



2021

**BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF
SECONDARY EDUCATION
AND GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF
EDUCATION**

TIMETABLE

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021

**REVISED VERSION DATED
08 SEPTEMBER 2021**

General Instructions and Guidelines

1 About this timetable

This timetable contains

- some instructions and guidelines about the examinations
- schedules of coursework and moderation timelines
- a full list, in date order and sessions, of all the examinations
- the key to the timetable.

The timetable must be followed throughout. If there is any discrepancy between this timetable and any other documents such as Statements of Entry or labels on Question Paper packets, the Head of Centre should contact the Director Examination Administration and Certification.

2 About the Sessions

Examinations scheduled for the morning session should start at **8.00 am**; examinations in the afternoon should start at **2.00 pm**. See also section 11- Key Times and Full Centre Supervision for Cambridge Syllabuses.

3 Where there is more than one paper in a single session

In cases where there are two papers for the same syllabus timetabled in the same examination session, candidates should be allowed a short supervised break between the papers. The supervised break should be no longer than 30 minutes.

The second question paper must not be given out until the full time allocated to the first paper has been allowed and the scripts, answer sheets and question papers for the first paper have been collected.

4 Time Allowance for Question Papers

Any time required for candidates to read through question papers, to study maps, etc., is already included in the duration of the examination as shown on the timetable and on the front cover of the question paper. No additional time should be allowed.

5 Syllabus 0596 Art & Design

The question papers for 0596/01 Observational Study, 0596/02 Interpretative Study and 0596/03 Design Study are delivered during early material question paper despatch. These question papers should be given to candidates immediately on receipt from BEC.

The examination is of 10 hours duration and should take place over two consecutive days. **All Centres must timetable the examination from 12 –13 October 2021.** Since the dates of this examination are not reflected in the timetable and Statement of Entry, the Head of Centre must arrange for all candidates to be informed of the dates.

6 0611/02 Food & Nutrition Practical Examination

The Planning Sessions for this Practical Examination will take place on **13 September 2021** starting at **8.00 am**. The practical examination will take place from **23 September to 13 October 2021**.

The dates of the Planning Session and the Practical Examination do not appear on the candidates' Statement of Entry. The Head of Centre must arrange for all candidates to be informed of the dates of the planning session and the practical examination.

7 Practical Examinations

For the Practical Examinations in Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Computer Studies, it may be necessary to arrange a number of consecutive sessions of the examination. In such cases, arrangements must be made to ensure that there is no contact between candidates who have taken the test in one session and those who are scheduled to take the test in a later session.

8 0617/02 Music Performing

The Performing Examination of Music 0617/02 will take place during the period **13-29 September 2021**. The date of the Performing Examination will not appear on the candidates' Statement of Entry. The Head of Centre must arrange for all candidates to be informed of the date.

9 0618/03 French Speaking Test

The Speaking Tests will take place between **15 September and 18 October 2021**. The date of the Speaking Test will not appear on the candidates' Statement of Entry. The Head of Centre must arrange for all candidates to be informed of the date. Marks should be submitted to BEC through Malepa application. Both Speaking Test samples and marks should reach BEC not later than **21 October 2021**.

10 Submission of Coursework and Coursework Marks

Centres which have registered candidates for Coursework syllabuses should submit all coursework and coursework marks on the stipulated dates as indicated on page 11 of the 2021 BGCSE Practical Examination/Coursework Moderation Schedule of this Timetable. All coursework marks except for 0599/03-Agriculture paper 3 should be captured on Malepa application by Centres. For 0599/03-Agriculture paper 3, the marks should be sent for capture at BEC. **Centres who have not captured coursework marks at the time of moderation will not be moderated.**

11 Key Times and Full Centre Supervision, Cambridge Syllabuses

Centres which take Cambridge International GCE Ordinary Level syllabuses and BGCSE French should observe that Cambridge International requires that at the Key Times stipulated below, all candidates must be under Full Centre Supervision for security purposes. Syllabuses which are affected include; 4037-Additional Mathematics, 4040- Statistics and 0618 - BGCSE French.

The **Key Times** are 11.00 am local time for the morning sessions and 3.00 pm local time for the afternoon sessions. In the November 2021 series all of the examination papers concerned are written in the morning session.

The morning session for examinations will start at 8.00am local time. Candidates who will be writing Cambridge International examinations will therefore finish before the **Key Time** of 11.00 am. Since the **Key Time** is after the end of the examinations, all candidates **must remain under Full Centre Supervision until 11.00 am**.

Candidates can either be under **Full Centre Supervision** in the examination rooms with their invigilators or when they leave the examination rooms, they must be under **Full Centre Supervision** with their invigilators continuously until the **Key Time**.

Key Times and Full Centre Supervision, Cambridge International Syllabuses (continued)

During the period between the end of the examination and 11.00 am, candidates can have access to their books and notes, and they can talk to each other provided that they do not cause any disturbance to other candidates who are still doing an examination. However, candidates must not have access to telephones, cell phones, the internet, or any means of external communication, and candidates must not be allowed to communicate by any means whatsoever with anyone who is not under **Full Centre Supervision**. As soon as the **Key Time** has passed, the candidates may be released.

04 October – 08 October 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Monday 04 Oct	Component	Duration

Component	Duration

Tuesday 05 Oct	Component	Duration

Component	Duration

Wednesday 06 Oct	Component	Duration
	4040/12 Statistics Paper 12	2 h 15 m

Component	Duration

Thursday 07 Oct	Component	Duration

Component	Duration

Friday 08 Oct	Component	Duration

Component	Duration

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

11 October – 15 October 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Component	Duration
Monday 11 Oct	4037/12 Additional Mathematics Paper 12 2 h

Component	Duration
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Component	Duration
Tuesday 12 Oct	

Component	Duration
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Component	Duration
Wednesday 13 Oct	

Component	Duration
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Component	Duration
Thursday 14 Oct	4040/22 Statistics Paper 22 2 h 15 m

Component	Duration
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Component	Duration
Friday 15 Oct	4037/22 Additional Mathematics Paper 22 2 h

Component	Duration
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Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

18 October – 22 October 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Monday
18 Oct

Component	Duration
0597/02 Computer Studies Written	2 h 30 m

Component	Duration
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Tuesday
19 Oct

Component	Duration
0595/01 Design & Technology Written Paper	2 h 30 m
0611/01 Food & Nutrition Theory	2 h
0612/01 Fashion & Fabrics Written	2 h
0613/01 Home Management Written	2 h

Component	Duration
0572/01 Biology Multiple Choice	50 m

Wednesday
20 Oct

Component	Duration
0614/02 Accounting Paper 2	2 h

Component	Duration
0583/02 History Paper 2	1 h 45 m

Thursday
21 Oct

Component	Duration
0599/02 Agriculture Theory	2h 15 m

Component	Duration
0571/01 Physics Multiple choice	1 h

Friday
22 Oct

Component	Duration
0570/04 Chemistry Practical Test	1 h
0570/05 Chemistry Alternative to Practical	1 h

Component	Duration
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Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

25 October – 29 October 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Monday
25 Oct

Component	Duration
0587/01 Literature in English Paper 1	2 h 30 m

Component	Duration
0617/01 Music Listening	1 h

Tuesday
26 Oct

Component	Duration
0618/02 French Reading	1 h

Component	Duration
0585/03 Social Studies Paper 3	1 h

Wednesday
27 Oct

Component	Duration
0615/02 Business Studies Paper 2	2 h

Component	Duration
0586/02 Development Studies Paper 2	1h 30 m

Thursday
28 Oct

Component	Duration
0571/04 Physics Practical Test	2 h
0571/05 Physics Alternative to Practical	1 h

Component	Duration
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Friday
29 Oct

Component	Duration
0583/01 History Paper 1	2 h

Component	Duration
0585/01 Social Studies Paper 1	1 h 30 m

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

01 November - 05 November 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Monday
01 Nov

Component **Duration**

0618/04 **French Writing** **1 h**

Component **Duration**

0570/01 **Chemistry Multiple Choice** **1 h**

Tuesday
02 Nov

Component **Duration**

0614/01 **Accounting Paper 1** **2 h**

Component **Duration**

0586/01 **Development Studies Paper 1** **1 h 30 m**

Wednesday
03 Nov

Component **Duration**

0615/01 **Business Studies Paper 1** **2 h**

Component **Duration**

0570/03 **Chemistry Theory** **1 h 15 m**

Thursday
04 Nov

Component **Duration**

0584/02 **Geography Paper 2** **2 h 10 m**

Component **Duration**

0598/01 **Commerce Multiple Choice** **1 h**

Friday
05 Nov

Component **Duration**

0572/04 **Biology Practical Test** **1 h 15 m**

0572/05 **Biology Alternative to Practical** **1 h**

0573/02 **Human & Social Biology Theory** **2 h**

Component **Duration**

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

08 November – 12 November 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Component	Duration
0598/02 Commerce Written	2 h 30 m

Component	Duration
0584/01 Geography Paper 1	1 h 30 m

Component	Duration
0616/01 Physical Education Paper 1	2 h

Component	Duration
0568/04 Science Single Award Alternative to Practical	1 h
0569/04 Science Double Award Alternative to Practical	1 h 30 m

Component	Duration
0585/02 Social Studies Paper 2	2 h 30 m

Component	Duration
0599/01 Agriculture Multiple Choice	45 m

Component	Duration
0562/01 Setswana Continuous Writing	1 h 40 m

Component	Duration
0571/03 Physics Theory	1 h 15 m

Component	Duration
0597/01 Computer Studies Practical Paper	1 h 30 m

Component	Duration
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Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

15 November – 19 November 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Monday
15 Nov

Component	Duration
0588/02 Religious Education Paper 2	2 h 30 m

Component	Duration
0563/01 Mathematics Paper 1	1 h 30 m

Tuesday
16 Nov

Component	Duration
0561/02 English language Comprehension	2 h

Component	Duration
0584/03 Geography Paper 3	1 h

Wednesday
17 Nov

Component	Duration
0618/01 French Listening Multiple choice	50 m

Component	Duration
0561/01 English language Continuous Writing	1 h 45 m

Thursday
18 Nov

Component	Duration
0562/02 Setswana Comprehension, Summary & Translation	1 h 50 m

Component	Duration
0568/01 Science Single Award Multiple Choice	50 m
0569/01 Science Double Award Multiple Choice	1 h 30 m

Friday
19 Nov

Component	Duration
0563/02 Mathematics Paper 2	2 h

Component	Duration
0572/03 Biology Theory	1 h 15 m
0573/01 Human & Social Biology Multiple Choice	1 h

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

22 November - 24 November 2021

Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

Monday
22 Nov

Component	Duration
0563/03 Mathematics Paper 3	2 h 30 m

Component	Duration
0588/01 Religious Education Paper 1	1 h 30 m

Tuesday
23 Nov

Component	Duration
0568/03 Science Single Award Theory	1 h 15 m
0569/03 Science Double Award Theory	2 h

Component	Duration
0598/03 Commerce Case Study	1 h 45 m

Wednesday
24 Nov

Component	Duration
0562/03 Setswana Literature	2 h 30 m

Component	Duration
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Thursday
25 Nov

Component	Duration
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Component	Duration
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Friday
26 Nov

Component	Duration
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Component	Duration
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Morning Session starting at 8.00 a.m.

Afternoon Session starting at 2.00 p.m.

2021 BGCSE Practical Examinations / Coursework Moderation Schedule

Activity	Description	Syllabus	Date of Project Collection	Deliverables
Submission of Coursework	1. Marks for Centrally moderated components to reach Botswana Examinations Council	0612/02 0597/03 0599/03 0616/02 0617/03 0586/03	06-08 October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Attendance registers ◆ Projects ◆ Individual Candidate-Mark sheets ◆ Record cards (where Applicable) ◆ Summary Mark sheets. ◆ Marks capture into Malepa Application except for Agriculture
	2. Marks for All Externally moderated components to be submitted to Chief Invigilators at Centres	0613/02 0595/02 0596/05	Date of Submission 13-15 October 2021 19-22 October 2021 13-15 October 2021	
Submission of Non-Coursework Speaking Test	Marks for the internally assessed component	0618/03	21 October 2021 NB: Test to run between 15 September and 18 October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Speaking Test Samples ◆ Marks capture into Malepa Application

Syllabus	Moderator Standardisation Dates		Moderation Date		Post Moderation Evaluation Meeting
	Team Leaders	Moderation Team	Start Date	End Date	
0613/02 Home Management	18-19 October	20 –22 October	25 October	03 November	04-05 November
0612/02 Fashion & Fabrics	18-19 October	20 -22 October	23 October	29 October	30 October
0596/05 Art & Design	18- 19 October	18 -19 October	20 October	01 November	02-03 November
0616/02 Physical Education	18- 19 October	20 –22 October	23 October	31 October	01 November
0597/03 Computer Studies	18- 19 October	20 -22 October	23 October	31 October	01 November
0586/03 Development Studies	18-19 October	20 –22 October	23 October	31 October	01 November
0599/03 Agriculture	18-19 October	20 -22 October	23 October	31 October	01 November
0617/03 Music	22-23 October	22-23 October	24 October	28 October	29 October
0595/02 Design & Technology	25-26 October	27-28 October	29 October	05 November	06-07 November

Syllabus	Standardisation Date		Examination Date		Post Examination Evaluation Meeting
	Team Leaders	Examining Team	Start Date	End Date	
0617/02 Music	08 September	09-10 September	13 September	29 September	04-05 October
0611/02 Food & Nutrition	20 - 21 September	22 September	23 September	13 October	14 - 16 October

Food & Nutrition Planning Session: Monday 13 September 2021.

Art & Design Paper 1, 2 and 3 practical exam: Tuesday 12 to Wednesday 13 October 2021

Project Selection for standardisation by Principal Moderators for : Agriculture, PE, DVS, Computer Studies- Wednesday 13 October 2021.

Key to the Timetable

Syllabus	Code	Date	Session	Duration
English Language	0561/01	17 Nov	pm	1 h 45 m
	0561/02	16 Nov	am	2 h
Setswana	0562/01	11 Nov	am	1 h 40 m
	0562/02	18 Nov	am	1 h 50 m
	0562/03	24 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
Mathematics	0563/01	15 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
	0563/02	19 Nov	am	2 h
	0563/03	22 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
Science: Single Award	0568/01	18 Nov	pm	50 m
	0568/03	23 Nov	am	1 h 15 m
	0568/04	09 Nov	pm	1 h
Science: Double Award	0569/01	18 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
	0569/03	23 Nov	am	2 h
	0569/04	09 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
Chemistry	0570/01	01 Nov	pm	1 h
	0570/03	03 Nov	pm	1 h 15 m
	0570/04	22 Oct	am	1 h
	0570/05	22 Oct	am	1 h
Physics	0571/01	21 Oct	pm	1 h
	0571/03	11 Nov	pm	1 h 15 m
	0571/04	28 Oct	am	2 h
	0571/05	28 Oct	am	1 h
Biology	0572/01	19 Oct	pm	50 m
	0572/03	19 Nov	pm	1 h 15 m
	0572/04	05 Nov	am	1 h 15 m
	0572/05	05 Nov	am	1 h
Human & Social Biology	0573/01	19 Nov	pm	1 h
	0573/02	05 Nov	am	2 h
History	0583/01	29 Oct	am	2 h
	0583/02	20 Oct	pm	1 h 45 m
Geography	0584/01	08 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
	0584/02	04 Nov	am	2 h 10 m
	0584/03	16 Nov	pm	1 h
Social Studies	0585/01	29 Oct	pm	1 h 30 m
	0585/02	10 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
	0585/03	26 Oct	pm	1 h
Development Studies	0586/01	02 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
	0586/02	27 Oct	pm	1 h 30 m
Literature in English	0587/01	25 Oct	am	2 h 30 m

Syllabus	Code	Date	Session	Duration
Religious Education	0588/01	22 Nov	pm	1 h 30 m
	0588/02	15 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
Design & Technology	0595/01	19 Oct	am	2 h 30 m
Computer Studies	0597/01	12 Nov	am	1 h 30 m
	0597/02	18 Oct	am	2 h 30 m
Commerce	0598/01	04 Nov	pm	1 h
	0598/02	08 Nov	am	2 h 30 m
	0598/03	23 Nov	pm	1 h 45 m
Agriculture	0599/01	10 Nov	pm	45 m
	0599/02	21 Oct	am	2 h 15 m
Food & Nutrition	0611/01	19 Oct	am	2 h
Fashion & Fabrics	0612/01	19 Oct	am	2 h
Home Management	0613/01	19 Oct	am	2 h
Accounting	0614/01	02 Nov	am	2 h
	0614/02	20 Oct	am	2 h
Business Studies	0615/01	03 Nov	am	2 h
	0615/02	27 Oct	am	2 h
Physical Education	0616/01	09 Nov	am	2 h
Music	0617/01	25 Oct	pm	1 h
French	0618/01	17 Nov	am	50 m
	0618/02	26 Oct	am	1 h
	0618/04	01 Nov	am	1 h
Additional Mathematics	4037/12	11 Oct	am	2 h
	4037/22	15 Oct	am	2 h
Statistics	4040/12	06 Oct	am	2 h 15 m
	4040/22	14 Oct	am	2 h 15 m