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## English Language Arts 30-1 and 30-2, Part A, Partial Exemption

## If I choose to accept a partial exemption, what will this mean for my final mark?

- When a student is exempted from Part A of an English Language Arts diploma examination, a different method is used to replace the missing mark. The partial exemption will make a calculation of the student's final course mark based on his or her school awarded mark and the mark on Part B: Reading of the diploma exam. **Part B must be written on Tuesday, January 20.**

## Can I wait until I see my mark and then decide whether to apply for a partial exemption?

- No. Alberta Education requires the request by Friday, Jan. 23, 2015.
- **Schools require the request by Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015** so the requests can be submitted to Alberta Education the following day.

## If I choose to accept a partial exemption of Part A now, can I choose to rewrite the Part A exam later?

- Yes.
  - ELA 30-1 will next be offered in April 2015
  - ELA 30-2 will next be offered in June 2015
- The student will need to rewrite both Part A: Written Response and Part B: Reading of the ELA diploma exam.

## When is the deadline to register to rewrite?

- To rewrite ELA 30-1 on April 13 (Part A) and April 14 (Part B): Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015
- To rewrite ELA 30-1 or 30-2 on June 12 (Part A) and June 17 (Part B): Thursday, Apr. 16, 2015



**What if I choose to take a partial exemption and am not satisfied with my overall diploma examination mark and wish to improve it?**

- The student can choose to rewrite following a partial exemption, but will need to rewrite the entire diploma examination, both Parts A and B.

**What if I choose not to take the partial exemption and am not satisfied with my overall diploma examination mark and wish to improve it?**

- The student has the option to rewrite the entire examination.
  - Alberta Education operates a highest mark forward policy: when a student retakes a course and/or rewrites a diploma examination, Alberta Education blends the highest mark in each case: for example, if a student retakes an examination and gets a lower mark the second time, then the previous, higher mark still stands.

**What if I decide to retake the course?**

- Exemptions and partial exemptions from diploma examinations are session-specific and cannot be carried forward to a future examination session.
- If a student who has received an exemption or partial exemption from a diploma examination re-takes instruction in the same course and has a new school-awarded mark, the student must write the diploma examination.

**What if I was rewriting the exam but not currently enrolled in the course?**

- A student rewriting the examination but not retaking course does not have the basis to apply for an exemption.

**What if I am a mature student challenging the diploma examination?**

- Mature students challenging the diploma examination do not have the basis to apply for an exemption.

**Can I still get into university or post-secondary programs if I choose to accept a partial exemption?**

- The student will still have a final mark for ELA 30-1 or ELA 30-2.