

The mark awarded for the Assessment Task will be aggregated by the SEC with the mark awarded for the examination to determine the overall grade for the state-certified final examination in Business Studies.

Where a student is absent for the completion of all or part of the Assessment Task, schools should make local arrangements in the school to allow the student to complete the task as close as possible to the timeframe scheduled for completion.

Key Dates

Period during which students spend three weeks completing the Presentation	Monday 12h November to Friday 7th December 2018
Latest date for completion of the Assessment Task	Friday, 14th December 2018
Latest date for award of Descriptors by teacher	Monday, 17th December 2018
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review	Friday, 21st December 2018

