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Ministry of Public Service and Administrative Reforms

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From: Secretary for Public Service

**To : Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments
Island Chief Executive**

**Review of Prescribed Qualifications for Entry Grades in the Public Service
Requiring a Cambridge School Certificate**

As you are aware, Government has decided to review the criteria for promotion of students from Grade 11 (School Certificate) to Grade 12 (Higher School Certificate) from five credits to three credits, taking effect as from January 2025. With the new policy, students who have obtained at least three credits and at least a pass in English Language at a single sitting at the Cambridge School Certificate (SC) examination are eligible to progress to the Cambridge Higher School Certificate (HSC) level.

2. At present, the qualifications requirement for many grades in the Public Service requires candidates to possess a Cambridge SC with credit in at least five subjects.

3. In this context, this Ministry is exploring the possibility of aligning the qualification requirements for recruitment in the Public Service with the new policy of Government in the education sector. However, the onus will rest on Ministries/Departments to determine the grades for which the qualification requirements need to be amended to specify three credits instead of five credits. For this purpose, the different sets of qualifications at Cambridge SC level currently specified in schemes of service that would be concerned are as follows –

- (a) Cambridge SC with credit in at least five subjects;
- (b) Cambridge SC with credit in four subjects;
- (c) Cambridge SC with credit in at least five subjects and a Cambridge HSC;
- (d) Cambridge SC with credit in four subjects/in at least five subjects and Technical Certificate; and
- (e) Cambridge SC with credit in at least five subjects and a Cambridge HSC and Technical Certificate;

4. In light of the above, Supervising Officers are requested to –

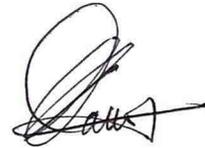
- (i) submit a list of grades on the establishment of their respective Ministry/Department, that fall under the categories mentioned at paragraph 3 (a) to (e) above;

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- (ii) identify those grades for which the qualification requirements at Cambridge SC level need to be amended to specify three credits instead of four/at least five credits; and
- (iii) provide full justifications in cases where it is proposed to maintain the requirement for more than three credits at Cambridge SC level.

The requested information along with your views and comments should be submitted as per **annexed Template** on e-mail address – mcsarsos@govmu.org.

5. I rely on your usual collaboration and look forward for a timely reply by **Friday 03 April 2026**, at latest. A nil reply should be submitted, where applicable.



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Secretary for Public Service

*Copy to: Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service
Director, Pay Research Bureau*

Review of Qualifications at Cambridge SC level

Ministry/Department:.....

Grades Requiring Amendment of Scheme of Service

SN	Requirements at Cambridge SC level as per existing scheme of service	List of Grades and Date of prescription of scheme of service	Scheme of service to be amended to specify three credits at Cambridge SC	SC qualification in existing scheme of service to be maintained with full justifications	General views and comments of Ministry/ Department
A.	Cambridge SC with credit in at least five subjects	1. 2. 3.			
B.	Cambridge SC with credit in four subjects	1. 2. 3.			
C.	Cambridge SC with credit in at least five subjects and a Cambridge HSC	1. 2. 3.			
D.	Cambridge SC with credit in four subjects/in at least five subjects and Technical Certificate	1. 2. 3.			
E.	Cambridge SC with credit in at least five subjects and a Cambridge HSC and Technical Certificate	1. 2. 3.			

Name:

Name of Supervising Officer:

Designation:

Signature:

Certified Correct:

Date:

Date:

HR Section