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Conduct of Means Test Begins to Determine Eligibility for Allocation of Laptop Computers

The Ministry of Education is pleased to announce the commencement of Means Testing to determine the eligibility of students for allocation of laptop computers. This signals the start of the distribution for devices procured by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for students whose parents have difficulty, due to their socio-economic circumstances, in providing devices for them.

Suppliers have indicated that the arrival of the devices should take place in the next few weeks, and as such the preparations for distribution will begin. From Monday, 12th April, 2021, to Friday, 30th April, 2021, parents/guardians of students without access to devices are invited to complete the Means Test forms which will be available at all government/government assisted primary and secondary schools or available for download at the Ministry's website at https://www.moe.gov.tt/means-test2021/.

The Ministry takes this opportunity to advise that the parent of students who have not received a device through the Adopt-A-School program or any other private donation to a school is eligible to complete a Means Test form and drop off at their respective schools to be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for evaluation, however, **priority will be given to students previously identified as not having devices by schools, and those who demonstrate financial difficulty on the basis of the information submitted on the Device Provision Form.**

The Ministry assures that every effort will be made to leave no child offline as the world navigates the dynamic shifts in education. Parents/guardians are encouraged to **ensure that the information requested on the Device Provision Form is complete and accurate** to facilitate efficient evaluation and allocation of devices to students who require same.

For further information please contact the Ministry's Communications Division at 622-2181.