



THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

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TIMETABLE & INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2026 DIPLOMA IN SECONDARY TEACHER EDUCATION - SUMMATIVE

1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 KNEC will offer Summative assessment to teacher trainees undertaking the Diploma in Secondary Teacher Education (DSTE) through the **TECBA** system.
- 1.2 Teacher Trainees will access the assessment papers by logging in to the **KNEC Exam browser** using their assessment numbers and provided **password**.
- 1.3 Only identified trainees will be able to access the assessments.
- 1.4 The time allowed for each paper is indicated against the name of the paper and **NO EXTRA TIME WILL BE ALLOWED**. In case of any discrepancy, the time stated on the question paper must be taken as correct. **Teacher trainees with Visual Impairment** will **NOT** be given extra time other than what is stated on their respective papers. Any time allocated to reading through questions, studying maps among others, is included in the total time shown, except when special paper instructions indicate otherwise.
- 1.5 Your attention is drawn to the regulations governing the conduct of teacher trainees on the back page.
- 1.6 Trainers should ensure that the teacher trainees take note of the instructions given at the back and are aware of the penalties for irregularities or misconduct.

2.0 ASSESSMENT PERIOD AND DATES

	Day & Date	Session	Item No.	Paper Code	Paper/Subject Name	Duration
2.1	JANUARY TO OCTOBER 2026		1.	9739	Fine Arts: Studio Art	10 months
2.2	FRIDAY 23/10/2026	REHEARSAL				
2.3	MONDAY 26/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	2.	9701	Educational Assessment, Management, ICT and Research Skills	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	3.	9706	English	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	4.	9719	Biology	3 hours
2.4	TUESDAY 27/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	5.	9702	Educational Psychology and Inclusive Education	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	6.	9708	Kiswahili	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	7.	9717	Chemistry	3 hours
2.5	WEDNESDAY 28/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	8.	9703	Curriculum Studies and Foundation of Education	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	9.	9721	Agriculture	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	10.	9713	French	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	11.	9714	German	3 hours
2.6	THURSDAY 29/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	12.	9705	Community Service Learning (CSL)	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours

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		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	13.	9720	Integrated Science	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	14.	9730	Social Studies	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	15.	9711	Indigenous Language	3hours
2.7	FRIDAY 30/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	16.	9736	Physical Education (PE)	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	17.	9723	Home Science	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	18.	9756	Mechatronics	3hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	19.	9746	Electrical Technology	3 hours
2.8	MONDAY 2/11/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	20.	9716	Mathematics	3 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am	21.	9707	Literature in English	3 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am	22.	9709	Fasihi ya Kiswahili	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	23.	9726	Computer Science	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	24.	9740	Music and Dance	3 hours
2.9	TUESDAY 3/11/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	25.	9738	Visual Arts	4 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am	26.	9742	Theatre and Film	3 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am	27.	9743	Wood Technology	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	28.	9731	Business Studies	3 hours
2.10	WEDNESDAY 4/11/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	29.	9718	Physics	3 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am	30.	9725	Home and hospitality Management	3 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am	31.	9732	History and Citizenship	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	32.	9722	Health, Foods and Nutrition	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	33.	9741	Performing Arts	3 hours
2.11	THURSDAY 5/11/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	34.	9733	Geography	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	35.	9727	Christian Religious Education (CRE)	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	36.	9728	Islamic Religious Education (IRE)	3 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	37.	9752	Pre-Technical Studies	3 hours
2.12	FRIDAY 6/11/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am	38.	9735	Sports and Recreation	3 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am	39.	9757	Media Technology	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm	40.	9734	Life skills	3 hours
2.13	January – July 2027		41.	9704	Practicum	7 months

3.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERVISORS, INVIGILATORS, TEACHER TRAINERS AND TEACHER TRAINEES

Teacher trainers are advised to ensure that the teacher trainees read these instructions and guidelines carefully and adhere to them. The teacher trainees should be made aware of the penalties for examination irregularities or misconduct.

3.2 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TEACHER TRAINEES

- 3.2.1 Ensure that the gadget to be used is charged and has internet connectivity.
- 3.2.2 Be at your seat in the assessment room **thirty minutes** before the time fixed for the assessment in the various papers. 1st session should start at **8.00 a.m.** followed by the 2nd session. There will be **2 hours** break between the sessions.
- 3.2.3 A teacher trainee who arrives late for the assessment will be required to give a satisfactory reason to the Supervisor. Only in exceptional circumstances will an assessment be given to any teacher trainee who is more than **half an hour** late. Absolute punctuality is essential for all papers.
- 3.2.4 Attend carefully to any general instructions that may be given on a paper, e.g. instructions limiting the number of questions that should be answered.
- 3.2.5 Read each question carefully. A lot of time may be wasted in typing information that is not asked for and no marks will be given for it.
- 3.2.6 Do not spend too much time on one or two questions. Leave yourself adequate time to answer other questions.
- 3.2.7 Submit your work only after ensuring that all the questions have been attempted.
- 3.2.8 Withdrawal from the assessment should have been notified to the KNEC in writing before the assessment begins.

3.3 CAUTION TO THE TEACHER TRAINEES

- 3.3.1 You are not allowed to leave the assessment room before the end of the period allocated except with special permission from the Supervisor.
- 3.3.2 Do not expose your answers in such a position that another teacher trainee can read them. You should not give or obtain unfair assistance, or attempt to do so, whether by copying or in any other way, and your work should not show proof of such unfair assistance.
- 3.3.3 No communication whatsoever in whatever manner between teacher trainees or with outsiders is allowed during the assessment.
- 3.3.4 You are not allowed to have in your possession or in your proximity while in the examination room, any book, notes, papers or any other materials whatsoever except materials expressly authorized by the Kenya National Examinations Council.
- 3.3.5 You may only use mathematical tables printed by the Kenya National Examinations Council, and these should not contain any additional notes except the printed information. If you are using a calculator as permitted by the Regulations, it should be the specified non programmable calculator. If in doubt, check with the Supervisor.
- 3.3.6 You must not take any used or unused writing paper out of the assessment room. Any rough work must be left on the desk to be collected by the Supervisor and destroyed.
- 3.3.7 Any misconduct or causing of disturbance in or near the assessment room will be treated as an examination irregularity.
- 3.3.8 Cell phones are prohibited in examination rooms. Any teacher trainee found in possession of a cell phone will have his or her results cancelled.

3.4 PENALTY FOR EXAMINATION IRREGULARITY

- 3.3.1 The **KNEC Act No. 29 of 2012** Offences and Penalties stated in **Sections 27 to 40** for cases of examination irregularities will apply. Some of the highlights in these **Sections** state that:-
 - 3.4.1.1 A teacher trainee who commits an examination irregularity in any paper will have the results for the **WHOLE SUBJECT** cancelled. Such a teacher trainee will not be entitled to a result and will be awarded result "Y" overall.
 - 3.4.1.2 If there is evidence of wide-spread irregularities in any centre, the whole examination results for the whole centre will be cancelled.
 - 3.4.1.3 **Any person who:-**
 - a) gains access to examination material and knowingly reveals the contents, whether orally or in writing, to an unauthorized party, whether a teacher trainee or not, will be in violation of **Section 27** of the **Act** and the penalty will be imprisonment for a term not exceeding **ten years**, or a fine not exceeding **two million shillings** or both;
 - b) willfully and maliciously damages examination material will be in violation of **Section 30** of the **Act** and the penalty will be imprisonment for a term not exceeding **five years** or a fine not exceeding **five million shillings** or both;
 - c) is not registered to take a KNEC examination but, with intent to **impersonate**, presents or attempts to present himself to take the part of an enrolled teacher trainee will be in violation of **Section 31** of the **Act**, and shall be guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding **two years** or a fine not exceeding **two million shillings** or both and shall be prohibited from taking an examination conducted by or on behalf of the Council for a period of **three years**.
- 3.3.2 Please ensure that you do **not** commit any examination irregularity to avoid having your results cancelled.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER