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**MERGING OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) SUPPLEMENTARY
EXAMINATION WITH THE JUNE SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) EXAMINATION**

The Department of Basic Education has issued Circular E20 of 2018 that explains the merging of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Supplementary Examination with the June Senior Certificate (SC) Examination as follows:

1. The Council of Education Ministers (CEM) has endorsed the merging of the NSC Supplementary Examination with the SC Examination, with effect from 2019.
2. This implies that learners who write the NSC Examination in November 2018, will write the equivalent of the supplementary examination in June 2019.
3. The June examination from 2019 onwards will cater for both NSC and SC candidates as it offers all the subjects taken in the NSC November examination and is based on the same curriculum as the NSC qualification. Learners registered for the NSC qualification in the June examination will be issued the NSC Certificate on completion and those registered for the SC qualification will receive the SC Certificate on completion.

4. MERGING OF THE NSC SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION WITH THE JUNE EXAMINATION WILL ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

- a) It allows NSC candidates more time to prepare for their examinations and this will lead to improved performance and also reduce the percentage of “no shows”, given that learners will be better prepared for this examination.
 - b) The June examination will afford “open access” to NSC learners since there would be no restrictions to writing the June examination, as is the case with the current supplementary examination.
5. This implies that NSC learners who failed to meet the requirements in the November examination together with those who passed, but seek to improve their performance, may register to write the June examination.
 6. NSC candidates who absent themselves from the writing of one or more question papers in the November examination due to ill-health or other unforeseen circumstances must present a medical certificate or other acceptable documentary evidence, to support their application to write the June 2019 examination.
 7. Registration details relating to the June 2019 examination will be communicated to NSC candidates when the Statement of Results are issued on Friday, 04 January 2019.

Departmental officials, principals of schools and all stakeholders are requested to communicate this important information to all learners who will be writing the NSC Examination in November 2018.



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