



## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE

### Press Release

1. The Ministry of Education and Human Resources is in the process of developing a strategic plan for the transformation of the Mauritian education sector.
2. One of the key and persistent challenges concerns the mode of admission of students in secondary schools. A new approach to this issue is necessary to mitigate the ongoing intense competition while ensuring the wellbeing of our learners.
3. Following the *Assises de l'Éducation* held in 2025, two main proposals regarding access to secondary education emerged:

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Admission to Grade 7 in National and Regional Secondary Schools based on the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC), together with the abolition of National Certificate of Education (NCE)	Admission to Grade 10 in National Secondary Schools, following a review of the existing mode of National Certificate of Education (NCE)																																									
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Under each proposal, there is the option for the National Schools to operate on a single-gender (except for the Mahatma Gandhi Institute) or a co-education model.																																										

4. To finalise the strategic education plan, the Council of Ministers has approved the organisation of public consultations on these two proposals and the various modalities associated with them, so that one of these proposals can be incorporated into the strategic plan.

5. As part of these consultations, the Ministry will meet with its key partners to discuss these two proposals from 8 December 2025 to 20 January 2026.

6. An online questionnaire to gauge public opinion will be active from Friday 16 January 2026, 12h00 to Monday 19 January 2026, 12h00.

The link to the survey is follows:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3qhCXuMPk5>

The QR code is as follows:



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MITD House  
Phoenix.