



Emergency Regulations  
in Response to COVID-19

# Regents Exam and Graduation Requirements

In order to qualify for the **exemption**, students must meet **ONE** of the following eligibility requirements

**Scenario 1:**

The student is **currently enrolled** in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and **will have earned credit** in such course of study by the end of the 2019-20 school year.

**Translation:**

If you are sitting in a Regents Class and pass it at the end of the year, you will automatically be granted the Regents credit.

In order to qualify for the **exemption**, students must meet **ONE** of the following eligibility requirements

### **Scenario 2**

The student is in grade 7, is enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and will have passed such course of study by the end of the 2019-20 school year

### **Translation:**

This does not apply to you. You aren't in 7<sup>th</sup> grade...

In order to qualify for the **exemption**, students must meet **ONE** of the following eligibility requirements

### **Scenario 3**

The student is **currently enrolled** in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and has **FAILED to earn credit** by the end of the school year. Such student **returns for summer instruction** to make up the failed course credit and is subsequently **granted diploma credit in August 2020**

### **Translation:**

You are sitting in a Regents course and fail it. You re-take the course in Summer School and pass it and earn Regents Credit. You graduate in August.

In order to qualify for the **exemption**, students must meet **ONE** of the following eligibility requirements

#### **Scenario 4**

The student was **previously enrolled** in the course of study leading to an applicable Regents Examination, **has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents Examination** but was **intending to take the test in June 2020** to achieve a passing score

#### **Translation:**

You've already taken the Regents course and passed, but not the Exam. How do we know you **"intended to take the exam"** in June?

Students can  
apply the  
“intended to  
take a Regents  
Examination”  
eligibility  
requirement  
under ONE of  
the following  
circumstances

- The student informed the school that s/he wished to retake the examination  
or
- The student was receiving academic intervention, supplemental instruction or tutoring of some kind in preparation to take the examination  
or
- The student took the examination in June 2019, August 2019, or January 2020 in an attempt to pass or better his/her score



Do I still need  
**1,200 Minutes of  
Science Lab**  
time to be  
exempted from  
a **Science  
Regents?**

No. Hands on laboratory experiences missed because of a school closure does **NOT** eliminate the student from being exempt for the corresponding Science Regents Examination



What about  
an **Advanced  
Diploma**, or  
**Diploma with  
Distinction**?

## **LOTE Checkpoint B**

Districts may exempt the requirement of passing the LOTE Checkpoint B in order to meet the requirements for an Advanced Diploma, provided that they would have earned at least 3 credits in the subject prior to the end of the 2019-20 school year.





## What about an **Advanced Diploma**, or **Diploma with Distinction**?

### **Mastery, Honors, Seal of Bi-Literacy**

Examinations from which students have been given an exemption shall be **excluded** from any calculation used for determining eligibility for an Honors or Mastery endorsement on a diploma.

The Department of Education will issue separate guidance to address flexibility for fulfilling unfinished requirements for the **Seal of Bi-Literacy**



What will it say  
on my  
**transcript?**

The NY State Department  
of Education will let us  
know how to record  
exemptions in  
PowerSchool.

**Student transcripts will not  
reflect an examination  
score for any examination  
for which the student is  
exempted.**



## What about August 2020 Summer School Regents Exams?

NYS Education Department has not made a decision about the August 2020 administration of Regents Examinations.

**As stated before, any student who enrolls in summer school to make up a failed course leading to a Regents Examination shall be exempt from the culminating exam.**



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# Earning Course Credit

How will I get  
**credit** for a  
course that I  
**needed to pass**  
this year?

In the event that extended closure interferes with a school's ability to provide the full unit of study (180 minutes per week) by the end of the school year, either face-to-face instruction or through other methods, the student should be granted the credit as long as the student has met the standards assessed in the provided coursework

**Translation:**

**YOU MUST COMPLETE THE WORK  
YOUR TEACHERS ARE PROVIDING,  
SO THEY CAN JUSTIFY GIVING YOU  
CREDIT FOR THE COURSE.**