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**THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE MULTIPLE EXAMINATION OPPORTUNITIES (MEO)
DISPENSATION WITH EFFECT FROM 2020**

Circular E29 of 2019 has reference:

1. In 2015, the Council of the Education Ministers approved the policy amendment which allowed for progressed learners who were not coping with the Grade 12 curriculum to opt for the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) dispensation.
2. This implied that progressed learners in Grade 12 could write their subjects in two examination sittings, namely the October/ November National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination and the subsequent May/June examination.
3. However, the Council of Education Ministers has noted the challenges associated with the implementation of the Multiple Examination Opportunity. Therefore the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) has approved the discontinuation of the Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) dispensation with effect from 2020.

This therefore implies that the policy on Multiple Examination Opportunity (MEO) was implemented for the last time in the 2019 October /November NSC examination.

4. Candidates that have opted for the MEO option in the 2019 October/November examination, will write their remaining subjects in the May /June examination in 2020.
5. However candidates that register to write the 2020 October / November NSC examination will not be allowed to choose the MEO option.
6. Learners who are progressed from Grade 11 to Grade 12, must be made aware that they are compelled to write all seven subjects in the 2020 October /November NSC examination.

All stakeholders are kindly requested to bring the contents of this Assessment Instruction to the attention of School Principals, teachers of both public and independent schools, and progressed learners in Grade 12 in 2020.



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