

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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

REPEAL OF THE PROVISO ON THE PRACTICAL MUSIC PROGRAMME
OFFERED BY EXTERNAL MUSIC EXAMINATION BODIES

1. I, Siviwe Gwarube, 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)*, call all members of the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposed amendment to the following Regulations:
 - (a) *Regulations Pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12*, promulgated as *Government Notice 1114 in Government Gazette No. 36041* of 28 December 2012 (**Schedule 1**); and
 - (b) *Regulations Pertaining to the Conduct, Administration and Management of the National Senior Certificate examination*, promulgated as *Government Regulation Notice No. R872 in Government Gazette No. 31337* of 29 August 2008 (**Schedule 2**).
2. The proposed amendments to the regulations referred to in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) are set out in the attached Schedules.
3. The full document shall be made available on the Departmental website: www.education.gov.za under **Curriculum, National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12, NCS documents**.
4. The call for comments will open for 30 days from the day of publication in a Government Gazette.
5. There has been a transitional arrangement to allow the affected institutions to continue offering the Practical Music Programme for the period (2024-2026) as a phase-out period to accommodate current learners in the system. The last year of certification of learners in the system will be in 2026.
6. The repeal of the Proviso on Practical Music Programme will become effective from 1 January 2027.



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MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

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