

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)**CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE DRAFT POLICY DOCUMENT, NATIONAL POLICY PERTAINING TO THE PROGRAMME AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT GRADES R - 12**

1. 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 give my intention to amend policy and accordingly invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the draft policy document, *National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.

BACKGROUND

2. The *National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12* represents a policy statement for learning and teaching in schools located in both the General Education and Training (GET) and Further Education and Training (FET) Bands and comprises the:
 - (a) National Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for all approved subjects for Grades R - 12; and
 - (b) The Policy document, *National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.
3. Stakeholder bodies and members of the public have been invited to comment on the newly developed National Curriculum and Assessment Policy

Statements by means of *Government Notices No. 784 and No. 785 in Government Gazette No. 33528* of 3 September 2010.

4. To reflect the principle of a single curriculum document, namely, the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12* which addresses both the GET and FET Bands, it was necessary to amalgamate a newly developed GET policy document and the amended FET policy document into a single policy document, namely *National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.
5. The amalgamated policy document which contains both the GET and FET policies will ensure that there is only one policy document for both GET and FET.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

- 6.1 The draft policy document, *National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12* is obtainable on the following Departmental websites:

<http://www.education.gov.za>

<http://www.thutong.doe.gov.za>

- 6.2 Hard copies of the draft policy document are also obtainable from the address supplied in paragraph 9 of this Notice.

SUBMISSIONS

7. It would greatly assist the Department of Basic Education if all submissions could be prepared under the headings listed in the draft policy document, *National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*. If you do not wish to comment under a particular heading, please indicate “No comment”.

CLOSING DATE

8. The closing date for the receipt of comments is **Friday, 11 February 2011**.

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9. Please send or deliver your submission to:

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