

## Grade 10 Literacy/Littératie de la 10<sup>e</sup> année

### Exemptions for Students Transferring from Another Jurisdiction

Students who begin the B.C. Graduation Program in Grades 11 or 12 are not required to write the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment to graduate. Francophone students transferring from another jurisdiction are also not required to write the Évaluation de littératie de la 10<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue première to graduate. See the [B.C. Graduation Program Policy Guide](#).

An exemption can only be applied by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, and after ministry staff have reviewed the student's record (including previously reported enrolments and course activity) to confirm eligibility. Please follow the process below to support a successful and timely response.

**STEP ONE:** Review and prepare the student data:

1. If any reported course activity is the result of an equivalency assessment (e.g., courses from other jurisdictions), they should be recorded as an equivalency. See Chapter 8 in the [Handbook of Procedures](#). If needed, consult MyEducation BC level 1 or other student information system support on how to record course equivalencies for [graduation data collection](#).
2. Register the student for the closest LTE10 or LTP10 graduation assessment session for the current school year in MyEducation BC or other applicable student information system.
3. Submit updated course data (if applicable) and assessment registrations via [EDX Graduation](#).

**Note:** Data transfers may take up to 24 hours to process. Check the student's Transcript Verification Report (TVR) on [EDX Graduation](#) the next day to confirm course equivalencies and assessment registrations.

**STEP TWO:** Submit an exemption request to the ministry at:

<https://forms.gov.bc.ca/education-training/lte-10-ltp-10-exemption-request/>

Ministry staff will review the student(s) course and school enrollment data. If the student is eligible, the exemption will be applied and TVRs will update overnight. Transcripts will be updated in accordance with the 'release by date' for the selected assessment session (see [Chart of Important Dates](#))

### Can students also be exempted from Grade 10 Numeracy or Grade 12 Literacy?

**No. The policy applies to Grade 10 Literacy Assessments only.** Regardless of when students transfer, they must write the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment and the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment (and the Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année, where applicable) to graduate.

### What happens if a student writes the LTE10 or LTP 10 after receiving an exemption?

If a student receives an exemption and later opts to write the assessment, the proficiency score attained will overwrite the exemption (i.e., the student cannot re-request an exemption).

### If transferring grade 11 or 12 students have not yet completed grade 10 requirements (e.g., Language Arts 10, Mathematics 10, or Science 10 etc.), are they still eligible?

Yes, if students transferring from another jurisdiction have been placed in grade 11 or 12, and these assigned grades are age-appropriate, they may still be eligible for an LTE10 or LTP10 exemption.

However, if students completed grade 10 courses outside of the province that are entered into their record as a result of an equivalency assessment, the courses must have an [equivalency](#) indicator. Missing 'E' indicators may delay the successful application of an LTE10 or LTP10 exemption as ministry staff follow up with the school for clarification on the student activity and to ensure transcripts remain accurate.

### Why do schools have to report course equivalencies before the student can be assessed?

The direction has always been that any course credits that have been earned through the equivalency process include an “E” indicator when uploaded to the ministry. See more details [here](#).

Completed grade 10 courses in a record without the “E” indicators suggest that a student may not have started the B.C. Graduation Program in grade 11 or 12. Ministry staff will follow up with the school for further information in these cases. If the school advises that the courses were earned through an equivalency process, ministry staff will work with the school to ensure the record is accurate. A missing ‘E’ indicator can create challenges for students applying to post-secondary institutions. The ministry has heard concerns from post-secondary institutions when a student has transcripts from two jurisdictions that display the same courses completions without ‘E’ indicators on the B.C. transcript (where applicable).