

## 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 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 Statements for the subjects, Natural Sciences and Technology to be offered in the Senior Phase (Grades 7-9) of the General Education and Training Phase.
  
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 Statements for the subjects, Natural Sciences and Technology, Grades 7-9, 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 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: 24 September 2012

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