

## 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 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 amend 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 in that subject.”

5. The new concession as contemplated in *paragraph 4* above will be applicable to full-time, part-time and repeat candidates and will apply for current learners as well as retrospectively for the 2008-2011 cohorts of candidates.
6. The national curriculum statement and the national process for the assessment of learner achievement contemplated in *paragraphs 1, 4 and 5* will be applicable to public and those independent schools that offer the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 16 May 2012