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

APPROVAL OF A POLICY CHANGE PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers and in terms of *Sections 3(4)(l) and 7 of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)*, hereby approve an amendment to the policy pertaining to the National Senior Certificate examination as set out in **Schedule 1**.

Deletions are in square brackets [] and in bold, while insertions are underlined.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 16 May 2012

SCHEDULE 1

The policy document, *National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate, a Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)* as published as *Government Notice, No. 564 in Government Gazette, No.30048* on 6 July 2007 is hereby amended by the following:

Amendment of paragraph 8

1. *Paragraph 8* of the Policy is hereby amended by-

the substitution of *sub-paragraph (4)* of paragraph 8 for the following sub-paragraph-

“8(4) A candidate who has failed the National Senior Certificate examination and/or the supplementary examination and who wants to improve his or her results or satisfy the outstanding requirements for the National Senior Certificate will be regarded as a repeat candidate. Such candidate will be allowed to meet the requirements within a maximum period of **[three (3)]** five (5) years, following the date of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate.”

2. *Paragraph 8* of the Policy is hereby amended by-

the substitution of *sub-paragraph (6)* of paragraph 8 for the following sub-paragraph-

“8(6) The School-Based Assessment and Practical Assessment Task mark obtained by a part-time candidate in his or her last National Senior Certificate examinations will be valid for a period of **[two**

(2)] five (5) years after the completion of the first National Senior Certificate examinations written by the candidate in that subject.”

3. The concessions as contemplated in *paragraphs 1 and 2* above will apply for current learners as well as retrospectively for the 2008-2011 cohorts of candidates.

Short title and commencement

4. This Policy is called “*National Policy on the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate, a Qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)*”, and will come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*.