

## Update to CPE 67<sup>th</sup> Advisory: Unmasking for School-based Oral Examinations for Private Education Institutions

Dear Sirs,

1. We refer to the CPE 67<sup>th</sup> advisory issued on 1 July 2022.
2. In the CPE 67<sup>th</sup> advisory, the Private Education Institutions (PEIs) were informed that they had the option to apply for the dispensation for the unmasking for school-based oral examinations.

### Update on dispensation for unmasking for school-based oral examinations

3. Given the rising number of COVID-19 cases, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has revised the existing unmasking dispensation for oral examinations. In alignment with MOE schools, as an additional precaution, all oral examiners are to put on face masks throughout the oral examination and **only the individual candidate is allowed to unmask at the oral examination station.**

4. **[Updated]** With immediate effect, the revised parameters of the dispensation are only for language subjects, and are as follows:

- a) Similar in setting to the Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) or General Certificate of Education (GCE) oral examinations;
- b) At any one time, **only the individual candidate may unmask at the oral examination station (where there are no other audience); and**
- c) **Oral examiners are to put on face masks throughout the oral examination.**

5. **[No change from CPE 67<sup>th</sup> advisory]** PEIs should put in place the following mitigating measures when implementing the extension of unmasking allowance:

- a) Individuals should maintain a 1 metre safe distance from one another; and
- b) Oral examinations venues should be well-ventilated, such as non-air-conditioned classrooms or school halls with fans switched on and windows opened, where possible.

6. **[No change from CPE 67<sup>th</sup> advisory]** All PEIs who wish to apply for the dispensation can continue to do so via the following FormSG link: <https://go.gov.sg/pei-unmasking>. The dispensation can be implemented upon confirmation by SSG.

7. PEIs that have been granted the dispensation for unmasking for school-based oral examinations are now subjected to the updated conditions as stated in paragraph 4.

8. Please contact your respective PEI's Account Manager if you require any clarification. Thank you.