

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 1352

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)

CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT GRADES R-12 TO RECOGNISE SOUTH AFRICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AS A HOME LANGUAGE FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSE

1. I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, hereby, in terms of section 61(c) and (d) of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act. No. 84 of 1996) and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, intend to amend the Regulations Pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12. Interested persons or organisations are hereby invited to submit written comments on the amendment of the regulations as contained in the Schedule within 30 calendar days from the date of publication.
2. Comments must be forwarded for the attention of Dr R Poliah by:

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AVAILABILITY OF THE DOCUMENTS

The draft amendments are available on the Departmental website: www.education.gov.za, under Resources, Legislation, and Call for Comments.



MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, MP

MINISTER

DATE: 05/11/2020

SCHEDULE

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

[.....] Words in bold in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing policy.

_____ Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions into the existing policy.

DEFINITIONS

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Regulations Pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 published under Government Notice No. R1114 (GG 36041 of 28 December 2012) as amended by Government Notice No. R235 (GG 38589 of 20 March 2015); Government Notice No. R1162 (GG 39435 of 20 November 2015); Government Notice No.-R1495 (GG 40472 of 2 December 2016); and Government Notice No. R1404 (GG 41321 of 15 December 2017)

Amendment of Regulation 2 of the Regulations

2. The definition of “Deaf learner” is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of “Deaf learner” of the following definition:

“**Deaf learner**” – means a learner who is either in a special school in terms of *section 5(6) of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996)*, or in an ordinary school where he or she has been assessed and verified by a registered health professional as Deaf. Such a Deaf learner may, in terms of *section 6(4) of the South African Schools Act, 1996*, offer South African Sign Language, which has the status of an official language for the purposes of learning[,as a language of learning and teaching in lieu of the second required official language].”

Amendment of Regulation 5 of the Regulations

3. Regulation 5 of the Regulations, is hereby amended –

(a) by the substitution in sub regulation (1) in paragraph (c) for sub-paragraph (iA) of the following sub-paragraph:

“(1) (c)(iA) Deaf learners may, subject to *regulation 18(5)*, select South African Sign Language at Home Language level listed in Table 1A **[in lieu of the official language at First Additional Language level as contemplated in *sub-paragraph (b)*]**.”;

(b) by the substitution in sub regulation (2) in paragraph (a) for sub-paragraph (iA) of the following sub-paragraph:

“(2)(a)(iA) Deaf learners may, subject to paragraph 14(5), select South African Sign Language at Home Language level **[in lieu of the official language at Home Language level as contemplated in sub-regulation (1)]**.”;

(c) by the substitution in sub regulation (3) in paragraph (a) for sub-paragraph (iA) of the following sub-paragraph:

“(3)(a)(iA) Deaf learners may, subject to paragraph 21(1)(eA) select South African Sign Language at Home Language level **[in lieu of the official language at First Additional Language level as contemplated in sub-regulation (1)]**.”;

(d) by the substitution in sub regulation (4B) in paragraph (b) for sub-paragraph (iA) of the following sub-paragraph:

“(4B)(b)(iA) Deaf learners may, subject to regulation 18(5)(a), select South African Sign Language at Home Language level listed in Table B4A **[in lieu of the official language at First Additional Language level as contemplated in sub-regulation (4)(a)]**.”.

Amendment of Regulation 6 of the Regulations

4. Regulation 6 of the Regulations pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement R – 12, is hereby amended –

(a) by the substitution in sub regulation (1) in paragraph (e) for sub-paragraph (iiiA) of the following sub-paragraph:

“(1)(e)(iiiA) Adequate Achievement (Level 4) (50%-59%) in South African Sign Language at Home Language level as contemplated in *paragraph 5(1)(a)(iA)*, **[if offered by Deaf learners in lieu of an official language at First Additional Language level]**.”;

(b) by the substitution in sub regulation (2) in paragraph (a) for sub-paragraph (ii) item (bbA) of the following item:

“(2) (a) (ii) (bbA) Adequate Achievement (Level 4) (50%-59%) in South African Sign Language at Home Language level as contemplated in regulation 5(2)(a)(iA)[, **if offered by Deaf learners in lieu of an official language at First Additional Language level**].”; and

(c) by the substitution in sub regulation (3) in paragraph (a) for subparagraph (ii) item (bbA) of the following item:

“(3)(ii) (bbA) Adequate Achievement (Level 4) (50%-59%) in South African Sign Language at Home Language level as contemplated in regulation 5(3)(a)(iA)[, **if offered by Deaf learners in lieu of an official language at First Additional Language level**].”.

Short title and commencement

5. This Regulation is called the Amendment Regulations pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12, 2020 and will come into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.