

# Mauritania - Concours d'Entrée en Première Année Secondaire/ Certificat d'Études Fondamentales

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# Overview

## Identification

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## Summary

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### ABSTRACT

The Concours d'Entrée en Première Année Secondaire/ Certificat d'Études Fondamentales (CEPAS/CEF) is administered annually by the Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale to grade 6 (ISCED 1) students in public and private schools.

The CEPAS/CEF is a high-stake and mandatory examination that certifies completion of primary education programmes. It is a requirement for students wishing to pursue lower secondary education (ISCED 2).

Passing the CEPAS/CEF allows reintegration of out-of-school children and youth into the school system at the next appropriate grade.

The CEPAS/CEF is a written examination, administered face-to-face and delivered through paper-pencil tests. All test-takers are presented with the same cognitive booklets or tests, which are aligned with the national curriculum.

The CEPAS/CEF serves the following purposes:

- student certification for completion of primary education
- student selection to higher education programmes or admission into specific courses or tracks

### KIND OF DATA

Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

### UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Results are reported at the student, school, sub-national and national levels. Data are disaggregated by sex, geographic location (urban and rural), major cities and type of schools (public and private).

Results are published in reports, which are available in print and online.

## Scope

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### NOTES

The Concours d'Entrée en Première Année Secondaire/ Certificat d'Études Fondamentales comprises seven mandatory subjects. The subjects, the language of the test, and the duration of each test are listed below:

- Arabic language, 90 minutes, Arabic, 25% of the total score
- Mathematics, 90 minutes, French, 25% of the total score
- French language, 60 minutes, French, 15% of the total score
- History and Geography, 45 minutes, Arabic, 10 % of the total score
- Natural sciences, 45 minutes, French, 10% of the total score
- Religion, 45 minutes, Arabic, 10% of the total score
- Civics, 30 minutes, Arabic, 5% of the total score

Description of test items: Test items consist of open-ended questions requiring short constructed responses and essay

writing.

Description of stimuli: Test stimuli consist of continuous, non-continuous and mixed texts.

Reporting metrics: Student performance is reported by average score. The minimum requirement to meet the national standard is a score of 10 out of 20, or 50%.

## Coverage

### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

### UNIVERSE

Students enrolled in grade 6 (ISCED 1) in public and private schools.

## Producers and Sponsors

### PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

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### OTHER PRODUCER(S)

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## Metadata Production

### METADATA PRODUCED BY

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
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## Data Collection

### Data Collection Dates

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<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Cycle</b>
2013	2013	Every year

### Data Collection Mode

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Face-to-face [f2f]

## Data Processing

### **Data Editing**

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Test booklets are scored and verified manually and through automatic controls. The data editing process is performed at headquarters and in local examination centres.

### **Other Processing**

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Data entry is performed manually and by scanning score sheets. The data capture operations are performed at headquarters and in local examination centres.

## Data Access

### Access Authority

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### Access Conditions

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