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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 in Chapters 2 and 3 in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement for Natural Sciences and Technology, Grades 4-6.
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 and end-of-year examination as stipulated in Chapter 4 of the in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement for Natural Sciences and Technology, Grades 4-6, read in conjunction with paragraphs 5-9 and 11-29 of the policy document *National Protocol for Assessment Grades R – 12*.

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 Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement of the new subject, Natural Sciences and Technology in the Intermediate Phase (Grades 4-6) is obtainable on the following Departmental websites:

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

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


AM MOTSHEKGA, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 27 July 2012
