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The Caribbean Examinations Council® (CXC®), at its meeting in Antigua and Barbuda in December 2004, agreed to award Associate Degrees in response to the changing educational demands of the region. The Associate Degrees will be based on clusters of subjects taken by candidates for the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination® (CAPE®).

This award will enable persons to select for study, subjects that will meet specific requirements for work and for further education. In taking the decision to award Associate Degrees, the Council recognises the need for close collaboration among institutions in the region to provide articulated programmes of study. This articulation is necessary in order to facilitate the transfer of credits and to increase opportunity for more persons to obtain tertiary education through collaborative and cost-effective strategies. The Council will, therefore, work closely with institutions in the region to identify equivalencies in programmes so that persons with CXC® Associate Degrees (CXC®-AD) will be at an advantage when entering other degree programmes.

The Council looks forward to collaborating with its partners in the implementation of its Associate Degree programme.

Professor The Honourable Kenneth Hall O.J. Chairman, Caribbean Examinations Council® (2005)
REGISTRATION
1. How do I register for the CXC® Associate Degree?

All registration must be done through an approved Examination Centre. In addition to schools, there are Examination Centres that are normally operated by the CXC® Local Registrar to facilitate the registration of candidates not attending an educational institution.

2. I am a private candidate, is it possible for me to qualify for the CXC®-AD?

Yes. Private candidates can register to sit CAPE® which qualifies you for the CXC®-AD at an approved Examination Centre.
REQUIREMENTS
3. **What qualifies a student for the CXC® Associate Degree?**

To qualify for a **CXC®** Associate Degree, a candidate must obtain acceptable grades (I – V) in at least ten (10) **CAPE®** Units within a five-year period. The ten Units must include Caribbean Studies, Communication Studies and Integrated Mathematics. Candidates pursuing the **CXC®** Associate Degree in Mathematics or pursuing Pure and Applied Mathematics Unit 1 OR Unit 2 are **NOT** required to do Integrated Mathematics.

4. **How many subjects/Units do I have to study to qualify for the CXC® Associate Degree?**

Ten **CAPE®** Units, selected in accordance with specifications outlined in the **CXC®** Associate Degree Handbook. However, candidates may opt to take additional Units if they so desire.
5. **Is Integrated Mathematics (CAPE®) compulsory for all CXC®-ADs?**

No. Candidates pursuing the CXC® Associate Degree in Mathematics or pursuing Pure and Applied Mathematics Unit 1 OR Unit 2 are **NOT** required to do Integrated Mathematics.

6. **Can I do CAPE® Pure Mathematics, Unit 1 or 2 instead of CAPE® Integrated Mathematics and still qualify for the CXC® Associate Degree?**

Candidates pursuing the CXC® Associate Degree in Mathematics or pursuing Pure and Applied Mathematics Unit 1 OR Unit 2 are **NOT** required to do Integrated Mathematics. However, these candidates will be required to do **three (3)** Adjunct/Supporting Courses to meet the requirements to be issued with the CXC® Associate Degree.
7. **Can I do CAPE® Applied Mathematics, Unit 1 or 2 instead of CAPE® Integrated Mathematics and still qualify for the CXC®-AD?**

Candidates pursuing the **CXC® Associate Degree in Mathematics** or pursuing Pure and Applied Mathematics Unit 1 OR Unit 2 are **NOT** required to do Integrated Mathematics. However, these candidates will be required to do **three (3) Adjunct/Supporting Courses** to meet the requirements to be issued with the **CXC® Associate Degree**. One Unit must be selected from each of the categories in the Adjunct/Supporting Course Listing.

8. **Does the CXC®-AD include both Unit 1 and Unit 2 Grades?**

Yes. The **CXC®-AD** include both Unit 1 and Unit 2 Grades.

9. **Can I decide which CAPE® Units I want to do and still qualify for the CXC®-AD?**

No. Each Associate Degree has a complement of subjects / Units which is mandatory for that degree. These include general education requirements, specialised/core courses and adjunct/supporting courses which are specific to the particular specialization.
10. Can I apply for the CXC® Associate Degree after successfully completing all the CAPE® Units that qualified me for the award?

Yes. Candidates who are desirous of being awarded the CXC® Associate Degree must register for the Associate Degree of choice when registering for the final set of CAPE® Units that will qualify them for the award. However, if a candidate applies for the Associate Degree after registration has been completed, he/she will be allowed to register for the Associate Degree on the payment of a late registration fee of BDS$150.

11. How long do I have to complete the CXC®-AD?

The CXC®-AD is a coherent programme that can be completed over a two-year period, however, candidates have a maximum of five years to meet all the requirements for the award to be issued.

If a candidate applies for the Associate Degree after registration has been completed, he/she will be allowed to register for the Associate Degree on the payment of a late registration fee of BDS$150.
CERTIFICATION
12. What are the acceptable grades for the CXC®-AD?

The Caribbean Examinations Council® will award Associate Degrees based on performance at Grades I to V in clusters of 10 Units of the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination® (CAPE®).

13. Is the CXC®-AD issued after both the January and the May/June examination session?

The CXC®-A-D is issued after the May/June Examinations.

14. Does CXC® issue a letter of equivalency to explain the CXC®-AD?

A transcript is usually issued along with the CXC®-AD. The transcript has a breakdown of the subjects, grades and overall GPA SCORE.
15. How do I request a replacement certificate for the CXC®-AD?

If you wish to apply for a replacement certificate you can visit our website at https://www.cxc.org/ Currently, the cost of the Replacement Certificate is US$105 and it takes three weeks to process. For further information, kindly contact our Head Office at 246-227-1700.

16. Does the CXC®-AD replace the CAPE® Diploma?

No. The CAPE® Diploma is awarded automatically to all candidates who obtain acceptable grades in six CAPE® Units including Communication Studies.

17. Is the CXC®-AD a tertiary level qualification?

Yes.

18. Is the CXC®-AD recognized by tertiary institutions?

Yes. The foundation of the CXC® Associate Degree is recognised by a number of institutions including the University of the West Indies, The University of Guyana, The United Kingdom, National Academic Recognition Information Centre (UK NARIC), The Association of Indian Universities (AIU). Candidates are also afforded advance placement at a number of tertiary institutions. For more details, visit our website at https://www.cxc.org/
19. Is the CXC®-AD recognized outside of the Caribbean?

Yes. The CXC®-AD is recognized by several Canadian and United States Universities.
20. Where can I find information on the CXC® Associate Degree?

Information on the CXC® Associate Degree is available on CXC®’s Website: https://www.cxc.org/examinations/cxc-associate-degrees/

21. How much am I required to pay for the CXC®-AD?

Currently, there is no additional cost to the candidate once the candidate registers for the CXC®-AD when registering for the last set of CAPE® Units.

22. How can I confirm if my school applied for the CXC®-AD on my behalf?
23. What should I do if I qualify/register for the CXC® Associate Degree but do not receive it as expected?

The candidate should immediately bring the matter to the attention of the Principal of the school, Head of the examination centre or CXC® Local Registrar for a resolution.

24. Is it possible for students to obtain more than one CXC®-AD at the end of their studies?

No. Students cannot obtain more than one CXC®-AD at the end of their studies.