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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996) AS
AMENDED****AMENDMENT TO POLICY AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE
CONDUCT, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ASSESSMENT
FOR THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of sections 6(A) and 61(c) and (d) of the *South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act. No. 84 of 1996)*, hereby approve the amendment to the *Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate* as promulgated as *Government Notice, No.R872* in *Government Gazette, No.31337* on 29 August 2008 as set out in Schedule 2.

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

AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate, promulgated as *Government Notice, No. R872 in Government Gazette No. 31337 of 29 August 2008*

The Regulations pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate, promulgated as *Government Notice, No. R872 in Government Gazette No. 31337 of 29 August 2008* is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment of Regulation 7

1. Regulation 7 is amended by the substitution of subregulation (5) of the following subregulation-

“(5) The School-Based Assessment, Practical Assessment Task [mark] (PAT), Practical Assessment and Oral marks obtained by a **[repeat candidate]** candidate in his or her last National Senior Certificate examinations will be valid for a period of **[three (3)]** two (2) years after the completion of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate.”

Amendment of Regulation 8

2. Regulation 8 is amended in the following way:

(a) by the substitution of subregulation (2) of the following subregulation-

“(2) A learner may change **[one]** two subjects in Grade 11, subject to the approval of the Principal of the school where the learner is registered.”

(b) by the addition after subregulation 5 of the following subregulations-

“(6) National Senior Certificate candidates who sat for the National Senior Certificate examination and who wish to repeat the whole National Senior Certificate qualification obtained, may do so provided that the candidate:

(a) provides documentary evidence that he or she has offered the National Senior Certificate; and

(b) registers with an accredited assessment body with the aim of ensuring that all the School-Based Assessment, Practical Assessment Task (PAT), Practical Assessment and Oral requirements for all subjects that will be offered for the improved qualification are met.

(7) National Senior Certificate candidates who sat for the National Senior Certificate examination and who wish to register for a subject not offered in the said National Senior Certificate examination with the aim of meeting faculty requirements at a higher education institution, may do so, provided that the candidate:

(a) sat for the National Senior Certificate examination in the previous year;

(b) does not change more than two subjects sat for in the National Senior Certificate examination;

(c) provides documentary evidence that he or she has met the School-Based Assessment, Practical Assessment Task (PAT), Practical Assessment and Oral requirements in the subject to be offered;

(d) has met all the outstanding School-Based Assessment and Practical Assessment requirements for the subject offered; and

(e) completes the new subject within a two-year period."

Amendment of Regulation 18

3. Regulation 18 is amended in the following way:

(a) by the substitution of the introduction of the following introduction-

"A supplementary examination will be granted under the following conditions to a full-time, repeat and part-time candidate:"

(b) by the substitution of subregulations (1), (2) and (3) of the following subregulation-

"(1) If a candidate has not met the minimum promotion and certification requirements [**in the final external examination**], but requires a maximum of two subjects to obtain the National Senior Certificate, he or she may:

(a) [r]Register for a maximum of two subjects for the supplementary examination in the following year. These subjects, subject to subparagraph (c), must be [These] subjects that [the candidate] he or she sat for in the previous end-of-year examination. This option may only be exercised once by a part-time candidate, namely after completion of the National Senior Certificate, that is his or her final end-of-year examination.

(b) Register for Life Orientation, which is internally assessed, as one of the two subjects to be registered for the supplementary examination in subregulation (a). The re-assessment of Life Orientation must be completed within the period in which the supplementary examination is conducted."

“2 Candidates that repeat one or more subjects must be allowed to combine their subjects based on the current National Senior Certificate requirements to obtain a National Senior Certificate.”

“3 In combining these subjects contemplated in subparagraph (2), the performance in the seven (7) subjects will be taken into consideration, provided that it meets the programme requirements of the National Senior Certificate as contemplated in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the policy document . *National Senior Certificate: A Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)*, promulgated in *Government Gazette No. 27819 as Government Notice, No 744 of 20 July 2005.*”

- (c) by the substitution of subregulation (7) of the following subregulation-

“(7) A candidate who did not write or complete the end-of year examination with a valid reason has the opportunity to write the supplementary examination for the **[subject]** specific examination question paper that he or she did not write in the end-of-year-examination. However, should the candidate select to write the entire subject, even though he or she has been absent for one or more examination question papers, the candidate should be allowed to exercise this option.”

Amendment of Annexure C

5. Annexure A of the Regulations is amended by:

(a) the substitution of paragraph (2) of the following paragraph-

"2. INCOMPLETE RESULTS

A learner's results are regarded as incomplete if he or she did not offer any component of the School-Based Assessment and/or a Practical Assessment Task (PAT), a Practical Assessment or an Oral mark and no valid reason was provided. This implies that the learner did not submit all assessment tasks specified for School-Based Assessment [in the], Practical Assessment Task (PAT), Practical Assessment or Oral requirements in the policy document, An addendum to the policy document, the National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), regarding the National Protocol for Assessment (Grades R – 12) and Subject Assessment Guidelines. In such an event, the code "444" is indicated on the mark sheet. Therefore the candidate cannot receive a result in the subject, since he or she has not satisfied the requirements of the National Senior Certificate and will not qualify for a National Senior Certificate. In such an event, the code ["999"]"444" is indicated on the mark sheet. Such a candidate must repeat the subject in the subsequent examination, but not the supplementary examination. If a candidate fails to do this, he or she will not qualify for a National Senior Certificate."

(b) the substitution of paragraph (3) of the following paragraph-

"3. OUTSTANDING MARKS

A mark is regarded as outstanding if, during the capturing process, the reason for the outstanding mark is not [**completely**] established.

The code, "777", is used to indicate an outstanding mark. An outstanding [internal assessment] mark must be finalised [resolved] as soon as possible and the "777" code replaced with either a mark or a ["999"] "444" code (absent) or a "999" code.

In the event that the [learner] candidate was absent, based on valid reasons, code "999" will be captured. [t] The outstanding School-Based A[a]ssessment [tasks], and/or Practical Assessment Tasks (PAT), Practical Assessment or Oral mark must be submitted within the stipulated three-month period. [the code "999"] The result in the subject will be regarded as incomplete. In such an event the candidate cannot receive a result, since he or she has not satisfied the requirements of the National Senior Certificate. Should the candidate not submit the School-Based A[a]ssessment tasks and/or Practical Assessment Tasks in the stipulated period, the code "777" will be changed to ["999"] "444".

Candidates who have not met the School-Based Assessment and Practical Assessment Task component requirements, may be allowed to improve their marks obtained in the School-Based Assessment and Practical Assessment Task components, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the relevant accredited assessment body."

Amendment of Annexure M

7. Annexure M of the Regulations is amended by the addition of an additional clause to subparagraph (10) of paragraph 5-

“(s)	<p><u>Resulting of a candidate who is irregular in an eight and ninth subject:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Where a candidate is irregular in any component of the subject, the result for the subject will be declared null and void and the candidate must redo the entire subject. The candidate will receive the subject results for the subjects where there is no irregularity and will not receive the overall result until the period of the sanction has expired and the candidate satisfies the minimum requirements for the National Senior Certificate.</u> • <u>Where a candidate is irregular in the eight or ninth subject, the candidate will receive the subject results in the subject/s where there is no irregularity. The candidate will not receive the overall result relating to the qualification.”</u>
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SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

8. These Regulations may be cited as the *Amendment Regulations Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of Assessment for the National Senior Certificate*, and will come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.