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Schools' Bulletin

**ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS
OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

**SUBJECT: ADJUSTMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION DATE FOR THE PEP – ABILITY TEST
2021**

Dear Colleagues,

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information has taken the decision to adjust the administration date for the **Grade Six Primary Exit Profile (PEP) – Ability Test** that was set for February 23, 2021. The new date is now **March 25, 2021**.

In light of the fact that only approximately 17% of our primary schools are able at this time to offer face to face instructions; the frequent spikes in the infection rate at the parish level which have led to some of our schools temporarily suspending face to face instructions; the increased anxiety and psychosocial challenges attendant to the spike in infection and suspension of face to face classes; the difficulty in locating some of the students who greatly need additional time to benefit from the Ministry led mobile learning interventions; among other factors, the Ministry, in the best interest of the students, has decided to delay the sitting of the Ability Test. This will provide the students with more time to be intellectually and mentally prepared and to have an improved chance at performing according to the best of their abilities.

Stakeholders are being reminded that the students will sit ALL components of PEP in centres within schools presided over by external persons contracted by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information. School administrators are asked to pay close attention to this date and make the necessary plans for a smooth administration.

For further information, you may contact the Student Assessment Unit: by telephone at 922-5680, 922-2420, 948-9254 or by emailing Mrs. Terry-Ann Thomas-Gayle at terryann.thomas@moey.gov.jm.

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