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AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD



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Qualifications You Can Trust



What is AKU-EB?



The Aga Khan University Examination Board (AKU-EB) is the first private university led trans-provincial board (awarding body) in Pakistan.



Established through the Ordinance of the Government of Pakistan on November 8, 2002.



Qualifications awarded by AKU-EB for educational achievement up to grade 12th or equivalent are accorded full credit and recognition in Pakistan.

As a high-impact educational institution, AKU-EB is the brainchild of school leaders in Pakistan. AKU-EB was established with the trust to transform education system through its programmes and qualifications. It aims to shift teaching and learning away from rote learning and move towards higher order thinking to prepare students for higher education and lifelong learning.

Qualifications offered by AKU-EB

Secondary School Certificate (SSC)

Grades 9th - 10th

Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC)

Grades 11th - 12th

Programmes offered by AKU-EB

Middle School Programme (MSP)

Grades 6th - 8th

AKU-EB qualifications do not require the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) equivalency and are recognised by the IBCC and the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

*"I am very impressed with the depth of **AKU-EB** efforts to get stakeholders' input into the syllabus revision. Linking syllabus development with training and development of teachers is an important practice. Although in Finland, the examination and assessment systems are different, **AKU-EB** teachers' skill development is what I made a note of. We applaud **AKU-EB** for using various methods of engagement to minimise exclusion of relevant stakeholders."*

DR ANMARI VILJAMAA

Former Dean, Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences, Finland

AKU-EB syllabi provides a robust platform for students to succeed at the university level.

AKU-EB Examination Syllabi

Implementing the AKU-EB syllabi enhance students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills, making classrooms extraordinarily engaging and joyful.

Following best international practices, we revise AKU-EB syllabi periodically through engagement with our stakeholders. Our expert review panellists comprising of experienced teachers from various schools, examiners, teacher trainers, and university professors endorse the AKU-EB syllabus revision.

AKU-EB syllabi ensure that schools know how the syllabus is assessed and the weightage assigned in examination to each topic through the *exam specification*.



We offer



100+

examination syllabi
in English and Urdu
languages



focused on
**Student Learning
Outcomes (SLOs) and
high cognitive levels**

AKU-EB syllabi for languages are unique and focus on all four skills:



Reading



Writing



Listening



Speaking

We are the only examination board globally to assess three language skills (reading, writing, and listening), while speaking skills are a part of school-based assessment.

Exam Administration

AKU-EB examinations are held twice a year across Pakistan to give students the opportunity to improve their performance.

Academic integrity

To foster the efforts of the education ecosystem to improve student achievement, and ensure academic integrity for fairness and transparency - all are the founding principles of AKU-EB. AKU-EB exam administration has never reported any exam irregularities, either in exam security breaches or improper administration of the academic examination.



Confidentiality

All AKU-EB examination booklets are personalised, barcoded, and assessed through e-marking. AKU-EB maintains strict confidentiality of students' identity and examination responses.

Exam Security

AKU-EB exam security plan along with the exam audit is built into the exam administration process to avoid irregularities.

Students from different provinces are not disadvantaged from academic content and difficulty as well as exam administration.

Key features of exam security plans:



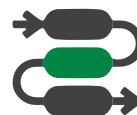
CCTV Monitoring

All examination centres are monitored through CCTV



Trained Staff

Exam centres are proctored by experienced and trained supervisors and invigilators



SOP Compliance

The quality assurance team inspects exam centres for reporting SOP compliance

School Support

AKU-EB is the only board in Pakistan to work closely with each of its affiliated school to provide the support needed to improve the standard of teaching and schools' performance.

AKU-EB school support activities include:

- Beginners' Workshops (school leaders, teachers, students)
- Annual Teacher Training (teachers)
- Annual Teacher Meeting (teachers – for Project-based Learning)
- Need-based Training
- School Performance Report
- Marketing and Communications
- Online platform for classroom teaching, learning and assessment

Schools can also take advantage of AKU-EB workshops (teachers and schools' leadership), conferences and seminars, webinars and the CPD courses M.Ed/ M.Phil/ Ph.D. through the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED). Our robust support system enables school leaders to make strategic decisions to improve the schools' performance.

Assessment Philosophy

The foundation of AKU-EB assessment practices is based on three principles: **validity**, **reliability**, and **fairness**. These practices make our qualifications credible and show students' ability to perform. The use of multiple quality indicators built in our thorough assessment and state-of-the-art e-marking process ensure the credibility of AKU-EB qualifications.



Assessment methods

We assess students through multiple test tools developed by the AKU-EB subject experts. Each testing tool has specific distribution (range) of questions in terms of difficulty and cognitive domains (*knowledge, understanding, application, and beyond*). This assessment method helps measuring students' full potential and ability to perform.

Test Tools

- Multiple-Choice Questions – MCQs
- Constructed Response Questions – CRQs
- Extended Response Questions – ERQs

Assessment focus

- Knowledge
- Understanding
- Application

Impact

AKU-EB ensures that all students are well prepared for higher education and have a level-playing field. The Board conducts an annual University Destination Survey (UDS) of AKU-EB HSSC graduates to measure the performance and success of AKU-EB qualifications. The survey with over 96% response rate has shown that:



91%

AKU-EB HSSC graduates secure admissions into universities

out of which



52%

reach top universities in Pakistan
(i.e. AKU, LUMS, IBA, DOW Medical College, King Edwards, NED, GIKI, etc.)

and



03%

HSSC graduates reach international universities; majority receive full scholarship

*Globally, **AKU-EB** is the only awarding body to provide comprehensive School Feedback Report to its affiliated schools, helping them improve teaching practices, implement targeted interventions, and guide students reach a high-level of achievement.*

*“...societal change demands to ensure that it is not just about textbook knowledge; it is more about values, skills and changing society. What is the 21st century going to require? Skills espoused by the **Aga Khan University Examination Board (AKU-EB)** - critical thinking, good communication, collaboration - so that an effective teaching and learning can take place... **AKU-EB** looks for those minds which are creative...”*

MS SHAHNAZ WAZIR ALI

President, SZABIST University
Former Member, National Assembly of Pakistan



AKU-EB qualifications **DO NOT** require IBCC equivalency

AFFILIATE TODAY

For a Progressive Tomorrow!

- 1 Visit the AKU-EB website
- 2 Download and fill the form
- 3 Submit the form to AKU-EB
- 4 Board will schedule a visit
- 5 Affiliation letter will be granted*



Scan the QR code to access the school affiliation form

**Subject to terms and conditions. Please make sure to read the information regarding eligibility criteria and review process mentioned in the affiliation form.*

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