

## DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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**SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 84 of 1996)****AMENDED NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of section 35 read with section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, 1996, (Act 84 of 1996) and with paragraphs 110 and 112 of the National Norms and Standards for School Funding (NNSSF), after consultation with the Minister of Finance and the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish amendments to the NNSSF. The NNSSF were published in Government Notice No. 890, Government Gazette No. 29179 of 31 August 2006.

The NNSSF are hereby amended by updating the:

1. National Targets Table (Par. 109 of the NNSSF) to include 2020 and 2021 indicative target amounts; and the
2. National Poverty Distribution Table (Par. 111 of the NNSSF).

The amendment is contained in the Schedule. The effective date for implementation of this amendment will be 1 January 2019.

  
**MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP**  
Minister of Basic Education  
Date: 08 April 2019

**SCHEDULE**

In terms of Paragraph 110 of the NNSSF, the National Targets Table published in Government Gazette No. 41420 Government Notice No. 75, of 02 February 2018 is hereby updated to include 2021 target amounts. The no fee threshold will be R1,390 in 2019:

**National table of targets for the school allocation (2019 – 2021)**

	2019	2020*	2021*
NQ1 – NQ3	1,390	1,466	1,547
NQ4	697	735	776
NQ5	241	254	268
No fee threshold	1,390	1,466	1,547
Small schools: National fixed amount	32,197	33,968	35,836

\* 2020 and 2021 figures inflation adjusted – Consumer price index (CPI) projected inflation rate adjusted

No new data is available to update the national poverty distribution table (Paragraph 111 of the NNSSF) In terms of Paragraph 112 of the NNSSF. The table which was published in Government Gazette No. 41420 of 02 February 2018, therefore remains the basis for the national poverty targeting in 2019:

National Poverty Distribution Table						
%	Quintiles					Total
	1 poorest	2	3	4	5	
EC	27.3	24.7	19.6	17	11.4	100%
FS	20.5	20.9	22.4	20.8	15.4	100%
GP	14.1	14.7	17.9	21.9	31.4	100%
KZN	22.1	23.2	20.2	18.7	15.8	100%
LP	28.2	24.6	24.2	14.9	8	100%
MP	23.1	24.1	21.5	17.7	13.5	100%
NC	21.5	19.3	20.7	21.4	17.1	100%
NW	25.6	22.3	20.8	17.6	13.7	100%
WC	8.6	13.3	18.4	28	31.7	100%
SA	20	20	20	20	20	100%

In terms of section 39(7) of the South African Schools Act, I hereby determine all learners in quintiles 1 to 3 (60% of the public school learners nationally) to be in no fee schools for 2019.

If funds are available, and after taking into consideration the possible funding implications this may have on other poverty related programmes involving no fee schools, the Provincial Education Department (PED) may offer Q4 and Q5 schools no fee status at least at the threshold level of R 1,390 voluntarily. In declaring these fee charging schools as no fee schools, the PEDs need to ensure all these schools are informed that they will be declared no fee schools from 1 January 2019. PEDs also need to ensure that these schools have informed parents of the change.