
GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996)

NATIONAL POLICY REGARDING FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES: APPROVAL FOR THE POLICY AND REGULATION CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT A COMBINED SUPPLEMENTARY AND END-OF-YEAR SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION IN MAY/JUNE 2008, AND ONE MAIN EXAMINATION IN MAY/JUNE FROM 2009 UNTIL 2011

BACKGROUND

From 2008 the supplementary examination and the main Senior Certificate examination scheduled for February/March and October/November 2008 respectively, will be combined and written concurrently until May/June 2011.

IMPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

1. The combination of the supplementary examination and the main Senior Certificate examination has the following implications for candidates:
 - 1.1 The Senior Certificate supplementary examinations will be moved from February/March 2008 to May/June 2008.
 - 1.2 The end-of-year 2008 examination for part-time candidates will be moved from October/November to May / June 2008.
 - 1.3 The last Senior Certificate supplementary examination will be conducted in May/June 2008, thereafter only one Senior Certificate examination will be written in May/ June, on an annual basis until 2011.

- 1.4 The registration date for the 2008 supplementary examination and for the **2008** end-of-year examination for part-time candidates moves from 15 March to 31 January 2008.
- 1.5 **All** candidates must have registered and sat for the Senior Certificate examination previously to qualify for registration in this 2008 May/June examination and/or subsequent May/June examinations.
- 1.6 Candidates who registered for the Senior Certificate examination for the first time in **2007**, and who wish to enter for the **2008** and subsequent Senior Certificate examinations, will only need to prove registration in the **2007** examination.
- 1.7 Candidates registering for the May/June 2008 Senior Certificate examination as a supplementary examination will not be limited to a maximum of two subjects, as current Senior Certificate policy prescribes.
- 1.8 Candidates registering for the May/June 2008 Senior Certificate examination as a supplementary examination will be restricted to subjects for which they registered in the October/November **2007** examination sitting.
- 1.9 Candidates registering as part-time candidates for the May/June **2008** Senior Certificate must have registered for, and sat for a previous Senior Certificate examination sitting.

AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, hereby, in terms of *Sections 3(4)(l) and 7* of the *National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)*, approve the policy and regulation changes, as set out in the Schedule, as national education policy with the aim of implementing a combined supplementary and end-of-year Senior Certificate examination in May/June 2008, and one main examination in May/June 2011 from 2009 until 2011.

GNM PANDOR, MP

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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