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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

No. 442

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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)****APPROVAL OF A POLICY CHANGE PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers and in terms of *Sections 3(4)(l) and 7 of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)*, hereby approve an amendment to the policy pertaining to the National Senior Certificate examination as set out in **Schedule 1**.

Deletions are in square brackets [] and in bold, while insertions are underlined.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 16 May 2012

SCHEDULE 1

The policy document, *National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate, a Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)* as published as *Government Notice, No. 564 in Government Gazette, No.30048* on 6 July 2007 is hereby amended by the following:

Amendment of paragraph 8

1. *Paragraph 8* of the Policy is hereby amended by-

the substitution of *sub-paragraph (4)* of paragraph 8 for the following sub-paragraph-

“8(4) A candidate who has failed the National Senior Certificate examination and/or the supplementary examination and who wants to improve his or her results or satisfy the outstanding requirements for the National Senior Certificate will be regarded as a repeat candidate. Such candidate will be allowed to meet the requirements within a maximum period of **[three (3)]** five (5) years, following the date of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate.”

2. *Paragraph 8* of the Policy is hereby amended by-

the substitution of *sub-paragraph (6)* of paragraph 8 for the following sub-paragraph-

“8(6) The School-Based Assessment and Practical Assessment Task mark obtained by a part-time candidate in his or her last National Senior Certificate examinations will be valid for a period of **[two**

(2)] five (5) years after the completion of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate in that subject.”

3. The concessions as contemplated in *paragraphs 1 and 2* above will apply for current learners as well as retrospectively for the 2008-2011 cohorts of candidates.

Short title and commencement

4. This Policy is called “*National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate, a Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)*”, and will come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)****DETERMINATION OF MINIMUM OUTCOMES AND STANDARDS AND A NATIONAL PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of *section 6A* of the *South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act. No. 84 of 1996)*, may determine –
 - (a) a national curriculum statement indicating the minimum outcomes and standards; and
 - (b) a national process and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement.
2. Minimum outcomes and standards, as contemplated in *paragraph 1(a)* above, means the minimum level at which a learner must attain the content and assessment requirements for all subjects listed in the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.
3. Processes and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement, as contemplated in *paragraph 1(b)* above means the conduct, administration and management of internal assessment, end-of-year examination, and the final National Senior Certificate examination.
4. After consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, I hereby amend the minimum outcomes and standards; and a national process

and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement as contemplated in *paragraph 1*, namely:

“An extension of the validity period of the School-Based Assessment component of the subjects offered for the National Senior Certificate examination from two (2) to five (5) years after the completion of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate in that subject.”

5. The new concession as contemplated in *paragraph 4* above will be applicable to full-time, part-time and repeat candidates and will apply for current learners as well as retrospectively for the 2008-2011 cohorts of candidates.
6. The national curriculum statement and the national process for the assessment of learner achievement contemplated in *paragraphs 1, 4 and 5* will be applicable to public and those independent schools that offer the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.


MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

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