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**on conducting the External
Independent Evaluation of
learning outcomes obtained
within the course of complete
general secondary education
in 2021**



EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT EVALUATION IS CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS TO EQUAL ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO ASSESS THE COMPLIANCE OF LEARNING OUTCOMES OBTAINED WITHIN THE COURSE OF FULL GENERAL SECONDARY EDUCATION WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS.




In 2021, the External Independent Evaluation (EIT) was conducted for 13 school subjects:

- Ukrainian,
- the Ukrainian Language and Literature,
- History of Ukraine,
- English,
- Spanish,
- German,
- French,
- Biology,
- Geography,
- Mathematics,,
- Mathematics (the standard level tasks),
- Physics,
- Chemistry

Compared to previous years, in 2021, Ukrainian and Mathematics (the standard level tasks) were added to the list of subjects as separate ones. The Ukrainian Language test was taken by graduates of general secondary education institutions who did not plan to enter higher education institutions but only needed the score of the state final attestation (SFA) for this subject. Those applicants who chose programmes for admission to which taking the Ukrainian Language test was obligatory according to the University and College Admission Requirements in 2021, approved by the order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1274 dated 15 October 2020. Mathematics (the standard level tasks) was introduced for SFA in the form of the External Independent Evaluation for graduates of general secondary schools who studied Mathematics at the standard level and did not plan to enter higher education institutions.

The results of the EIE in Ukrainian, the Ukrainian Language and Literature (Ukrainian as the part of the test), Mathematics, Mathematics (the standard level tasks), the History of Ukraine (the period of the 20th – the beginning of the 21st century), any foreign language from the list as well as the test score on one school subject of a student's choice were to be counted as SFA results to certify the level of complete general secondary education of the graduates in 2021. However, in order to implement measures aimed at preventing the occurrence and spread of the coronavirus disease, the Law of Ukraine No. 1378-IX dated 13 April 2021 "On Amendments to Section II "Final and Transitional Provisions"

of the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine, Aimed at Providing Additional Social and Economic Guarantees in Connection with the Spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)" (regarding certain issues of the end of the 2020/2021 academic year)" was issued. According to this law, students completing general secondary education were exempt from the mandatory taking SFA. Therefore, school graduates, college students and students of vocational and technical educational institutions took SFA in the form of EIT voluntarily.



The tasks for EIE-2021 were designed by specialists of the Ukrainian Center for the Educational Quality Assessment in accordance with the External Independent Evaluation programmes for those who want to obtain higher education based on complete general secondary education. Those programmes were approved by orders of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 696 dated 26 June 2018, No. 1426 dated 20 December 2018, and No. 1513 dated 4 December 2019.

The scoring system, assessment criteria, and general characteristics of open-ended tasks of EIE 2021 were approved by the relevant organizational and administrative documents of the Ukrainian Center for the Educational Quality Assessment (orders No. 169 dated 15 October 2020, No. 170 dated 15 October 2020, and No. 171 dated 16 October 2020).

IN 2021, THE MAIN PERIOD OF REGISTRATION FOR THOSE WHO WANTED TO TAKE EIE

**LASTED
FROM 1 FEBRUARY TO 5 MARCH INCLUSIVE.**

REGISTERED TO TAKE EIE DURING THE MAIN SESSION IN 2021

389,323



among them

338,314



were general secondary education institution graduates of the current academic year (86.90% of the total number of test-takers).

According to registration data, the total number of the test booklets to be prepared within the framework of EIE 2021 was

1,542,195



as the applicants **were allowed** to take tests in upto five subjects. **49,816** test-takers chose five school subjects, **304,413** – four, **14,237** – three, **11,895** - two, and **8,962** chose one subject.

Most of the EIE test-takers registered to test their knowledge of the History of Ukraine, Mathematics, and the Ukrainian Language and Literature. **298,972** people wanted to take the History of Ukraine test, **291,789** – Mathematics, and **250,681** – the Ukrainian Language and Literature, which is **76.79%**, **74.95%**, and **64.39%** of the total number of registered people, respectively.

Within the framework of EIE 2021, there were two testing sessions. The main session was conducted from 21 May to 15 June and the additional session took place from 29 June to 14 July.

During the EIE main session, test-takers could do the Ukrainian Language and Literature test in **1,070** test centres, Ukrainian – in **599**, the History of Ukraine – in **1,262**, Mathematics – in **1,231**, Mathematics (standard level tasks) – in **417**, English – in **605**, Biology – **551**, Geography – **743**, Physics – **138**, Chemistry – **62**, German – **25**, French – **24**, Spanish – **23**. Foreign languages testing (Spanish, German, and French) for test-takers living within the same area was organized, normally, in one centre.


The turnout rate of the EIE 2021 test-takers was 72.02%. Such a low indicator resulted from the exemption of those who completed general secondary education from the mandatory SFA.



THE NUMBER OF THE TEST-TAKERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN EIE AND RECEIVED A SCORE ON A SCALE OF 100–200 POINTS:

the Ukrainian Language and Literature	204,768
Ukrainian	60,883
the History of Ukraine	163,534
Mathematics	168,369
English	114,139
Geography	107,045
Biology	79,514
Physics	21,275
Chemistry	8,760
German	1,617
French	377
Spanish	127

IN 2021, 593 TEST-TAKERS SCORED 200 POINTS (542 – GRADUATES OF THAT CURRENT YEAR, 5 – COLLEGE STUDENTS, 44 – GRADUATES OF PREVIOUS YEARS).



The External Independent Evaluation took place in 2021 in an organized manner, in full accordance with the scope and terms determined by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, with strict compliance with the norms and requirements set by regulatory and legal acts and organizational and administrative documents. The safety requirements regulated by the resolution of the Chief State Sanitary Doctor of Ukraine regarding the organization of anti-epidemic measures during the External Independent Evaluation during the quarantine period were fully met. All stages of EIE (registration, formation of a network of centres, distribution of the EIE test-takers among the test centres, organization of the EIE test centres' work, scoring, and publication of the results, appeal campaign) took place on the appropriate organizational level.

The test tasks used during EIE 2021 turned out to be a high-quality tool for the objective assessment of test-takers' level of knowledge, skills, and abilities. The outcomes, in turn, became an effective basis both for scoring the SFA results to determine the level of complete general secondary education of students from different types of education institutions who completed general secondary education in 2021 (upon request of the applicant) and for conducting a university and college admission campaign for those who wanted to take a Bachelor's Degree course.

