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## 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 AS STIPULATED IN THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT  
GRADES R – 12

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), after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, 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, refer to 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* as specified as follows in the-
  - (a) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements of all approved subjects, Chapters 2 and 3; and
  - (b) Programme and promotion requirements for Grades R – 12 as stipulated in the *National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*, paragraphs 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-29 and 33-37.
3. Processes and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement, as contemplated in paragraph 1(b) above, refer to the conduct, administration and management of internal assessment, end-of-year examination, and the final National Senior Certificate examination as stipulated in the:

- (a) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements of all approved subjects, Chapter 4;
  - (b) Programme and promotion requirements for Grades R – 12 as stipulated in the *National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*, paragraphs 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 30, 31 and 32; and
  - (c) *National Protocol for Assessment Grades R – 12*, paragraphs 5-9 and 11-29.
4. The curriculum and the process for the assessment of learner achievement contemplated in paragraph (1) must be applicable to public and those independent schools that offer the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.

#### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

5. The documents comprising the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12* are obtainable on the following Departmental websites:

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

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

  
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MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

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