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**ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 42 OF 2018**

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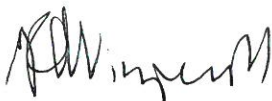
**FROM : HEAD OF ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATIONS  
MR E.M MABONA**

**DATE : 03 OCTOBER 2018**

**CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION OF THE MULTIPLE EXAMINATION OPPORTUNITIES  
(MEO) IN GRADE 12**

1. The Department of Education received Circular E28 OF 2017 from the Department of Basic Education (DBE).
2. On 9 November 2015, the Department of Basic Education issued Circular E35 of 2015 which provides directives on the application and implementation of the dispensation on Progression in the Further Education and Training (FET) band.
3. In addition, the Minister approved for progressed learners to be allowed the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) option in the writing of the National Senior Certificate examination. This implies that progressed learners based on their performance in the preparatory examination, may be allowed to write all six subjects package or less than the full six subject package, in the November examination. The remaining subjects will be written in the June examinations.

4. At a meeting of the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) held on 6 March 2017, the criteria for the application of the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) option, was approved. The criteria relating to the application of the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO), were approved as follows.
  - a) The learner must:
    - i. be a progressed learner;
    - ii. have completed all his /her SBA requirements in all seven subjects;
    - iii. have attended school regularly (not absent for more than 20 days, without a valid reason)
    - iv. have written Preparatory Examinations in all the subjects and
    - v. have failed a minimum of three subjects.
  - b) The learner allowed to Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) must write a minimum of three subjects in the November examination (excluding LO) and must write the remaining subjects in the June examinations of the following year.
  - c) The decision relating to the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO), will be made by school principal, after having considered the above factors and the basis of the performance of the learner in the Preparatory Examination.
5. This Assessment Instruction should be read in conjunction with the following policies and regulations documents:
  - *National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements for the National Curriculum Statement Grade R-12;*
  - *Regulations pertaining to the National Curriculum Statement Grade R – 12.*
6. The above national policy document and regulation are available on the DBE website: [www.education.gov.za](http://www.education.gov.za) under Documents Library – Resources.
7. The contents of this Assessment Instruction are applicable to candidates who are currently in Grade 12 and will also apply in subsequent years.
8. All heads of institution are requested to bring the contents of this Assessment Instruction to the attention of district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools.



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