

IB Announces CANDIDATE FEE ELIMINATION



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The IB is proud to announce the elimination of the \$172 candidate registration fee, effective with the November 2019 exams. We believe this will make it financially feasible for more students to take additional exams, pursue a full Diploma Programme or join the community of our more than five-thousand schools worldwide.

Preparing Agile Learners

As new global challenges emerge during this era of rapid change, an IB education is more relevant and necessary than ever before. The World Economic Forum's 2018 Future of Jobs report forecasts a **Fourth Industrial Revolution** in the global workforce — a shift in the frontier between the work tasks performed by humans and those performed by machines and algorithms. To prepare for the imminent decrease in demand for roles that will be automated in the next decade, employers, governments and educators are investing in strategies that will ensure workers have an agile mindset of lifelong learning. **Developing agile and thoughtful learners has always been fundamental to IB's educational philosophy.**

Opening More Doors for "Generation IB"

More students deserve access to an IB education – one that enables them to develop into well-rounded, multilingual and open-minded future citizens – because all of us will benefit from a generation prepared to respond to global, national and local challenges thoughtfully and optimistically. That is why as a responsible not-for-profit, **we continue to seek out cost-efficiencies that can lower costs and open the door for more students to engage with the breadth of world-class programmes IB has to offer.**

Responding to Our IB Community

Our commitment to support our **IB Community** drove the decision to pass along the financial benefits of improved infrastructure directly to schools and students. We continue to be committed to delivering educational products and services that serve and support our core community – Heads of Schools, Teachers, Coordinators and Students.

Imagine a worldwide community of more schools, educators and students with a shared vision and mission to empower the future workforce with the agility, skills, and values to create a better and more peaceful world.

MORE ON CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FEE ELIMINATION

Effective November 2019:
IB will no longer charge a \$172
candidate registration fee.

(* See conditions at bottom of page)

Historically, this flat fee applied to each student registering for IB examinations on top of the per subject fee of \$119.

**Eliminating this fee
opens the door to more
IB students.**

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Candidate Fee Elimination

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY was the candidate registration fee eliminated?

IB schools raised concerns that the high assessment fee was a barrier to the growth of student cohorts in schools, deterring some students from taking more than one exam and impeding the adoption of the Diploma Program (DP) among new schools. This candidate registration fee elimination reflects IB's commitment to being responsive to the IB school community and to foster a culture of transparency, collaboration and a meaningful feedback loop that lifts us all. We are able to eliminate the candidate registration fee as a result of smart financial controls and a considerable investment in technology to modernize IB's assessment systems over the past 10 years.

WHAT does the fee elimination mean for current IB schools and students, and what if my school has already paid the candidate fee registration for an upcoming examination?

For current IB schools and students, this fee elimination means no longer being required to pay these candidate registration fees. Our team will be in touch with your coordinator to refund the November 2019 candidate registration fees if you have already paid them, or to adjust your invoice if not yet paid.

HOW does this fee elimination reflect IB's values and mission?

IB educators nurture a spirit of lifelong learning that is critical to meeting the demands of the global economy. With the Fourth Industrial Revolution upon us – one that increasingly demands a workforce of agile learners – an IB education is more relevant and necessary than ever. We believe more students should have access to an IB education that enables them to develop into well-rounded, multilingual and open-minded future citizens, so that they can respond to global, national and local challenges thoughtfully and optimistically. The IB envisions a world with more schools, educators and students with a shared vision and mission to create a better and more peaceful world. That is why as a responsible not-for-profit we are eager to continue to seek out cost-efficiencies that can lower cost barriers and open the door for more students around the world to engage with the breadth of IB programmes. And for current students, taking additional exams or pursuing the full DP is now made more affordable.

Here are additional examples of IB's commitment to being a good financial steward with its IB school community:

- **No fee increases:** For the past 5 years, we have not increased any of our fees, including annual fees, exam fees, PD fees and others, with the exception of inflation adjustments.
- **Discounts for multiple programs:** Starting in 2018, we provided a discount to IB schools that offer three or more IB programmes.
- **More affordable PD options:** We have increased the options available for professional development, including the provision of free "nano PD" so that more teachers can benefit from expert support. We plan to further reduce the cost of professional development in the coming years, initially through discounts for online PD, and then via a more comprehensive redesign of the PD model.

* This waiver applies to new candidates who registered to take exams for the first time in November 2019. Registration fees will apply in respect of retake candidates from any previous sessions and anticipated candidates who first registered before 1 July 2019.

See the frequently-asked-questions available on the IB Answers page or contact the customer service team for more information.

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