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### Clarification Document regarding marks allotted for school-based assessment.

The MATSEC Board clarifies herewith that candidates who opt to submit a project as fulfillment of (or part thereof) the school-based assessment (sba), in a particular year of assessment, automatically forfeit any mark that was attained in any previous sitting of the examination. This applies both if the same work, or a different work, had been submitted for assessment in previous years.

The Board understands that scenarios are not always straight-forward and that particular situations may give rise to queries as to the standard practice of the Examination Board in *ad hoc* cases.

Table 1 below illustrates the action taken vis-à-vis the mark awarded to the candidate in various scenarios in relation to the school-based assessment in the current year of assessment.

Table 1: Scenarios

SCENARIO	ACTION
School candidate submitted sba this year for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time	Mark awarded this year by school or moderator.
Candidate (school or private) submitted sba this year & also in previous year/s	Mark awarded this year by school or moderator.
Candidate (school or private) submitted sba this year & called for interview at MATSEC	Mark awarded this year after interview, which takes into consideration the mark awarded by school or moderator.
School candidate submitted sba this year & called for interview at MATSEC. However, candidate was absent from interview without valid reason	Half the mark awarded by school this year is awarded.
Private candidate submitted sba this year & called for interview at MATSEC. However, candidate was absent from interview without valid reason	Zero (0) mark awarded this year, even if previous mark exists.