

Cameroon - Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle

Ministère des Enseignements Secondaires - Government

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Overview

Identification

Summary

ABSTRACT

The Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) is administered annually by the Ministère des Enseignements Secondaires to students enrolled in grade 10 (ISCED 2) in vocational education programmes in public and private schools.

The CAP is a high-stake and mandatory examination that certifies completion of lower secondary vocational education programmes. It is a requirement for students wishing to pursue an upper secondary education (ISCED 3) in vocational educational institutions.

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

The CAP is administered in two phases: First, all candidates are presented with the same tests which are taken in writing, and cover the national curriculum. Second, all candidates are assessed on practical applications. This examination modality has been operational since 2013. Before 2013, only candidates that had passed the written examination were invited to take the practical part of the test.

The CAP serves the following purposes:

- student certification for completion of lower secondary vocational education programmes
- school or educator accountability, especially in private schools
- promoting competition among schools, especially private schools
- sub-national level monitoring of learning outcomes
- monitoring education quality levels

The CAP accommodates students with special needs, by providing the following arrangements:

- Hearing impairment: providing written instructions and test questions
- Visual impairment: braille

KIND OF DATA

Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Results are reported at the student level. Examination results are broadcasted on the radio and published in the media.

Scope

NOTES

Two CAP examinations, the CAP Technique Industrielle (CAP TI) and the CAP Science et Technique du Tertiaire (CAP STT) certify completion of various streams of specialization.

Streams certified by the CAP TI:

Air conditioning

Automotive body repair
Biochemistry assistant
Carpentry
Carpentry
Clothing Industry
Construction design
Construction electricity
Diesel engine mechanics
Electrical mechanics
Electro-mechanics
Electronics
Equipment electricity
Fitting
Industrial chemist assistant
Masonry
Mechanical manufacturing
Mechanics
Sanitary installation
Sharpening/sawing
Sheet metal work
Steel construction
Tile setting
Streams certified by the CAP STT:
Accounting services
Financial services
Food and beverage industry
Hair and beauty care
Medical secretariat
Office work
Sales
Secretary, Office automation

Social and home economics

While the subject matter varies by stream, the tests administered have similar types of items and stimuli.

Description of test items: Test items consist of multiple choice questions with three or more response options, open-ended questions requiring short constructed responses, essay writing, as well as group and individual projects.

Description of stimuli: Test stimuli consist of continuous, non-continuous, mixed and multiple 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 10 (ISCED 2) in vocational education programmes in public and private schools.

Producers and Sponsors

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Ministère des Enseignements Secondaires	Government

OTHER PRODUCER(S)

Name	Affiliation	Role
Ministère des Enseignements Secondaires	Government	Test development and administration; data processing and dissemination; programme development; financial support through ministerial budget
Households	N/A	Financial contribution through examination fees paid by candidates

Metadata Production

METADATA PRODUCED BY

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
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UNESCO Institute for Statistics	UIS	United Nations	Questionnaire design, metadata collection, review and publication

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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2014	2014	Every year

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

Data Processing

Data Editing

Test booklets are scored and verified manually. The data editing process is performed in local examination centres.

Other Processing

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

Data Access

Access Authority

Ministère des Enseignements Secondaires (Government), <http://minesec.gov.cm/>

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