



THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

KNEC/TD/TA/UDECTE/TT/25/12

TIMETABLE & INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2026 UPGRADE DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 KNEC will offer Summative assessment to teacher trainees undertaking the Upgrade Diploma in Early Childhood Teacher Education (DECTE) through the **TECBA** system.
- 1.2 Teacher Trainees will access the assessment papers by logging in the KNEC assessment portal using their assessment numbers and provided **password**.
- 1.3 Only identified trainees will be able to access the KNEC e- assessment portal.
- 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

NO	DAY & DATE	SESSION	ITEM No	PAPER CODE	PAPER/SUBJECT NAME	DURATION
2.1	MONDAY 26/10/2026	REHEARSAL DAY				
2.2	TUESDAY 27/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am (1 st session)	1.	9011	English	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (2 nd session)	2.	9022	Child Development, Psychology and Inclusive Education	3 hours
2.3	WEDNESDAY 28/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am (1 st session)	3.	9014	Mathematics	3 hours
		8.00 am – 11.00 am (1 st session)	4.	9014	Mathematics VI	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (2 nd session)	5.	9017	Health and Nutrition	3 hours
2.4	THURSDAY 29/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am (1 st session)	6.	9012	Kiswahili	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm				2 hours
		1.00 pm – 3.30 pm (2 nd session)	7.	9015	Environmental Education	2 hours 30 minutes
2.5	FRIDAY 30/10/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am (1 st session)	8.	9023	Curriculum Studies and Foundation of Education	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (2 nd session)	9.	9025	Music	3 hours
2.6	MONDAY 2/11/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am (1 st session)	10.	9024	Art & Craft	3 hours
		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (2 nd session)	11.	9021	Educational Assessment, Management, ICT and Research Skills	3 hours
2.7	TUESDAY 3/11/2026	8.00 am – 11.00 am (1 st session)	12.	9016	Physical Education	3 hours

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		11.00 am – 1.00 pm			Break	2 hours
		1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (2 nd session)	13.	9018	Christian Religious Education (CRE)	3 hours
			14.	9019	Islamic Religious Education (IRE)	3 hours
2.8	JANUARY TO MARCH 2027		15.	9031/2	Practicum	3 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.

3.1 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO TEACHER TRAINEES

- 3.1.1 Ensure that the gadget to be used is charged and has internet connectivity.
- 3.1.2 Be at your seat in the examination room **thirty minutes** before the time fixed for the examination 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.
- 3.1.3 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 examination be given to any teacher trainee who is more than **half an hour** late. Absolute punctuality is essential for all papers.
- 3.1.4 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.
- 3.1.5 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.
- 3.1.6 Do not spend too much time on one or two questions. Leave yourself adequate time to answer other questions.
- 3.1.7 Submit your work only after ensuring that all the questions have been attempted.
- 3.1.8 Withdrawal from the examination should have been notified to the KNEC in writing before the examination begins.

3.2 CAUTION TO THE TEACHER TRAINEES

- 3.2.1 You are not allowed to leave the examination room before the end of the period allocated except with special permission from the Supervisor.
- 3.2.2 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.
- 3.2.3 No communication whatsoever in whatever manner between teacher trainees or with outsiders is allowed during the examination.
- 3.2.4 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.
- 3.2.5 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.
- 3.2.6 You must not take any used or unused writing paper out of the examination room. Any rough work must be left on the desk to be collected by the Supervisor and destroyed.
- 3.2.7 Any misconduct or causing of disturbance in or near the examination room will be treated as an examination irregularity.
- 3.2.8 Cell phones are prohibited in examination rooms. Any teacher trainee found in possession of a cell phone will have his or her results cancelled.

3.3 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:-
 - 3.3.1.1 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.
 - 3.3.1.2 If there is evidence of wide-spread irregularities in any centre, the whole examination results for the whole centre will be cancelled.
 - 3.3.1.3 **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