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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)****AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO AN ORDINARY PUBLIC SCHOOL**

The Minister of Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby amend the Age Requirements for Admission to an Ordinary Public School as promulgated by General Notice 2433 Government Gazette No. 19377 of 19 October 1998 from 2002.

Professor Kader Asmal, MP  
Minister of Education

**Schedule**

1. That a new paragraph 4(A) be added after paragraph 4 to the Schedule in General Notice 2433 Government Gazette No. 19377 of 19 October 1998:

4.(A) Despite paragraph 4, the Head of Department may allow a learner who wants to be admitted to grade 1, but who will not be turning 7 during the year of such admission, to be admitted at a lower age. This deviation by the Head of Department may only occur if, in the opinion of the Head of Department, reasonable grounds exist to show that such a learner is, based on educational principles, school ready for Grade 1 and it is in the best interest of such a learner to be admitted as an underage learner to a public school. The parent of the learner must show that the refusal to be admitted to a school will have a detrimental effect on the child's development."