

ENIC NARIC Network Compilation of data on upper secondary arrangements prepared by the network June-July 2020

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		<i>Will this year's upper secondary graduates receive a final diploma? If yes, when?</i>	<i>Will the final Diploma have a calculated point average?</i>	<i>Are there any consequences for admission to higher education in your country?</i>	<i>Other Comments</i>
29/06/20	Albania	As per Albanian Ministry of Education decision the Maturity exams will take place during the June 2020. Maturity Diploma will be issued within July 2020.	As per info given by our Ministry of Education the Diploma will have a calculated grade average. As the grade average is stipulated at Decision of Council of Ministers, which for this year is still in the process of approval, we will confirm as soon as approved.	No, there will be no consequences for admission to higher education.	Taking into consideration the optimistic situation about Covid 19 in Albania, and the facts that the restrictions are eased since 27 th of April 2020, the government has decided to open the schools in Albania for maturity classes by 18th of May 2020.
10/07/20	Andorra	Upper secondary students will receive a final diploma issued at the end of June 2020.	Yes, students are having a calculated grade point average. Two different decisions are in place when it comes to calculate the grade point average: 1. Students graduating from general upper secondary program are having a grade calculated in the last tests based on competences. 2. Students graduating from vocational training upper secondary program are having a grade calculated as the average of all the results obtained throughout all the training program.	There are no special consequences for admission to higher education in Andorra for this year's graduates.	
29/06/20	Austria	In general all schools were closed until mid of May. The aim is to give all pupils, apprentices and students the possibility to graduate this semester / school year. Pupils in their final year of upper secondary education and other graduation classes will resume regular schooling as of 4 May in order to prepare for the national school exit exams ("Matura"), which will take place as of 25 May onwards. Taking the circumstances into account the examination process will be slightly adapted. Less (oral) tests will be required and previous grading will be taken into account.	The admission and enrolment procedures will be aligned with the extended summer semester and the new Matura timeline. Deadlines will be extended and admission examinations will be postponed or adapted to new formats when necessary. All deadlines for handing in and assessing bachelor and master theses as well as diploma theses/"Diplomarbeiten" and dissertations will be extended by the very time period which students lose because of Covid-19, to make sure that no student will suffer any drawbacks. So far no decision has been taken whether or not tuition fees shall be charged for the summer term.	It is envisaged to offer summer-courses for pupils who need additional support to ensure basic competences. The Ministry is currently working on further details regarding summer-courses.	

17/07/20	Belgium French Community	Yes, upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma as usual. However, no examinations will take place, due to the sanitary conditions and the school closure. In practice, the class council (conseil de classe) will decide, based on the overall achievement of pupils during the school year, whether the diploma will be awarded or not.	For transitional secondary education, there is no changes in terms of the dates of issuance (June or September). For vocational secondary education, the deadlines will be the same for the majority of the students. However, it will be exceptionally possible for the class council to allow students, who cannot obtain in June or September their upper secondary diploma (and the related qualification certificate according their field of study), to continue their learning until December 1, 2020.	N/A. Upper Secondary School Diploma contains only subjects and grades, no calculated GPA.	No, admission to higher education will proceed as usual.
29/06/20	Bosnia Herzegovina	Yes, all pupils who are finishing the secondary education in Bosnia and Herzegovina will obtain a final secondary diploma (Svjedočanstvo). Schools haven't stopped their work just adjusted it and it is provided online. Diplomas will be awarded within the deadline that is the end of the school year or a little bit later. It depends on how quickly schools moved to online education	The final diploma will have all the necessary information including the calculated grade point average.	Admission to higher education will be the same as in previous years.	
5 of May 2020	Bulgaria	There will be no extending of the school year in Bulgarian schools. The school year will end in an electronic environment and will not be increased for any subject from first to 12th grade. The two compulsory state matriculation exams (SME) are scheduled for 1st and 3rd of June. The list of possible themes for the 1st SME in Bulgarian Language and Literature will be reduced non-substantially. There will be no such reduction for the majority of the subjects, for which there will be a 2nd SME, because the contents had already been studied up to 11th grade. Graduates, wishing to go for voluntary 3rd matriculation exams will be able to do so on 2nd and 4th of June. All SME will be contact exams, with measures for improved physical distance during exams. All this will allow the school year to be completed as much as possible duly and final secondary education diplomas to be issued by 26th of June, which compared to last year (2019) is just 4 days later.	Yes. The diplomas will contain calculated grade point average as usual.	The graduates of Bulgarian secondary schools will be able to apply for HE as usual. Bulgarian higher education institutions are ready to wait with admissions campaigns. There will be no consequences since the graduation requirements and the awarded diploma will not differ from previous years.	There are a number of other measures envisioned concerning pupils with special education needs of any kind by the end of school year and afterwards, kindergarten etc., but the essence is that the school graduates from Bulgaria will be able to apply for HE on time.

	Cambridge International GCSE og GCE AS- and A-levels (UK)	For information about the consequences of the Covid-19 see https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/covid/ and the FAQ in https://help.cambridgeinternational.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360006532458-Novel-coronavirus-Information-for-schools-about-the-COVID-19-coronavirus-outbreak .			
	Canada	<p>In Canada, responsibilities over education are at the provincial and territorial level. As such, there are 13 provincial and territorial education systems, with detailed information accessible on the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC) Education portal [http://Education.cicic.ca]. More specifically on the possible impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2019-2020, as well as the 2020-2021 school year (e.g., secondary school examinations, admission to postsecondary studies, school attendance and mode of delivery), each provincial and territorial may have published information on their respective websites. As such, CICIC would recommend that recognition bodies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. identify the specific province/territory where the academic credential you have been presented was issue to an individual; 2. consult the specific provincial/territorial website for pertaining and detailed information; 3. consult CICIC directly if you have any additional questions. <p>To assist this process, CICIC's Education portal has individual provincial/territorial landing webpages, where recognition bodies can begin their research:</p> <p>AB: https://www.cicic.ca/1131/alberta.canada BC: https://www.cicic.ca/1132/british_columbia.canada MB: https://www.cicic.ca/1133/manitoba.canada NB: https://www.cicic.ca/1134/new_brunswick.canada NL: https://www.cicic.ca/1135/newfoundland_and_labrador.canada NT: https://www.cicic.ca/1136/northwest_territories.canada NS: https://www.cicic.ca/1137/nova_scotia.canada NU : https://www.cicic.ca/1143/nunavut.canada ON : https://www.cicic.ca/1138/ontario.canada PE: https://www.cicic.ca/1139/prince_edward_island.canada QC: https://www.cicic.ca/1140/quebec.canada SK: https://www.cicic.ca/1141/saskatchewan.canada YK: https://www.cicic.ca/1142/yukon.canada</p> <p>If you were not able to locate the information or have further questions, do not hesitate to contact CICIC directly [https://www.cicic.ca/1119/contact_us.canada] to get information on the education systems in Canada.</p>			
Update 13 July 2020	Czech Republic	<p>Yes. The final diploma was issued after passing of all parts (practical, written and oral exams) of the school leaving examinations.</p>	<p>Concerning school leaving examinations plans – maturitní zkouška: National upper - secondary school leaving exams (called – maturitní zkouška) was taken place in the Czech Republic. The practical exam was the first part of the school leaving exams. This part of the secondary school exams is taken only at schools providing vocational education (e. g. for nurses). The written part started on June 1 and June 2 with unified didactic Czech language and foreign language tests followed by the Maths didactic test on June 3. The school profiled part of the state maturitní zkouška took place from June 10. The written essays from the Czech language and foreign language are cancelled.</p>	<p>On 24 April 2020, the Act No. 188/2020 Coll., On Special Rules for Education and Decision-Making at Higher Education Institutions in 2020 and on the Assessment of Study Period for the Purposes of Other Acts, was published in the Collection of Laws. https://www.msmt.cz/areas-of-work/tertiary-education/the-new-act-no-188-2020-coll-on-special-rules-for-education-1?lang=2. The Act was adopted by the Government of the Czech Republic due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Act regulates some aspects of admission and enrolment in universities, regulation of study conditions and its completion by state examination, university decision-making and assessment.</p>	<p>Admission to Studies and Enrolment specific section 4 in the adopted Act: an applicant who has met other conditions for admission to studies in a degree programme is unable to present a document about completion of secondary education (maturitní zkouška), completion of any type of degree programme (BA or MA). She may be admitted to studies and enrolled in studies conditionally. If a conditionally enrolled student fails to submit a document at the latest within 45 days from the commencement of the 2020/2021 academic year, the admission to studies and the enrolment in studies shall lose validity and effect after this time limit elapses and the student shall be regarded as a person who has not been enrolled in studies.</p>

17/07/20	Croatia	<p>Yes, upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma this year as previous years.</p> <p>The maturity exams will take place between 8 of June to 3 of July 2020. Final results of the maturity exams will be published 20 of July 2020 and graduates will receive a final diploma 22 of July 2020.</p>	<p>Those who pass the examinations should receive a final diploma in a usual format. In accordance to the national legislation, the final diploma (Svjedodžba) contains grades of final exams, no calculated point grade average.</p>	<p>No, graduating students should not be affected by the current situation. Admission to higher education will be the same as previous years.</p>	
07-lug-20	Denmark	<p>The graduates will receive their final diploma as usual on the 5 July.</p>	<p>Yes. The number of examinations has been reduced, and the calculation of the grade point average will be based on the results in previous and this year's examinations as well as the final grades.</p>	<p>There are no consequences for admission to higher education.</p>	
	Estonia	<p>The graduates will receive their final diploma as usual on the 5 July. In Estonia the situation will be similar as in Denmark. Of course the final decision about graduation is not yet decided especially what is according to the state examinations.</p> <p>Since mid-March all schools and pupils in Estonia from Grade 1 to Grade 12 are studying on-line at e-School, and they follow the full programmes as normal</p>	<p>Yes. The number of examinations has been reduced, and the calculation of the grade point average will be based on the results in previous and this year's examinations as well as the final grades.</p>	<p>There are no consequences for admission to higher education. The state examinations in 2020 are not mandatory to be graduated at a secondary school, and secondary school certificate (Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus) giving access to higher education without state examinations. So, please note that for graduates in 2020 an applicant have to present Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus only, without State Examination Certificate (Riigieksamitunnistus).</p>	<p>We have updated information in Estonia about the graduation of secondary schools in 2020. There is a final decision now about graduation and state examinations you can find on attached letter by Estonian Minister of Education and Research (click here for more info).</p>

10/07/20	Finland	<p>Yes, the upper secondary graduates received their diplomas at the same time as every year, that is at the end of May.</p> <p>In Finland, the aim was to enable upper secondary graduates to finish their studies, and get the results and the diplomas at the same time as every year. The results were published on time and digitally transferred to institutions for further studies.</p>	<p>In Finland, GPA is not used. No change to previous years. However, like in previous years, grades with their definitions are stated both in the matriculation examination certificate and in the general upper secondary education certificate.</p>	<p>From the point of view of upper secondary graduates, there were no significant consequences for admission to higher education.</p> <p>The HE institutions, however, had to adjust their (possible) entrance examination practices, for example by organizing online entrance exams.</p> <p>Everything was done in a way that would have the minimum effect on graduation and students' access to further studies.</p>	<p>From the point of view of the upper secondary education graduates: no. The HE institutions need to adjust their own (possible) entrance examination practices.</p>
30/06/20	France	<p>In France, the Ministry of Education and Youth has indicated that upper secondary graduates will receive their final degree. However, final examinations have been cancelled. This year's results will be based on continuous assessment (<i>i.e.</i> grades obtained by the candidates during the school year). Board of examiners will gather together in July. Graduates will receive their final degree in September or October.</p>	<p>There will be no change in the calculation of the grade point average. To be admitted, candidates must obtain a grade point average of 10 out of 20.</p>	<p>As usual, students must submit their wishes on the Parcoursup platform. This situation will only impact the entrance exams required by some HEIs, they can decide to cancel or to postpone them</p>	
22/06/20	GB United Kingdom GCSE and GCE A-level UK	<p>Exams have been cancelled and students who were due to sit A level, AS level or GCSE exams this summer will receive a calculated grade. The calculated grade process will take into account a range of evidence including, for example, non-exam assessment and mock results, and the approach will be standardised between schools and colleges. A and AS level results will be published on 13 August and GCSE results on 20 August, as originally planned. This will enable progression to higher and further education to take place in the normal way. Results days for other qualifications are set by individual exam boards.</p>	<p>The calculated grades awarded this summer will be formal grades, with the same status as grades awarded in any other year. They will therefore be accepted by all institutions. University representatives have already confirmed that they expect universities to do all they can to support students and ensure they can progress to higher education.</p>	<p>Everything is done so that this situation has the minimum possible effect on the graduating and new students. This summer's calculated grades are not predicted grades. Ofqual, the independent qualifications regulator, is developing a fair and robust process that takes into account a broad range of evidence, including assessments by schools and colleges of the grades that students would have been likely to obtain if exams went ahead and their prior attainment. Pupils who do not feel their calculated grade reflects their ability will have the opportunity to sit an exam as soon as is reasonably possible after schools and colleges open again. Our aim is for results to be awarded before Christmas.</p>	<p>Read more here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020</p>

26/06/20	Georgia	Pursuant to Paragraphs 4 and 6 of Article 2 of Annex 1 of the Order №113/n approved by the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia on June 08, 2012, the schools are required to provide the LEPL - Education Management Information System (hereinafter, the Management System) with the list of individuals who mastered academic progress stipulated by the national curriculum for basic and/or secondary level within five business days after completion of the academic year. For the purposes of issuance of the state document certifying a general education by the LEPL - Public Service Development Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, the Management System submits provided data into its digital database. Upon receiving the information about the individuals who completed a full course of a general education program in the 2019-2020 academic year, the Management System processes, and without delays uploads the data into a digital database, hence, a general education diploma will be issued to the individuals concerned.	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and declared a nationwide state of emergency, the LEPL - Public Service Development Agency changed the procedures for issuing documents, therefore, the procedure for issuing state documents certifying education will be established, so persons interested can receive the document without hindrance.	Despite the COVID-19 worldwide spreading, at this point, the changes in the timeframe and format of Unified National Examinations are not planned. In General, examinations are held in July, whereas, the exact dates of the examinations are set in June. The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia together with the LEPL - National Assessment and Examinations Center will conduct its further actions in accordance with the recommendations issued by the Inter-Agency Coordination Council on COVID-19 led by the Prime Minister of Georgia. Any further update will be posted on the official web and Facebook pages of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia and LEPL - National Assessment and Examinations Center	Please be further informed that as COVID-19 virus spreading preventive measure, since March 2020, Georgia has been following the online and distance-learning methods. Until 2019, General Education Diploma was issued upon passing the CAT (Computer Adaptive Testing). In 2019, the CAT (Computer Adaptive Testing) has been canceled and General Education Diploma is issued based on school grading.
26/06/20	Germany	Yes, graduates will receive an "Abiturzeugnis" as usual (until July 15).	No, the average marks will be built as usual, because the "Abitur" exams are (probably) performed as provided	No, the "Abitur" exams are recognised as usual.	
29/06/20	Greece	In Greece, all schools (1st-12th grade) have been closed since 11th of March but online / virtual learning is taking place. They will be closed until the 10th of May Pupils in their final (3rd) year of upper secondary education will resume regular schooling on May 11th in order to prepare for the PANHELLENIC EXAMS which will take place from end of June to middle of July. So upper secondary graduates will receive their final diploma but, probably, with some delay.	Most probably, there will be no change in the calculation. The final Diploma will have a calculated point average.	Since the entrance to HE procedure will not differ from previous years, the only foreseen consequence is a delay in admissions.	

29/06/20	Hungary	In Hungary, secondary school leaving exams started on May 4, 2020 – as planned originally. Students received their secondary school leaving certificates (i.e. “érettségi bizonyítvány”) by mid-June. Secondary school leaving certificates have the same legal value as the previously issued ones and give their holders the right to apply for admission to higher education	Assessment and grading is ongoing, the current situation has not affected the curriculum.	The higher education admission procedure takes place as planned, thus the pandemic has no effect on the deadlines. The basic higher education application deadline was 15 February 2020, a date before the emergency crisis.	
	International Baccalaureate	Yes. The IB intends to release results to universities/institutions and schools as planned on 5 July 2020.	The IB will be taking the following actions for the 2020 May 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. The student will be awarded either the Diploma, Career-related Programme certificate or a course certificate which reflects their standard of work. The achievement will be based around the students’ coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes. Students will be able to retake in a future session.	We will award each student a grade for each of their registered subjects using a calculation that takes into account their coursework marks and their predicted grade, as submitted to the IB by their school. For most components we will externally mark work that is usually marked by teachers, instead of taking samples and applying moderation	We will be awarding Diplomas and Certificates for the May 2020 session. At a subject level, students will be awarded a grade on the normal IB 1-7 scale. Theory of Knowledge (TOK), the Extended Essay and the Career-Related Programme Reflective Project will be awarded a grade on the normal IB A-E scale. The DP core will be awarded on the normal IB 0-3 scale. A total points score will be awarded for the Diploma, out of 45 as normal. æs mere her: https://www.ibo.org/globalassets/news-assets/coronavirus/coronavirus-outbreak-faq-en.pdf Og her: https://ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/#results
07/07/20	Ireland	The 2020 Leaving Certificate written examinations previously scheduled to start on 29 July have been postponed. Students will be offered Calculated Grades and the opportunity to sit the exams when it is safe. A final diploma/certificate will be issued as per standard practice. Calculated grade results will be issued on the 7th September 2020.	Ireland does not use a GPA system. Students sit individual subjects and are awarded grades in each. For admission to higher education, student apply to a common applications office. A common ‘points’ scoring system is used based the best six subjects. This system will be used this year. All students will be given the option to receive a State Certificate of Calculated Grades in each subject. It will have the same status as Leaving Certificates.	Oral and practical performance tests of the state examinations were cancelled and full marks awarded for this portion of the exam. Detail available here: https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2020-press-releases/PR20-03-19.html For the majority of subjects examined, the student’s grade is based entirely on performance in the written examinations sat in June.	Our information is sourced from: https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/2f07eb-leaving-cert-2020-information/#information-for-leaving-cert-students . Students with Leaving Certificate apply to study in the UK and in EU countries such as the Netherlands and in Hungary/Czech republic and the Department of Education and Skills is liaising with UCAS, the UK higher education application system agency in relation to the delay in Irish students upper secondary results.
	Island	Yes they will. According to schedule it will be around the same time as usual, end of May to middle of June.	This will be the same this year as before, some of the schools calculate grade point averages, others don’t.	No, but the universities have prolonged their application deadlines (from June 5th. to June 15th. for first cycle applications and from April 15th to May 20th. for second cycle studies) in order to give those who loose their jobs opportunity to apply for further education.	

06/07/20	Italy	<p>The final upper secondary school state examination will start on June 17th, 2020, thereby respecting the date decided at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year. There will be no change in the general timing of the final state exam compared to the previous years, and there are no changes in the final qualification awarded (the "Diploma di esame di Stato conclusivo dei corsi di istruzione secondaria superiore", commonly known in Italy as "Diploma di Maturità").English</p>	<p>The grading scale is the same as usual. The overall mark will be expressed in points out of 100 corresponding to the sum of the following partial scores: a) up to 60 points for school credits: these are the total marks awarded by the Class Council with reference to the results attained over the last three years of the course: up to 18 points for the 3rd year, up to 20 points for the 4th year and up to 22 points for the final year; b) up to 40 points for the oral examination; c) up to 5 additional points can be awarded by the Examining Board to candidates of special merit in order to reach the overall mark of 100 points. The Examining Board may also award cum laude to candidates who meet some given requirements The minimum overall mark to pass the final upper secondary school State Examination is 60 out of 100.</p>	<p>No. The final upper secondary school state examination will take place, the date will remain the one decided at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year, the grading scale remains the same as usual, and the final qualifications awarded is the same.</p>	<p>The Italian Ministry of Education has issued a Ministerial Decree, dated Saturday, May 16th, 2020, determining the following: 1./ The final upper secondary school state examination will start on June 17th, 2020, thereby respecting the date decided at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year. 2/. Candidates will sit an oral examination lasting approximately 1 hour; 3/. The Examining Board will be composed of 7 members: 6 teachers of the Class Council and an external President. Each Examining Board will assess up to 5 candidates per day. The calendar of oral examinations is set by each Examining Board, in an alphabetical order, starting from the letter drawn. 4/. The overall mark will be expressed in points out of 100. 5/. The Ministry reserves the right to revoke the terms of this decree in the case of a serious resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>
29/06/20	Liechtenstein	<p>Yes, there will be a final diploma. Based on the Government decision the final examinations for uppers secondary education (Matura/Berufsmatura) will consist of written examinations only. The final Matura certificates will be issued in June. The final time schedule for the examination are not yet fixed.</p>	<p>The GPA system is not in use in Liechtenstein. Students are awarded grades in individual subjects and there is a</p>	<p>An ordinance has been approved as a legal background for all measures with regard to grading and final certifications during the pandemia (Covid-19-SchulV)</p>	
26/06/20	Lithuania	<p>Yes, upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma, but with some delay. This year, the final diplomas (brandos atestatas) will start to be issued on 7 August. This is due to the fact that session for the final state school examinations examined in the external exams will be coordinated with the institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>The Lithuanian <i>brandos atestatas</i> does not provide a grade point average, but this year's graduates will have the same <i>brandos atestatas</i> as graduates from previous years. It will provide information on the annual school grades and the results for the national state examinations. been delayed about a month and will take place on 22 June –21 July. Thus, the final state examinations for <i>brandos atestatas</i> are not cancelled, but postponed. The retake session for graduation exams will be held from July 22 until August 18.</p>	<p>The sole consequence is a certain delay in admissions. The applications for first round of our common admissions system will be open until 18 August and for the second round until 4 September, which is much later than usual. There will be no other consequences since the graduation requirements and the awarded diploma will not differ from previous years.</p>	

26/06/20	Netherlands	<p>In the Netherlands, final examinations in secondary education consists of two parts. The first part are examinations organised by the schools (schoolexamens). The second part is the national examinations (centrale examens), which is always scheduled in Spring. Only the national examinations have been cancelled.</p>	<p>Secondary school graduates who meet the graduation requirements (based on the results obtained through school based examinations) will receive a final diploma at the end of the school year. This year's Dutch secondary school diploma's will list the subjects and the final grades for each subject as usual. Dutch higher education institutions will accept our Dutch secondary education qualifications obtained in 2020 for access to their bachelor programmes.</p>	<p>Some HEIs have extensive selection procedures for certain programmes. It is not clear how they will adjust the selection procedures due to the current situation. We would advise all applicants to contact the relevant department at the university of their choice for more information.</p>	
29/06/20	New Zealand	<p>Students completing NCEA in 2020 will still receive a qualification. NCEA results are expected to be released in late January 2021. However, to recognize the disruption to teaching, learning and assessment as a result of COVID-19, several changes were made to the NCEA qualifications and the University Entrance Award to give students a fair opportunity to achieve qualifications and awards. These changes only apply for 2020. More detailed information about the temporary changes to NCEA and University Entrance can be found in https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/news/ncea-and-university-entrance-changes-for-2020/</p>	<p>NZQA has arrangements with other jurisdictions to calculate norm-referenced results for entry into higher education such as calculating a notional rating for the German qualification "Abitur", and providing an estimated GPA score for a level where the student has sufficient credits for conversion. The temporary changes to NCEA will not impact how the GPA is calculated.</p>	<p>We do not expect there will be consequences for admission to higher education for this year's graduates. The temporary changes to NCEA and University Entrance were agreed with New Zealand universities.</p>	<p>The National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is the main national qualification for secondary school students in New Zealand. There are three levels of NCEA. In general, students work through levels 1, 2 and 3 in Years 11, 12 and 13 in school. Year 13 is the final year of secondary school. NCEA Level 3, along with the University Entrance (UE) Award, is required to enter most university and higher-level tertiary programmes in New Zealand.</p>
07/07/20	Norway	<p>Yes, upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma as usual. Diplomas will be issued in the end of June. However, no written examinations will take place this spring, so all grades are based on the overall achievement pupils receive during the school year (standpunktkarakter). There might be oral examinations as usual, our government will take a decision later.</p>	<p>N/A Norwegian Upper Secondary School Diploma contains only subjects and grades, no calculated GPA.</p>	<p>No, admission to higher education will proceed as usual. But grade conversion into points for admission might be a little different since pupils do not have written examinations this year. For information about how grades are converted, please see: https://www.samordnaopptak.no/info/opptak/opptak-uhg/poengberegning/index.html</p>	

26/06/20	Poland	The maturity examination this year will consist only of written part. Oral part will be skipped. The maturity exams will take place between 8 and 29 June. Additional date for the maturity exam is 8 and 14 July. Results of the exams should be published before 11 August.	Those who pass the examinations should receive the maturity certificates in the usual format.	Admission to higher education will be based on the results of maturity certificate	
26/06/20	Portugal	This year's upper secondary graduates receive a final diploma according to usual procedures in July after completing secondary school.	The final students' grade shall be carried out at schools according to usual procedures, including the assessment of the learning patterns during the "presential" part of the year (until March) and the distance education period (from March on). The upper secondary final national exams were postponed to July and limited to higher education application purposes. Therefore, students may complete upper secondary education only with internal assessment and only make the exams required by the programme/university they want to apply.	Students will take national final exams only in the subjects they choose as entrance exams for the purpose of accessing higher education, being also allowed the realization of these exams for grade improvement, revealing their result only as a classification for admission on higher education and not for conclusion of secondary level.	Regarding enrolment, the rules of the main competitions are decided by the government and not by HEI's. In the general regime of access to higher education for the academic year 2020-2021, the model of access was changed, namely the methodology for determining the application note, that will consider the fact that students at secondary level will not do all the national exams but only those (usually 2) that are demanded to be admitted in the course they want.
29/06/20	Romania	Upper secondary graduates are going to receive a final diploma issued after the state exams, as usual. The state exams will begin on 22 June with the written examinations followed by the oral ones.	According to the national legislation, the final diploma includes the results of all state exams (written and oral) as well as the general average of all exams which the graduate carried out. The final diploma which is issued to the graduates complies with the national legislation in force (it's the same template).	No, admission to higher education will proceed as usual.	
29/06/20	Slovenia	Upper secondary graduates will receive a final diploma in Republic of Slovenija on 13.7.2020 (school leaving certificate of completed Matura). Students also receive a final year certificate (completed final year of upper secondary education) on 25.5.2020.	On the final year certificate there is a grade point average (overall grade of studies), but on the final diploma (school leaving certificate of completed Matura), there are grades, but no grade point average.	Every student, who will complete <i>Matura</i> this year, will be eligible for admission to higher education studies in the Republic of Slovenija.	
07/07/20	Spain	The entrance examination to universities has been delayed and will take place between the 22 June and 10 July. The contents have also been modified. The objective is to ensure that no student out of the app. 220,000 who will take the test this year, is harmed by the Covid-19 circumstances.		The rules and formalities are laid down in Boletín Oficial del Estado (Ministerial Order) No. 113 of 23 April 2020, pages 29622 to 2924: https://www.boe.es/eli/es/o/2020/04/2/pcm362.	

06/07/20	Sweden	Yes, students will receive their final grades. The time could vary between cities due to when they manage to preform their last exams. The expected time for most students to receive their grades is in the middle of June.	No, Swedish diplomas have no calculated grade point average.	No, the graduating students should not be affected by the current situation. The planned national tests in the spring have been cancelled, but this does not affect the possibility of obtaining their grades. The grades are based on other tests as well as previous national tests.	
23/06/20	Switzerland	Yes, a final diploma will be issued as usual. The diplomas are usually issued by the end of July. The Federal Council decided in April that the written maturity exams may be cancelled. The Cantons are responsible for school education and the final decision is theirs to hold or cancel the exams. Some cantons had cancelled and grades will be calculated on the basis of previous school grades.	Switzerland does not use a GPA system. Students are awarded grades in individual subjects.	No. The maturity certificate gives access to university studies as usual, and admission to higher education institutions will be the same as in previous years.	
29/07/20	Turkey	<p>YES. Diplomas were delivered in June 2020.</p> <p>Due to COVID 19, formal education was finalized on March 13, 2020 and schools were closed for mid-term break for a week. Schools and higher education instutions have transformed their study programs into "distance learning" format within one week of break/close-off. All the registered students (from Pre-school to Higher Education) continued their study on-line under "distance learning" format for the rest of the academic year (from March 23, 2020 to June 19, 2020). Academic year of the Upper Secondary Schools was ended on June 19, 2020 in accordance with the decision of Ministry of National Education.</p>	YES. The diplomas and also the transcripts have a calculated grade point average.	<p>There is no consequence for 2020 upper secondary school graduates for admission to Higher Education Institutions.</p> <p>In fact, some supportive decisions were taken for this year's graduates like flexibility in admission procedure, applying on-line exams, providing compensatory lessons during Summer, etc. Yükseköğretim Kurumları Sınavı (YKS) / Higher Education Institutions Exam was held country-wide on June 27-28, 2020 as planned before.</p>	

29/06/20	USA	<p>Education in the United States is highly decentralized. For this reason, questions regarding COVID's effect on the issuance of secondary school diplomas, grade point averages and admission to higher education cannot be answered at the national level.</p> <p>In the United States, approaches to addressing COVID in the education sector vary by state, and in some cases can vary by local jurisdiction or by individual institution.</p> <p>Following is a list of selected organizations that have made information available on their websites regarding responses to COVID in the U.S. education sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) is a nongovernmental professional association. See https://www.aacrao.org/resources/covid-19-crisis-practices.•American Council on Education (ACE) is a nongovernmental association that represents all types of U.S. accredited, degree-granting institutions: See https://www.acenet.edu/pages/covid-19-information.aspx.•Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nongovernmental association of public officials who lead state-level departments of basic and secondary education. See https://ccsso.org/blog/ccsso-releases-framework-assist-state-education-leaders-planning-restart-schools.•Education Commission of the States (ECS) is an organization that tracks state-level education policies. See https://www.ecs.org/covid-19-update.•National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL) is a bipartisan organization that represents state-level legislatures in the USA. See https://www.ncsl.org/research/education/public-education-response-to-coronavirus-covid-19.aspx (regarding basic and secondary education) and https://www.ncsl.org/research/education/higher-education-responses-to-coronavirus-covid-19.aspx (regarding higher education).
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