



**ASSESSMENT & EXAMINATION**

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**TO: DEPUTY DIRECTORS-GENERAL  
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**EXTENSION OF THE SHELF LIFE OF THE 2017 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)  
EXAMINATION GUIDELINES TO 2020**

1. The Provincial Department of Education received Circular E26 of 2019, which deals with the shelf life of the NSC examination guidelines.
2. The Examination Guidelines for Grade 12 are supposed to be reviewed on a three (3) year cycle in order to accommodate amendments to policies and other contextual changes.
3. With the review of Section 3 and Section 4 of Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) that is unfolding, the examination guidelines that were reviewed in 2017 and currently in use, will remain valid and will be implemented in 2020 in all schools offering the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate. In the case of Business Studies and Accounting, new examination guidelines will be issued in due course.
4. The 2017 Examination Guidelines for Grade 12 are available on the DBE website.
5. All Heads of Education institutions should ensure that this Assessment Instruction is distributed to all schools offering Grade 12 in 2020.

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