
GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

No. 808

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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT POLICY STATEMENTS FOR THE SUBJECTS, NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE OFFERED IN THE SENIOR PHASE (GRADES 7-9) AS NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of sections 3(4)(l) and 7 of the *National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)*, and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, approve the amended Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the subjects, Natural Sciences and Technology to be offered in the Senior Phase (Grades 7-9) as national education policy.
2. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the subjects, Natural Sciences and Technology to be offered in the Senior Phase (Grades 7-9) were published for public comment in *Government Gazette No. 333528* of 3 September 2010 and the approval thereof for listing in the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12* was published in *Government Gazette No. 34600* of 12 September 2011.
3. The amendments to the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the subjects, Natural Sciences and Technology to be offered in the Senior Phase (Grades 7-9) have been approved by me and will be implemented in the Senior Phase (Grades 7-9) for the first time in January 2014.
4. The *status quo* as stipulated in the policy document, *General Education Programmes: The Revised National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 9 (Schools)*, namely the offering of the subjects, Natural Sciences and Technology will be maintained in Grade 7-9 in 2012 and 2013.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

5. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for the subjects, Natural Sciences and Technology to be offered in the Senior Phase (Grades 7-9) are 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: 16 September 2012