

NOTICE 968 OF 2012**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)****CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENT POLICY PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

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 give my intention to amend policy as set out in the **Schedule**, which will impact on the minimum outcomes and standards; and a national process and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement as stipulated in 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)*, published in *Government Gazette No. 30048* of 6 July 2007.
5. Stakeholder bodies and members of the public are accordingly invited to comment on the amendment to policy which will impact on the minimum outcomes and standards; and a national process and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement.
6. The curriculum and the process for the assessment of learner achievement contemplated in *paragraph (1)* will be applicable to public and those independent schools that offer the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12*.

AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY DOCUMENT

7. The **Schedule** referred to in paragraph 4 is available on the following Departmental websites: www.education.gov.za <http://www.thutong.doe.gov.za>

SUBMISSIONS

8. It would greatly assist the Department of Basic Education if all submissions could be prepared under the headings of the various Policy Paragraphs listed in the **Schedule** available on the above-mentioned websites. If you do not wish to comment under a particular Paragraph, please indicate "No comment".

CLOSING DATE

9. The closing date for the receipt of comments is set as **21 days** after publication of this Notice.

ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS

10. Please send your submission to:

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11. The name, address, telephone number and fax number of the person or organization responsible for submitting comments must be provided.

**MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**
