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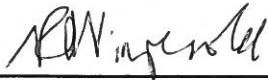
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<b>EXAMINATION GUIDELINES FOR GRADE 12 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) 2017 EXAMINATIONS</b>
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1. The Department of Education received Circular E6 OF 2017 from the Department of Basic Education (DBE), which deals with the Examination Guidelines for 2017 Grade 12 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations.
2. Examination Guidelines have been developed by DBE in an effort to assist teachers and learners in their preparation for the 2017 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations.
3. The 2017 Examination Guidelines have no major implications for teaching and learning and do not affect the content, as prescribed in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS). The current Examination Guidelines merely provide clarity on areas which were said to be ambiguous and also corrects policy errors that were identified in the 2014 Examination Guidelines.
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6. Heads of Education Institutions are urged to ensure that these Examination Guidelines are distributed to all schools offering Grade 12.



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