

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)

AMENDMENT TO POLICY PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL SENIOR  
CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

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)*, may 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, means 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*.
3. Processes and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement, as contemplated in *paragraph 1(b)* above means the conduct, administration and management of internal assessment, end-of year examination, and the final National Senior Certificate examination.
4. After consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, I hereby give my intention to amend policy which will impact on the minimum outcomes and standards; and a national process and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement as contemplated in *paragraph 1*, namely:

“An extension of the validity period of the School-Based Assessment component of the subjects offered for the National Senior Certificate examination from two (2) to five (5) years after the completion of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate.”

5. Stakeholder bodies and members of the public are accordingly invited to comment on the amendment to policy which will impact on the minimum outcomes and standards; and a national process and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement.
6. The curriculum and the process for the assessment of learner achievement contemplated in *paragraph (1)* will be applicable to public and those independent schools that offer the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.

#### **CLOSING DATE**

7. The closing date for the receipt of comments is set as **14 days** after publication of this Notice.

## **ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS**

8. Please send or deliver your submission to:

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