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ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTION 47 OF 2020

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DATE: 07 DECEMBER 2020

**REWRITE OF MATHEMATICS PAPER 2 AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE PAPER
2 - NOVEMBER 2020 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE/SENIOR CERTIFICATE
EXAMINATION.**

CIRCULAR E 30 OF 2020 has reference:

1. The Minister of Basic Education, Ms Angie Motshekga, has announced on Friday, 4 December 2020, the rewrite of Mathematics Paper 2 and Physical Science Paper 2, which were previously written as part of the 2020 National Senior Certificate (NSC)/Senior Certificate (SC) examination.
2. This decision was taken following an investigation by the Department of Basic Education that confirmed that both these papers were accessed by a number of learners prior to the writing of the examination.
3. An important element of any examination, particularly the Senior Certificate and the National Senior Certificate examination, which is the culmination of

twelve years of schooling, is the credibility and integrity of the examination.

4. Any prior access to the examination, irrespective of the extent of the access or the spread of the leakage, implies that the credibility of the examination has been compromised.
5. Given that the leaked question paper was transmitted via WhatsApp and other social media platforms, it is impossible to accurately identify learners that had access to the question paper, prior to writing.
6. Hence the Department is compelled to take the decision to have both the compromised question papers rewritten by all candidates that registered for both the 2020 May/June examination and the 2020 October/November examination.
7. This is regrettable but is the only solution to restoring the integrity and credibility of the NSC and SC examination in both these question papers and to ensure that the examination is declared as being free of any systemic irregularity by Umalusi.
8. The dates and times for the rewrite of both these question papers are as follows:

Date	Time	Subject/Paper
15 December 2020 (Tuesday)	14:00 - 17:00	Mathematics Paper 2
17 December 2020 (Thursday)	09:00 - 12:00	Physical Science Paper 2

9. In addition to the rewrite of these two question papers, a small number of candidates that experienced technical problems during the writing of Computer Applications Technology (CAT) Paper 1, and Information Technology (IT) Paper 1, will also be afforded an opportunity to rewrite these two question papers. These candidates will be informed by the District, if they are expected to rewrite either CAT or IT. The rewrite of CAT and IT is in no way related to the leakage of the Mathematics Paper 2 and Physical Science Paper 2.
10. Assessment Instruction 42 of 2020 (Circular E26 of 2020) listed the date of 15th December 2020 as the date for the rewrite of CAT and IT. The dates for the **rewrite of CAT and IT has been changed** as follows:

Date	Time	Subject/Paper
17 December 2020 (Thursday)	14.00 - 17.00	(a) Computer Applications Technology P1
		(b) Information Technology Paper 1

11. Please note that the current Admission letter in the possession of candidates will still be valid for admission to the examination centre for the re-writing of these question papers.
12. Candidates that do not pitch to write the examination will be regarded as absent and will be issued with an Incomplete Result.
13. The support and understanding of parents and learners in this very difficult decision is greatly appreciated.

Yours in education



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